

**REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Piqua City Commission met at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Government Complex Commission Chambers located at 201 W. Water Street, Piqua, Ohio.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Pearson and Commissioners Hinds, Lee and Vetter were present.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee to approve Commissioner Grissom's late arrival and Commissioner Hinds seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:31 pm**

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Pearson and Commissioners Hinds, Lee and Vetter were present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

To consider the purchase or sale of property for public purposes; and

To prepare for and review negotiations on compensation or other terms and conditions of employment for City personnel

**ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:17 pm**

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee to adjourn from Executive Session and seconded by Commissioner Vetter.

Commissioner Lee announced that Commissioner Grissom arrived.

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Pearson presented the Catholic Schools Week proclamation to Brad Zimmerman.

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### CONSENT AGENDA

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the January 3, 2023 regular Commission Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to approve the Consent Agenda and Commissioner Grissom seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### ORDINANCE NO. O-19-22 (3rd Reading)

An ordinance repealing existing Chapter 33 and enacting a new Chapter 33 of the Piqua code

Introduction: Catherine Bogan noted that this is the third reading. Catherine read the proposed summary of changes.

Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Lee asked Catherine Bogan to explain what is meant by saying Administrative Procedure will be reflected in Policy so that the citizens understand. Catherine Bogan explained that the stated benefits that are governed by the Commissioners approve will remain in Chapter 33. How the benefits are administered will be moved to Administrative policy for the City Manager's operational oversight.

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: A motion was made by Commissioner Vetter to approve O-19-22 and Commissioner Grissom seconded the motion. Roll was called and all were in favor and O-19-22 was approved.

#### RESOLUTION NO. R-1-23 (Tabled)

A resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with Local Union 252, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO-CIC (Firefighters)

Introduction: Catherine Bogan requested to table this ordinance until the membership has had a chance to ratify.

Commissioners Comments: None

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: Remained Tabled

#### RESOLUTION NO. R-5-23 (Tabled)

A resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into a management agreement with Hampton Golf for Echo Hills Golf Course

Introduction: Amy Welker said that this Resolution would allow the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Hampton Golf to manage Echo Hills Golf Course. Amy noted that the City has been working vor over a year with Hampton Golf. The number one goal going into this type of agreement is to make the course have a balanced budget. There has been a vast improvement in the past year and Amy listed the changes. Amy asked that the Commission approve this so the City can continue the relationship with Hampton Golf at least for the next 3 years.

**Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Vetter said it is important to mention that there was a bidding process. Amy Welker said yes there was an RFP process, four vendors vie for the option to provide this service. There was an internal committee that vetted each vendor. There were extensive background checks done. The City also consulted with other courses that use this vendor and we are very pleased with what we've learned about Hampton Golf. We are very pleased with what we've learned about them, not only from checking references but through our own experience working with them.

Commissioner Grissom said that he felt like it was good that we went on trial with them for a year. He also said that he has received positive feedback.

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: A motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to untable R-5-23 and Commissioner Grissom seconded the motion. All were in favor and R-5-23 was untabled.

A motion was made by Mayor Pearson to approve R-5-23 and seconded by Commissioner Grissom. All approved and R-5-23 was approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-6-23**

A resolution awarding a contract to York Electric, Inc., for the MCC Replacements: Hetzler Road and Ziegler Road – booster pumping stations

Introduction: Kevin Krejny told the Commission that there will be one booster pumping station for the West side and one for the East side of Piqua. The existing ones were installed in 1976. The bid came in almost \$100,000 under the engineer's estimate but there is a 280 day wait. They would install them within four days after arrival. If we order now, we should receive them in the Fall.

Commission Comments: Commissioner Grissom said not very often do parts and supplies come in \$100,000 less than budget amount, can you explain why this would happen. Kevin Krejny replied that the Engineers are being very cautious. They have seen prices go up on everything and they'd rather be on the high end rather than being short.

Public Comments: None

Action taken: A motion was made by Mayor Pearson to approve R-6-23 and seconded by Commissioner Lee. All approved and R-6-23 was approved.

### **RESOLUTION NO. R-7-23**

A resolution continuing contract to Wessler Engineering, inc. to inspect stormwater manholes within the City of Piqua

Introduction: Kevin Krejny reported that this is a continuation of the inspections we did last Spring and Summer. During the first phase 600 inspections were done and another 500-550 will be done during this phase. After this 2<sup>nd</sup> phase, 2/3 of the City will be done.

Commission Comments: Commissioner Lee asked if this information will be added into the GIS. Kevin said that it already is and the same will happen with this next phase. Commissioner Lee asked when the public will have access. Commissioner Vetter asked if the smoke testing was successful. Kevin said yes, we saw a lot of smoke coming out.

Public Comments: None

Action taken: A motion was made by Commissioner Lee to approve R-7-23 and seconded by Commissioner Hinds. All approved and R-7-23 was approved.

### **RESOLUTION NO. R-8-23**

A resolution to authorize and agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for state and us bike route sign installation and maintenance.

Introduction: Chris Schmiesing said this is an ODOT initiative so that there is uniform signage.

Commission Comments: Commissioner Vetter asked if the signage would include points of interest. Chris Schmiesing replied that they are just route markers.

Public Comments: None

Action taken: A motion was made by Mayor Pearson to approve R-8-23 and seconded by Commissioner Vetter. All approved and R-8-23 was approved.

### **RESOLUTION NO. R-9-23**

A resolution approving the purchase and sale of 337 S. Main Street and 417 S. Main Street

Introduction: Chris Schmiesing said the purpose of acquiring these lots are for future redevelopment. CDBG funds would be used to remove the condemned properties.

Commission Comments: Commissioner Vetter said that Southview neighborhood association would offer support for this resolution.

Public Comments: Danielle Drieling asked what the future plan was for these lots. Chris Schmiesing said after the building are demoised they will be top seeded and ready to be assembled with other tracts for future development.

Roland Sourmail asked why we weren't spending the money on the swimming pool when we use money to acquire properties and for the golf course.

Action taken: A motion was made by Mayor Pearson to approve R-9-23 and seconded by Commissioner Hinds. All approved and R-9-23 was approved.

### **RESOLUTION NO. R-10-23**

A resolution authorizing use of city funds and resources to support community special events.

Introduction: Chris Schmiesing presented a list of a variety of special events during the course of the year. Chris said these projects often need support from Public Works or Police. The list included in the packet is based on 2022 events and is a pretty good snapshot. Chris Schmiesing said that Lorna Swisher from Main Street Piqua can answer questions.

Lorna said she is very partial to a number of these events. Main Street tries to provide activities that meet needs and that are fun. She appreciates the support Main Street gets. Lorna also commented that the City employees are extraordinary.

Commission Comments: Commissioner Lee said that he does see NYE fireworks listed. Chris Schmiesing said it may be an oversight and he would like NYE fireworks to continue. Commissioner Vetter said the fireworks weren't great this year because of the fog. Kris Lee said he is happy with Main Street Piqua. Chris Grissom agreed. Mayor Pearson said people look forward to these events. Lorna said she is always looking for volunteers and the city's financial help. Commissioner Hinds said it is a good list of what there is to do in Piqua. Commissioner Vetter asked if it would do harm if we revisited this list. Commissioner Vetter moved to table the Resolution for more information. Commissioner Hinds said she was confused and asked what was not listed. Commissioner Hinds said the events were already approved in the budget and this is just helping the staff to plan ahead. Paul Obeerdorfer agreed that it is a companion work plan that helps the staff to plan.

Public Comments: None

Action taken: A motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to approve R-10-23 and seconded by Commissioner Grissom. All approved and R-10-23 was approved.

Roll Call: Mayor Pearson, Commissioners Grissom, Hinds and Lee voted Yah. Commissioner Vetter voted Nay.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Daniel Drieling spoke about the December school board meeting and how they agreed to sale the Nicklin School property to the City. She asked what the plan for it was. Frank Patrizio said it has not been sold yet. Chris Schmiesing said it would be used for development opportunities. Commissioner Hinds said she recognized that this was important to Ms. Drieling as she has been here for every meeting.

Roland Sourmail asked why the school board didn't have an auction for the property. Frank said they may have if the City didn't purchase it.

Roland discussed the penalty he received for having a carport. He asked how to go about getting this changed. Commissioner Lee said he'd like to have a work session where car ports are discussed. Paul Oberdorfer said yes, but it goes against the design standards that the City of Piqua has set.

Dave Fischbach asked where we are with the quarry. Frank said it is still pending with common pleas court. Frank said it will likely be the end of the year and if there are appeals it will likely be a year.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Paul Oberdorfer reminded citizens that their trash will be delayed because of the MLK holiday. He also commended the sanitation staff who was out working while it was pouring rain last week. The next Commission meeting is not until February 7.

### **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Lee - Where we are with the chicken ordinance. Frank said he will bring it before commission in February. He wished everyone a Happy New Year. Congratulations to Piqua basketball and Show Choir. Tom Westfall is amazing and he appreciates him.

Commissioner Grissom – Thanked Main Sreet. He announced that Young Leaders are going to be at Crooked Handle tomorrow night and asked everyone to come out.

Commissioner Hinds – Congratulated Catholic Schools. Thanked Crooked Handle and mentioned their Piqua Pale Ale. She mentioned their grand opening February 4<sup>th</sup> and said they are knocking it out of the park. She also announced the Date Night series the Round Barn is having. The next one is February 11 and then March 11 is a murder mystery. Kazy encouraged everyone to join in.

Commissioner Vetter – Vol 1 Chapter 2 Good Citizens are helpful.

Mayor Pearson – Congratulated Piqua Catholic School Week. Announced that there are still board openings. Volunterism is important and appreciated.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Lee made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Grissom seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.