

**MINUTES**  
**PIQUA CITY COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday, October 17, 2017**  
**7:30 P.M.**

Piqua City Commission met at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Government Complex Commission Chambers located at 201 W. Water Street. Acting Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Terry, Martin and Vogt. Mayor Hinds was absent.

Commissioner Martin moved to excuse Mayor Hinds from the October 17, 2017 City Commission meeting and Commissioner Vogt seconded that motion; motion carried unanimously. Acting Mayor Wilson declared Mayor Hinds excused from the October 17, 2017 City Commission meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Manager Huff introduced Sabastian Kordinis who was in attendance to work on his Eagle Scout Badge, and he has chosen Chief Jamieson to interview for his project.

**Presentation:**

Presented to the City of Piqua by Mr. Joe Branden, West Regional Liaison for Ohio Auditor of State- Mr. Dave Yost

Award: The Auditor of State of Ohio Award with Distinction

Mr. Branden presented the Auditor of State of Ohio Award of Distinction to Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Cynthia Holtzapple. Mr. Branden provided the criteria on being chosen for the award. This puts Piqua in a very distinct group that of the approximate 6000 entities the state audits in a year, fewer than 300 of them are eligible for this award.

City Manager Huff stated the City has received the award every year that the state has been giving it out, and it is a great honor to receive it.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

To consider the purchase or sale of property for public purposes

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to move into Executive Session for the purchase or sale of property for public purposes at 7:35 P.M. Roll call vote: Aye, Wilson, Vogt, Terry and Martin. Nay, None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Executive Session and move into the Regular City Commission Meeting at 7: 52 P.M.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the Minutes from the September 19, 2017 Regular City Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Martin moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda; motion seconded by Commissioner Vogt; motion was carried unanimously and Acting Mayor Wilson declared the Consent Agenda approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RES. NO. R-128-17**

A Resolution authorizing a one year lease with Dream Builders Group, Inc.

Law Director Stacy Wall provided the Staff Report.

The City has been approached about having an organized after school and summer program called "Clubhouse" by the Dream Builders Group, Inc. Currently the Mote Park Building is not being used on the days and hours proposed by the group. They would also like to lease the field at Upper Mote Park for a period of one year for the youth to have the opportunity to participate in the program "Clubhouse". This resolution will allow the Dream Builders Group, Inc. to enter into a one year lease with the City of Piqua for use of the Mote Park Facilities beginning December 1, 2017.

Commissioner Vogt asked if this would only be daytime hours or evenings to. Ms. Wall stated it would only be after school 2-3 days a week and summer daytime hours. Ms. Wall noted that there would not be any conflict per Public Works Director Doug Harter for the use of the facilities for the hours requested.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-128-17.

Motion made by Commissioner Terry; seconded by Commissioner Martin, motion carried unanimously. Voice vote: Aye: Terry, Martin, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay: None. Acting Mayor Wilson declared Resolution No. R-128-17 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-129-17**

A Resolution of Support to the Miami County Engineer for the Troy-Sidney Road berm stabilization and overlay project

Amy Havenar, City Engineer provided the Staff Report.

The Miami County Engineer informed the City of their desire to pursue a berm stabilization and overlay project on Troy-Sidney Road from Statler Road to 850 feet south of U.S. 36. The project will include the widening of the pavement by 4 feet on each side of the roadway, improving the turning radius at the northwest corner of the Troy-Sidney Road and Statler Road intersection, and an asphalt overlay of the entire project. Because approximately 20% of the project will be located within the City of Piqua corporation limits, the County Engineer is requesting the City's participation in the project. The City of Piqua will be responsible for approximately 20% of the total project or an estimated \$14,700, stated Ms. Havenar.

Commissioners asked several questions on the improvements planned for the turning areas, and why they stopped short of Rt. 36. Ms. Havenar explained.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-129-17.

Motion made by Commissioner Martin; seconded by Commissioner Vogt; motion was carried unanimously. Voice vote: Aye: Martin, Terry, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Acting Mayor Wilson declared Resolution No. R-129-17 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-130-17**

A Resolution requesting authorization to acquire a portion of the property and acquire easements on the property located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Looney Road and Garbry Road, part of Miami County current Tax Parcel No. N44-072892 and N44-072890 being owned by Buckeye State Mutual Insurance Company

Amy Havenar, City Engineer provided the Staff Report.

As part of the Garbry Road/Looney Road Intersection Improvements Project the City will need to acquire right-of-way easements from the property located at the northwest corner of Looney Road/Garbry Road intersection, which is owned by Buckeye State Mutual Insurance Company. The City's Right -Of -Way Consultant has been working with the Buckeye State on the acquisition and the property owner is in agreement with the fair market value price being offered for the portion of property and easements that are needed to complete the project.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding the number of properties being purchased and what they were being used for. Ms. Havenar provided the information on the reason for the purchase and use of the properties.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-130-17.

Motion made by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, motion was carried unanimously. Roll Call vote: Aye: Vogt, Terry, Wilson, and Martin. Nay: None. Acting Mayor Wilson declared Resolution No. R-130-17 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-131-17**

A Resolution approving the Purchase of Liability Insurance for Piqua's Combustion Turbines

Law Director Stacy Wall provided the Staff Report.

Certain specialty areas do not fall within the coverage of the City's general liability policy and excess liability insurance is needed for coverage. In 2011 one of the combustion turbines failed and required a rebuild with a claim exceeding \$1,000,000.00. Since the 2011, the City has not been able to obtain coverage for the turbines due to their unique nature and size of claims. The Law and Power Departments have been working for a year on obtaining coverage and received two quotes from reputable insurance companies in a specialized market. After review of the quotes Chubb was chosen effective January1, 2018 for a not to exceed cost of \$92,405.00.

Commissioners asked several questions concerning what, how much is covered, and what the deductible is for the policy. Ms. Wall explained what is covered and how it is covered.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-131-17.

Motion made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, motion was carried unanimously. Roll Call vote: Aye: Martin, Vogt, Terry, and Wilson. Nay: None. Acting Mayor Wilson declared Resolution No. R-131-17 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-132-17**

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for Federal Fast Act Funds through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission.

Amy Havenar, City Engineer provided the Staff Report.

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission is in the process of soliciting for new transportation projects using MVRPC regionally controlled federal funds (STP & TA). The projects included are Looney Road Resurfacing Project (STP), the Ohio to Indiana Trail Bridge Reconstruction (TA) and the Great Miami River Trail Bridge Construction (STP).

City Engineer Havenar stated, the City will be looking at other multiple grant sources to defray some of the costs. City Manager Huff stated the Lock 9 Bridge has had tremendous problems with fires on the bridge. This project would remove all the wood and make it concrete and steel. If the City receives the funding from the MVRPC, and did not move forward with the project at this time, it would negatively impact the chances of receiving grants from the MVRPC in the future.

Commissioner Wilson stated in the past when the city has applied for funds and considered not using them, it was considered a negative impact on future grants.

Commissioner Vogt expressed his frustration at the current appearance of the Lock 9 Bridge apart from the wood decking. If we redo the bridge, take all of the wood off of it would make it fireproof, but we would have a nice fireproof bridge sitting on a bunch of old railroad iron, that is black and rusty. Would it be painted at some point in the future?

Commissioner Vogt suggested the city give up on the roundabout and put all the money into the Lock 9 Bridge. Economic Development Director Justin Sommer replied, obviously there is a cost in replacing the decking on the bridge, but the greater concern is the ADA compliance and access to the bridge. Commissioner Vogt expressed his frustration that every corner in town has to be ADA compliant, and the city spends a lot of money on ADA compliance. He further stated he is tired of all of the ADA compliance issues. Commissioner Vogt then stated "we might as well apply for grant money".

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-132-17.

Motion made by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin. Roll Call vote: Aye: Terry, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: Wilson. Acting Mayor Wilson declared Resolution No. R-132-17 adopted on a 3-1 vote.

#### **RES. NO. R-133-17**

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Five Year Contract with Evans, Mechart, Hambleton, & Tilton, Inc. (EMH & T Inc.) for a Full Scale Utility GIS Implementation for the Underground Utilities Department

Shane Johnson, Underground Utilities Superintendent provided the Staff Report.

The Underground Utilities Department would like to proceed with Phase I of V in the Utility GIS (Geographical Information System) Implementation Program. The GIS Pilot Program demonstrated there were structures that are not currently in our mapping system. The goal is to locate, inventory the condition of the water and sanitary structures.

City Manager Huff provided additional information on the project, further stating the project is long overdue.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-133-17.

Motion made by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, motion was carried unanimously. Roll call vote: Aye: Martin, Vogt, Terry and Wilson. Nay: None. Acting Mayor Wilson declared Resolution No. R-133-17 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-134-17**

A Resolution authorizing the purchase of 201 Spring Street, Parcel No. N44-000550

Justin Sommer, Assistant City Manager provided the Staff Report.

The property located at 201 Spring Street has been identified by the Riverfront Redevelopment Plan and Piqua Placemaking Initiative as a key parcel in regards to the redevelopment envisioned for this area. To effectively engage development interest in the project it is essential that a development entity, control the property. Negotiations with the property owners have produced terms and conditions acceptable to both parties and resulted in a purchase agreement.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-134-17.

Motion made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt. Roll call vote: Aye: Martin, Vogt, Wilson and Terry. Nay: None. Acting Mayor Wilson declared Resolution No. R-134-17 adopted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kris Lee, W. High Street came forward stating he is a write in candidate for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Commission Seat, and provided a brief overview of his background and reasons for running for 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Commissioner. Mr. Lee thanked Commissioners Terry and Wilson for their hard work and dedication to the citizens of Piqua over the years.

Dave Short, Washington Avenue came forward stating he is also a write in candidate for the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Commission Seat, and provided a brief overview of his background and his reasons for running for 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner. Mr. Short reminded citizens that they need to get out and vote, and to remember to write in their choice for write in candidates.

Larry Hamilton came forward and provided information on a program Things That Matter.

Mr. Hamilton stated he would like to moderate the Martin Luther King Town Hall Meetings.

Mr. Hamilton further invited citizens to view the U-Tube video on the Randolph Dedication.

Julie Bayman came forward and stated she believes in what the City is doing and knows her dad (Robert Bayman) who passed away a year ago would be happy and proud of what the city has planned to develop with his lot in the future.

**City Manager Report**

City Manager Huff stated the City Commission will meet in a Joint Session with the Piqua Parks Board, and the Piqua Planning Commission at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday October 18 in the City Commission Chambers. A Presentation of the Draft Parks Master Plan will be presented.

Meet the Candidate Night will be held on Wednesday, October 25, at 7:30 at the YWCA and invited citizens to attend. It will also be broadcast live on WPTW and televised and shown at a later date by the Indian Nation Station.

The City of Piqua will join with 100 other communities on opposition of legislation on House Bill 49.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Vogt thanked the Bayman Family as they had been in business in Piqua for almost 60 years, and they were always there to help the people in the community. Commissioner Vogt thanked Julie Bayman and Tony Bayman for their help in the purchase of their dad's car lot on the corner of Spring and Water Streets.

Commissioner Martin reminded citizens to make sure they get a list of the Write in Candidates when they sign in to vote so they know who they are and can write their choice in the write in area on the ballot.

Commissioner Terry reminded citizens of the Mark Reedy Bike Drive, this fund helps purchase bicycles for the youth of Piqua at Christmas time. Make a child happy donate, stated Commissioner Terry.

Commissioner Wilson also reminded citizens of Meet the Candidate Night at the YWCA October 25, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.

Commissioner Wilson stated know who you want to vote for when you go to the polls as this will be a very unusual election this year with having to write in their choice candidates.

Motion made by Commissioner Vogt to adjourn from the Regular Commission Meeting at 8:50 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Martin, motion was carried unanimously.

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JOSEPH H. WILSON, ACTING MAYOR

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
REBECCA J. COOL  
CLERK OF COMMISSION