

**MINUTES
REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 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: Present: Mayor Pearson, Commissioner Lee and Commissioner Grissom. 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. Mayor Pearson declared Commissioner Hinds excused.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Lee to enter into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vetter. 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 6:08 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. The Executive Session was adjourned.

PRESENTATION – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE JAN MULDER AWARD

Kathy Sherman recited the details of the event relating to the presentation of the Jan Mulder Citizenship Award. Paul Sullenberger presented Officers Adam Kimpel and Kiersten Zimmerman with the award.

Chief Byron then presented both officers with the Law Enforcement Excellence Award – Meritorious Service Award.

PROCLAMATION – MILLS BROTHERS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

Mayor Pearson recited information from the proclamation..

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the May 3, 2022 Regular Commission Meeting, May 9, 2022 Executive Session and May 17, 2022 Executive Session.

RESOLUTION NO. R-60-22

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF MICHAEL R. CASTO AS A CITY EMPLOYEE

RESOLUTION NO. R-61-22

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING (CINDY PEARSON) A MEMBER TO THE MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. R-62-22

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING (CHRIS SCHMIESING) A MEMBER TO THE MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. R-63-22

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING (KYRSTEN FRENCH) A MEMBER TO THE MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. R-64-22

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING (CINDY PEARSON) A MEMBER TO THE PIQUA ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. R-65-22

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING (CHRIS GRISSOM) A MEMBER TO THE PIQUA ENERGY BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. R-66-22

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING (CHRIS GRISSOM) A MEMBER TO THE UTILITY BOARD

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

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. O-5-22 (2ND READING)

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

Ben Goodin, Acting Finance Director presented the staff report.

The Ordinance will move to the 3rd reading.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. O-7-22 (1ST 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 M. Bogan, Human Resources Director presented the staff report.

The Ordinance will move to the 2nd reading.

RESOLUTION NO. R-67-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO GLOBAL ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BURN BUILDING FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brent Pohlschneider, Fire Chief presented the staff report

The discussion included the location of the burn building and benefits and usage. Currently officers have to travel to Lewisburg to train. Possible fees for usage of the burn barn. Citizen Jeff Lange commented about an event where there was an odor over Swift Run Lake, and the response was that there was a weather event which caused this to happen, that caution will be used with what is being burned to protect the citizens outside. The new building will be used to burn straw and wood and there should be no air or run off issues. Bowling Green must notify us what they intend to burn for approval to use the burn barn. Material safety data sheets are available electronically and testing in progress signs are posted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-68-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO PALMER TRUCK KENWORTH OF DAYTON FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 KENWORTH T280 PLOW TRUCK FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Brian Brookhart, Public Works Director presented the staff report.

The discussion included that the truck would be received by the end of the year, the increase in price was due to costs incurred by the seller, the 2005 truck will be sold on Gov.deals. Currently the city has 8 snow plows. The budgeted amount of \$180,000 includes all accessories.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-69-22

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINAL LEGISLATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE E. ASH STREET (US 36) RESURFACING PROJECT

Brian Brookhart, Public Works Director presented the staff report.

The only comment was that traffic will be slowed to a crawl during the project.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-70-22

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FOR STATUTORY PURPOSES A BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023

Ben Goodin, Acting Finance Director presented the staff report.

There were no questions or comments.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-71-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE REGIONAL INCOME TAX AGENCY (RITA) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX

The discussion included the cost of service to the city, the collection processes cost. The city would recognize decreased costs vs. increased revenues. RITA would save us in expenses. This would be an ongoing agreement with a 90-day notice of cancellation.

City Manager Oberdorfer pointed out that this will significantly increase the collection of delinquent taxes and fees,

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-72-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMENDED LEASE OF A PORTION OF PARCEL NO. N44-250355

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

The only comment was with regard to residential impact, the grounds maintenance is part of the lease agreement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-73-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMENDED LEASE OF A PORTION OF PARCEL NO. N44-250115

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

The only comment was with regard to this being in the Giles Park area and the possible walk bridge impact.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-74-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE PROGRAM YEAR (PY) 2022 CHIP PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THE CITY OF PIQUA, AND THE CITY OF TROY FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT (ODOD) COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION (CHIP) PROGRAM

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

The discussion included who handles the administration of these programs for the city. Fair Housing information comes from this program. There will be advisory meetings to advise citizens of programs. This program is good for the city, promoting oversight and fairness. There are an overwhelming amount of citizens requesting assistance. The requests will be reviewed in the order they are received. All applicants will be notified and those who respond will receive the funds. Applications stay on the wait list.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-75-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF PART OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ADJACENT TO PARCEL N44-001020 FOR AN OUTDOOR DINING AREA

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

The discussion included the effect of this expansion on the landscaping. There will be minimal disruption and possibly a landscape re-evaluation. The garden clubs and Main Street will be contacted for coordination. The walkway will be gone so there may possibly be a stepping stone pathway created. There will still be ample space for pedestrian movement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-76-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF CITY FUNDS AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY SPECIAL EVENTS

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

The discussion included that the 4th of July fireworks in the city's biggest event but is a separate expense. The focus is on events open to the entire public, not small neighborhood events.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-77-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SECUREMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE MODIFICATION OF THE GREAT MIAMI RIVER LOW DAMS IN PIQUA

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

The discussion included cost reimbursement if we move forward, having itemized elements in the consulting design and additional elements which may be a city expense. That the city is supportive of improvement suggestions from citizens and that all citizen input will be reviewed with the consultants. There will be more detailed engineering with involvement of the Planning Commission and core engagement with the community. Upon securement of personal services, we need to be prepared to move forward. The preliminary event will be to help us identify what types of restoration/designs may be appropriate.

Citizen Randy Kirchner expressed concerns over the risk with regard to US Fish and Game being delayed with the consultant process. Mr. Schmiesing responded that the hiring of a consultant has been discussed with USFG, that this is the next step to moving ahead with dam removal that is acceptable to the citizens.

Citizen Dan French advised he has concerns over the language in the resolution and staff report stating that it needs to be made clear and understandable with regard to design consultant, supervision and deliverables and that the decisions need to have more review than the city commission.

Mr. Schmiesing responded that all of these concerns and suggestions will be part of what the city will do. An advisory committee will be created.

Commissioner Grissom stated that we will do what we need to do to meet the citizen's needs.

It was further stated that the commission will have the final approval after thorough Planning Commission and citizen review with regard to design features. The goal is to receive 100% of funding through a capital improvement project.

Commissioner Grissom moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Vetter. Roll was called. 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.)

Joe Thompson spoke on behalf of his mother who resides on Covington Avenue. Her yard was disrupted by the replacement of a storm sewer. The yard has not been restored and there is a swale in the yard. He is not getting any assistance from underground utilities and he is concerned there may be others in this same position.

City Manager Oberdorfer stated that he will speak with the utility director in the morning.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Oberdorfer provided an update with regard to the Main and High Street potential improvements, that there will be a temporary four-way stop sign erected at the intersection. The city offices will be closed on Monday, June 20 in observation of Juneteenth. The Lock Nine project has been put out to bid.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENT

Kris Lee commented on the following: Congratulations to Kiersten Zimmerman and Adam Kimpel. The Diversity Committee will be meeting next Tuesday. On June 20th there will be a flag raising at the City Building which will be recorded and posted to the website. He is trying to get local businesses to fly the flag as well. If you would like a flag, please contact Kris.

Commissioner Vetter commented on the following: Thanks to Mayor Pearson and her son as well as the IT staff for helping him with his IT needs. Thank you to Aaron Morrison with his responses to the high grass complaints. The Johnson Farm and Indian Agency will be holding family days this July. His PNIC tip of the week – turn your porch light on at night.

Commission Grissom provided an update with regard to the marijuana dispensary licenses. Piqua got both licenses that were available. He is working to get more people involved in community engagement. There is a Town Hall tomorrow.

Mayor Pearson called recognition to the following - Four Seasons Garden Club – maintenance at 311 and DAS Park, Green Leaf Club for their maintenance of the planter on Nicklin Avenue, French Park hillside and the roses at the Veteran's Memorial on the corner of Washington and Broadway,

Thank you to Amy Welker and her team for the clean up and maintenance of the parks, it has been mentioned to her that the restrooms at Fountain Park are clean and well stocked.

Thank you to Kurt Huemmer for maintenance at Echo Hills Golf Course, Congratulations to Mike Casto.

Town Hall tomorrow night, as well as a commission meeting tomorrow night.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Lee to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.