

MINUTES
REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022

Piqua City Commission met at 5:30 P.M. in the Municipal Government Complex Commission Chambers located at 201 W. Water Street.

Roll Call as follows: May Pearson, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Grissom and Commissioner Vetter. Commissioner Hinds was absent.

Commissioner Lee made a motion to excuse Commissioner Hinds from the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. May Pearson declared Commissioner Hinds absent.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to enter into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee. Motion carried unanimously. The Commissioners entered into Executive Session at 5:32 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. **TO PREPARE FOR AND REVIEW NEGOTIATIONS ON COMPENSATION OR OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR CITY PERSONNEL.**

ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Lee to adjourn from Executive Session at 6:10 P.M. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. The Executive Session was adjourned.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the June 7, 2022 Special Commission Meeting and the June 8, 2022 Regular Commission Meeting with Executive Session.

Commissioner Grissom moved for approval of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Lee. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pearson declared the Consent Agenda approved.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. O-5-22 (3rd READING)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 39.01 AND 39.03 AND REPLACING SECTION 39.01 AND 39.03 OF THE PIQUA CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES MUNICIPAL TAX ON MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES

There were no comments from the Commissioners. There were no comments from citizens.

Commissioner Vetter moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Roll was called. Motion was not carried unanimously. Ordinance failed.

ORDINANCE NO. O-7-22 (2nd READING)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SCHEDULE A OF CHAPTER 33 OF THE PIQUA CODE AND ADOPTING A NEW SCHEDULE A OF CHAPTER 33 OF THE PIQUA CODE, RELATING TO WAGES OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Catherine Boga, Human Resources Director presented the staff report.

The discussion included the full-time salaried employees that are non-represented, non-union employees. The changes are due to organizational restructuring of operational efficiencies. The changes reflect human capital needs to support community responsiveness.

Commissioner Lee moved to waive the 3rd reading of the Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Roll was called. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no comments from the Commissioners. There were no comments from citizens.

Commissioner Lee moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Roll was called. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pearson declared the Ordinance adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-79-22 (Tabled 6/8/22)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND AGREEMENT REGARDING THE VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION OF AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF PIQUA

Commissioner Lee moved to remove the Resolution from being tabled, seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pearson declared the Resolution un-tabled.

Law Director Patrizio stated a settlement agreement was reached with a long-time employee of the City of Piqua.

There were no comments from the Commissioners. There were no comments from citizens.

Commissioner Grissom moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Lee. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pearson declared the Resolution adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. R-80-22

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A FINAL PLAT FOR ARROWHEAD ESTATES SECTION TWO

Chris Schmiesing, Economic Development Director, presented the staff report.

The discussion included that this item is the last step in the process for DDC Management, the developer of the proposed subdivision, to be able to move forward with the work they have presented to the Planning Commission. Extensive review has been done by City staff to make sure the proposed project meets all City standards. The Planning Commission recommends approval of this project. The plat will result in 80 new single family residential lots.

Clayton Sears with DDC Management expressed the excitement of the company to be able to break ground this summer and have the project move forward. Commissioner Lee his appreciation to DDC Management for investing in the community.

Commissioner Lee moved to adopt Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Vetter. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pearson declared the Resolution adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(This is an opportunity for citizens to address the City Commission regarding agenda items, issues, or to provide information. Comments are requested to be limited to five (5) minutes and specific questions should be addressed to the City Manager's office.)

Tyrell Knox questioned the street levy that passed two years ago with only one street being fixed at this time. He asked what streets will be fixed and what the process is for those monies paid by taxpayers.

City Manager Oberdorfer explained that due to rising costs, paving was put on hold for one (1) year with underground utilities being corrected this year and paving taking place next year. He stated Public Works would be doing maintenance work and patching at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Oberdorfer provided an update on the new sanitation trucks and the routes changing. New technology will be added in the next nine (9) months to one (1) year that will allow routes to be optimized and allow citizens to go online and view where the trucks are to determine when their trash will be picked up.

The new website will hopefully be launched in September.

The Fourth Fest will include a lot of activities downtown and fireworks in the evening.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENT

Commissioner Grissom commented that he is looking for ways to get citizens involved and volunteer in the community with a focus on younger generations.

Commissioner Lee thanked all that attended or watched the Juneteenth celebration. Rock Piqua was “rock solid and rockin’.” He also invited all to come to the Fourth Fest and watch the fireworks.

Commissioner Vetter thanked members of the Waste Water Treatment staff for the tour. He was very informed and impressed with the facility and the enthusiasm of the employees. On July 4th the Piqua Civic Band will be performing at the hotel. His PNIC tip of the week – pick up some trash. It makes a difference in the way neighborhoods look.

Mayor Pearson reminded all that the Farmer’s Market is Thursday evening. The Great American Bicycle Adventure with hundreds of riders are coming through Piqua to finish up a 400 mile bike ride of Western Ohio.

Mayor Pearson announced a five (5) minute recess before the Worksession began.

WORKSESSION

Mayor Pearson called to order the Worksession at 6:39 P.M.

Roll Call as follows: Mayor Pearson, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Grissom and Commissioner Vetter. Commissioner Hinds was absent.

RATES AND FEES – UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Kevin Kreyny, Director of Utilities and RJ Monnier, Utilities Manager, presented the staff report.

The discussion included that water and sewer rates will not go up next year. Water and sewer taps will also remain the same. The fees for Permit Application sewer tap were proposed with increases each year beginning in 2024. This includes residential and business taps. The same will be done for waste water. The goal is to get to a fair fee now and increase 3% each year after to accommodate the cost of living.

Commissioner Grissom stated he receives a lot of questions about what the fees are for. Mr. Kreyny explained the new software will allow citizens to see more information and the ability to determine what the fees are. Commissioner Vetter then asked how many meters are currently manually read and how many are electronically read. Mr. Monnier indicated all meters are now electronically read.

Mr. Kreyny then explained the base fees for water is based on size and there will be no change proposed for the following year beginning in 2024. For new service water tap the proposed rate increase is 3% each year as well as a tap-in fee for fire and service only. There is only be one charge for water or fire service. There is a proposed increase for off hours service calls and meter testing of 3%. Meter test fees would be charged up front for disputes in accuracy of a meter.

Commissioner Vetter asked what the cost is to replace an electric meter. Mr. Kreyny indicated the cost for electric is \$160.00 and the cost of a water meter is \$120.00. Commissioner Grissom asked if a meter is tampered with, will both fees be cared. Mr. Kreyny indicated yes, both fees would be assessed for the meter. Commissioner Vetter then thanked Piqua Power System for the nice courtesy for installing a flag pole at Johnston Farm.

RATES AND FEES – ENVIRONMENTAL & RECREATION SERVICES

Amy Welker, Environmental & Recreation Services Director, presented the staff report.

The discussion included the multiple fees at Echo Hills Golf Course. The City is looking to consolidate many fees for better golfer understanding. It is proposed to remove the “time of date” rate and have a standard rate. The current fees state “tax is included” although they currently are not. The proposal separates the tax from the fees so the City doesn’t have to lose a percentage to cover tax to the State. There is a proposed 3% increase in fees beginning in 2024. The last adjustment to fees was 2018. The course is in excellent shape and the proposed increase will be competitive for what is offered.

Commissioner Vetter asked if there was a profit from the golf course. Ms. Welker indicated the City is consistently losing money although the land is paid off.

The discussion also included park building rentals. Ms. Welker indicated fees for the rental of the park buildings has not been adjusted since 2015. There is a \$25.00 proposed fee increase across the board with a 3% increase beginning in 2024.

The discussion further included sanitation rates and fees. There is no proposed for increased rates for commercial and residential, only a 3% increase in fees beginning in 2024. There are new fees proposed as well. This will include a fee for citizens that leave trash carts in the public right of way for multiple dates. Ms. Welker indicated there would be several warnings for this before action was taken.

RATES AND FEES – DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Chris Schmiesing, Economic Development Director, presented the staff report.

The discussion included a rate increase for administrative reviews. These are for requests that come in “over the counter” by citizens. The proposed increase is 3% beginning in 2024.

Commissioner Vetter asked if the City currently breaks event on the fees assessed. Mr. Schmeising indicated some services are not currently being assessed. The proposal for 2023 is to get to a break even rate, then increase beginning in 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Lee to adjourn at 7:51 P.M. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vetter. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

CINDY PEARSON, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COMMISSION