

**MINUTES
REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022**

Piqua City Commission met at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Government Complex Commission Chambers located at 201 W. Water Street.

Roll Call as follows: Present: Mayor Lee, Commissioner Grissom, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Fogt, and Commissioner Hinds

Law Director Patrizio presented the Oath of Office to the following: Kris Lee, Third Ward Commissioner, Chris Grissom, Fourth Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Grissom nominated Thomas Fogt to be appointed Mayor. Nomination was seconded by Commissioner Lee. Appointment was unanimously confirmed by roll call. Commissioner Hinds nominated Cindy Pearson to be appointed Vice-Mayor. Nomination was seconded by Commissioner Lee. Appointment was unanimously confirmed by roll call.

Law Director Patrizio presented to Oaths of Office to Cindy Pearson, Vice Mayor and Thomas Fogt, Mayor.

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CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the December 14, 2021 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting

Commissioner Hinds moved for approval of the Consent Agenda; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared the Consent Agenda approved.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. R-116-21 AMENDED

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY LOAN OF CASH FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE OTHER FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 AS AMENDED

Ben Goodin, Acting Finance Director presented the staff report.

There were no questions or comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lee to adopt AMENDED RES. NO. R-116-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-116-21 adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. R-1-22

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF EXCESS LIABILITY INSURANCE

Ben Goodin, Acting Finance Director presented the staff report.

The discussion between the commissioners and Mr. Goodin included the fact that there was a rate increase of 14% over last year, that the cost was under budget as this increase was expected, and the availability in moving forward of having the city's insurance broker go out to the open market next year to see if a better deal could be obtained.

There were no questions or comments from the citizens.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES. NO. R-1-22; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-1-22 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2-22

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR PIQUA'S COMBUSTION TURBINES

Ben Goodin, Acting Finance Director presented the staff report.

There were no questions or comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adopt RES. NO. R-2-22; motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-2-22 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Melanie Walker commented on the semi issue being out of control in the downtown corridor.

Commissioner Hinds noted that Ms. Walker is not the first person to be heard from with regard to this issue. Commissioner Grissom noted that there are lots of trucks coming down Riverside Drive. City Manager Oberdorfer commented that the truck routes are not completely signed with no through truck signage erected on both ends of town, he will speak with the police department about upping the enforcement in the problem areas, and that there will be an ODOT examination of the signal timing. Please have citizens notify the city of specific trucks so the company can be called directly.

Ms. Walker then inquired about the "Opportunity Zone"

Mayor Fogt replied this is a tax abatement available to the businesses in a certain section of town which encompasses some residential areas. The business owner must apply directly; the city is not involved in the application process.

Jennifer Monnin commented on the new trash pickup process and the hardship placed on her due to the location of her residence.

City Manager Oberdorfer replied that Amy Welker will provide an update with regard to the trash pickup that the city and citizens will need to work together to make this work, that possibly volunteer groups could help with hardships.

Amy Welker, Director of Health and Sanitation then provided an update with regard to the sanitation automation project. After the presentation she stated that issues will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Ms. Monnin inquired about the possibility of putting a trash bin on the curb. City Manager Oberdorfer stated that would be prohibited due to zoning issues, anything in the right of way has to be permitted and prohibits anything from being in the right of way. He advised her she might contact Zoning, but typically that is not the type of installation that would be permitted in a right of way.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Oberdorfer stated that as of January 1st the cities' Health Department has been moved to the Miami County Health Department and provided contact information, and stated that the city will update the website to provide this information.

The city offices will be closed on January 17th in observation of Martin Luther King Day, the commission meeting will still be held on Tuesday the 18th

There will be work session scheduled for the end of January/beginning of February with regard to the Loony Road/25A roundabout project which was tabled at a prior commission meeting.

He then offered congratulations to Thomas Fogt and Cindy Pearson in their new positions as Mayor and Vice Mayor.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Hinds commented on the following:

Thanks to Mr. Oberdorfer for scheduling a work session to clear up any confusion with regard to the Loony Road/25A roundabout project.

Thanks to Kris Lee for his time as Mayor and Chris Grissom as Vice Mayor

Congratulations to Thomas Fogt as Mayor and Cindy Pearson as Vice Mayor.

The five commissioners really do work together and have the best interest of the city and citizens in mind and she feels honored to be a part of that.

Thank you and hats off to Brittany Van Horn and the city for the fireworks.

Commissioner Lee commented on the following:

Thanks to the citizens for allowing him to serve as Mayor, it has always been about the citizens and working well together.

Mayor Fogt will do a good job and has lots of great ideas. Congratulations to Cindy Pearson, she will do a good job as well. Happy New Year, the fireworks were great, thanks to all those involved.

Commissioner Grissom commented on the following:

Thanks for allowing him to serve as Vice Mayor. Congratulations to Thomas Fogt and Cindy Pearson.

Medical marijuana application update - there were 16 applications issued for the entire state of Ohio, Piqua is eligible for 2. There will be a random drawing held to decide who will get the applications.

DORA update - he will follow up with Mainstreet Piqua and should have information for the next commission meeting.

Fireworks were fantastic, thank you to Jackson Tube.

Cindy Pearson commented on the following:

Congratulation to Thomas Fogt, she is looking forward to working with everyone and providing transparency and open forums to focus on the citizens.

Fireworks were a blast; she really appreciated that we can do for the citizens.

Mayor Fogt commented on the following:

Thank you to the commissioners for the last two years, they have been awesome. Learned a lot and continues to grow. Thank you for the appointment to the seat of Mayor, hoping to serve it well along with everyone's guidance and professionalism.

Thank you Kris Lee for his 2 years of service – he took a brunt of things and prior to that, thank you to Commissioner Hinds who took the city to different levels. Her Reading with the Mayor Program is on his radar to start again, children have a major impact on the community. Focus will be on transparency, community engagement and bridging the gap between the citizens and legislative branch of the city.

All five commissioners work great together and the best of their hearts goes into the city with every decision made, with citizen input being very important.

MetroNet has started work on the fiber network however; there have been some citizen complaints. Citizens should please reach out to their commissioner or city manager with their address and what happened so these issues can be addressed with the manager/directors of the project.

Economic update coming soon on projects including Lock 9 Park, Crooked Handle, Zollinger Building and Moeller Brew Barn Production.

Commissioners are still looking to hold meetings with small businesses. Unfortunately, the meeting scheduled in January was cancelled due to the business closing. 311 will be missed and hopefully another business will move into the building.

Trash pickup – please be flexible with the city while they are working through the nuances of this new program. Citizens' concern over the snow removal and pile up on streets with high density parking. Workers with the Street Department need to be sure not to pile up high amounts of snow on curbs.

Low head dam meeting – can we get that rescheduled?

City Manager Oberdorfer replied that the last meeting was cancelled due to no agency participation, but it will be rescheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee. Motion carried unanimously. The Regular Commission meeting was adjourned



THOMAS FOGT, MAYOR

PASSED: 2/1/22

ATTEST: Karen S Jenkins
KAREN S. JENKINS
CLERK OF COMMISSION