



MINUTES  
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022, 5:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER** by Mayor Pearson at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call: Mayor Pearson, Commissioners Grissom, Hinds, Lee and Vetter present.

Absent: None

**Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)**

Paul Oberdorfer said that tonight we'd like to go through the rankings so you will have a preview before it goes before the Planning Commission.

Chris Schmiesing told the Commission that once the items are programmed in the CIP a lot still has to happen.

1. Department Heads meet to submit their needs
2. The CIP Committee meets to review the projects
3. Planning Commission reviews the projects and approves
4. City Commission Review
5. Implemented into the Budget

Chris Schmiesing explained the ranking and criteria used. Commissioner Grissom said that each ranking has a good description and asked that Chris Schmiesing put it on the website.

Piqua Power – Ed Krieger said that the first item is for the Low Dam Removal, the Old Dome Building and to realign the bike bridge. His second item is for Gas Turbine upgrades which are 12 years old and the software isn't supported any longer. The last item listed are bucket trucks. These items will be brought back before Commission for approval before purchasing.

Police – Rick Byron said the vehicles listed are part of the Fleet Replacement Plan and the dollar amount includes the outfitting cost. Commissioner Grissom asked if anything abnormal is expected and Rick Byron said no, everything seems like it is on track to come in. Commissioner Lee asked how the Durangos were working out and Rick said they are very happy with them.

Fire – Chad Kennedy spoke about the Medic Unit listed. Chad said if the SCBA grant is received our portion would be 10%. Chad questioned the \$35,000 listed and thought that maybe it was a typo but Paul Oberdorfer said the \$35,000 is the deposit that is needed to place the order. Lee Adams said there is a two year waitlist even if we ordered today.

Commissioner Grissom asked if we've started funding for a ladder truck. Paul Oberdorfer that he is going to work with Jennifer Kahle, Finance Director to add a line item for this fund. Commissioner Grissom asked if we've looked at used trucks and Commissioner Hinds asked

how long they last. Lee Adams said we've been utilizing them for about 20 years noting that one was purchased in 1929, 1949 and 1987. Lee Adams said that the ladder truck is needed for homes that are set back off the curb line in addition to taller buildings.

Municipal Government Complex & Plaza – Chris Schmiesing said the mechanicals need replaced as the refrigerant and other parts are not available due to age. Chris also mentioned that the elevator at the MGC is 21 years old and the software is obsolete.

Golf Course – Amy Welker said that the Golf Course has a drainage issue. There was a temporary fix made this year but a permanent fix needs made. Amy said it may be a multi-year project. In addition the Irrigation system needs replaced as it was put in in the 80s. Lastly the golf course needs some mowers replaced.

Parks – Amy Welker said as the Commission already knows, the Lock 9 project is moving along and is out for bid now. Over 30 contractors received bid packets so we are hopeful to get a few good ones back.

The CIP includes money for Concession Stand upgrades to fix violations on a notice we received from the Health Department. The parking lots at all the parks needs resurfacing and restriped. We'd like to set aside money for an urban garden or green space if the building is redeveloped between Wayne and Main Street. Other items are for MLK Bridge repairs and money for a swimming pool is still included as a place maker. Commissioner Hinds asked if a splash pad is still in the plans for Lock 9 to which Chris Schmiesing said it is still in the plans.

Sanitation – Amy Welker said that routing software is needed in the cab of the sanitation trucks and no new equipment is needed until 2025. Commissioner Grissom asked when software would be available and Amy said it works hand in hand with the GIS and she is working with Kelley Allen. Commissioner Grissom asked if she had considered Garmin and Amy Welker said she may consider that.

Public Works – Brian Brookhart expressed the need for a new mill unit, which he may share with Kevin Krejny's departments. Tree replacement downtown is included. Commissioner Hinds asked if thought had been given to the type and Chris Schmiesing said that the architect has given a variety that is better suited for downtown. Chris Schmiesing addressed Main and High improvements and curb and sidewalk improvements.

Brian Brookhart said the salt barn needs replaced. He is hoping that we can find a building that all of the equipment the City owns can be stored together.

Chris Schmiesing addressed the East High Street improvements, the parking lot improvements, and the Wayne Street street scape expansion.

Brian Brookhart said that 3 more snow plows are needed and the sidearm tractor needs replaced. He noted this would be shared by three departments.

Street Levy – Chris Schmiesing talked about Streetscaping, Street resurfacing, traffic calming, and upgrading storm water and water lines to support private development.

Utilities – Kevin Krejny is adding the sewer project for the Cornerstone Development as a place maker. Manhole and vector jet truck is also needed. Kevin noted that a lot of projects get funded by the Stormwater budget.

Kevin Krejny said that funds need to be set aside to run water to the new proposed development by I75. It is unknown at this time, which fund the last three items will come out of, but it depends on decisions made with Low Dam project and ODNR. Kevin also pointed out a lot of smaller projects that are absorbed in the annual budget such as Frantz Pond wall, manholes, cleaning lagoon by Cross Fit, lead service lines, Eagles Nest I & I and Bridge Street water line.

Commissioner Grissom asked if the previous year's items are still on the CIP. Paul Oberdorfer said as we add to the list, the previous items stay on the list. Commissioner Grissom said a lot of good work has gone into this CIP. He questioned how we could keep this from turning into a negative. Commissioner Hinds asked if we could get this in map form so citizens could see work is going on all over. Paul Oberdorfer said it is our objective to attach the projects to the GIS.

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Pearson adjourned the meeting at 6:10 pm.

Approved at 10/18/2022  
Regular City Commission meeting

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Diana L. Tamplin  
Clerk of Commission

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Cindy Pearson, Mayor