REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2019
6:00 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBER – 2nd FLOOR
201 WEST WATER STREET
PIQUA, OHIO 45356

CALL TO ORDER

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - AUGUST 6, 2019
✓ ACCEPTING: OFFICER BRETT MARRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION
a. To consider the purchase or sale of property for public purposes

ADJOURNMENT

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   Approval of the minutes from the July 2, 2019 Regular City Commission Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

2. RES. NO. R-60-19
   A Resolution approving the purchase of Part of Inlot 43

3. RES. NO. R-61-19
   A Resolution to establish the Downtown Piqua Revitalization District

4. RES. NO. R-62-19
   A Resolution appointing a 4th Ward Commissioner for the City of Piqua

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.)

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

COMMISSIONERS COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT
MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, July 2, 2019
6:00 P.M.

Piqua City Commission met at 6:00 P.M. in the Municipal Government Complex Commission Chambers located at 201 W. Water Street. Mayor Hinds called the meeting to order.

Roll Call as follows: Present: Mayor Hinds, Commissioners Lee, Short, Martin and Vogt. Absent: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OATH OF OFFICE – PIQUA POLICE DEPARTMENT

City Manager Gary Huff administered the Oath of Office to Police Chief Richard A. Byron.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the June 4, 2019 Regular City Commission Meeting and the June 11, 2019 Special Piqua City Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Martin moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda; motion seconded by Commissioner Vogt; motion was carried unanimously and Mayor Hinds declared the Consent Agenda approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. R-59-19

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FOR STATUTORY PURPOSES A BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020.

Cynthia Holtzapple, Finance Director, presented the report.

Mayor Hinds asked for any questions or comments from the Commission.

Commissioner Vogt stated that basically this is an estimate for the county and the budget will be addressed at year end.

Mayor Hinds asked for any questions or comments from the Public. There were none

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-59-19.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vogt to adopt Resolution No. R-59-19; motion seconded by Commissioner Martin; motion was carried unanimously and Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-59-19 adopted.
PUBLIC COMMENT

Jey Roman, 406 W. High Street, expressed concerns over trash pickup procedures with regard to the new trash cans and communication between the city and the citizens. Mr. Roman stated that some trash is not being picked up due to the lack of trash cans.

City Manager Huff stated that we are working on it and he will look into the situation.

Commissioner Vogt confirmed that yard waste can be placed into regular trash cans and/or bags for city pick up.

Willis Young, 4763 W. U.S. Rt. 36, asked questions about the Wood Street apartments thinking that they were to be classified as “Luxury” apartments, and asked where the money is coming from to build these apartments.

City Manager Huff responded that these are not Luxury* apartments that they are going to be built by St. Mary’s Building Corporation for the purpose of subsidized housing.

Tonya Blair, owns rental properties in Piqua, stated the base charges for utility services total $76.67 before any usage and expressed frustration over this fact.

Kevin Jenkins, 619 N. Downing Street, expressed concerns about what people should do about sitting trash due to the lack of cans and yard waste.

City Manager Huff stated that the trash is supposed to still be picked up and that citizens should call in and we will be happy to pick it up.

Mayor Hinds stated that the requests for second trash cans, which have yet to be delivered to the City of Piqua, has thrown the City behind. The frustration is understandable and the second trash cans should alleviate this problem.

Samantha MacKellar, 1323 Garfield Street, expressed concerns over the drainage on her street being barricaded.

City Manager Huff stated that the City is replacing and working on it.

Commissioner Vogt stated that these barricades have been put in place so that cars will not fall into it.

Nick Ventura, 108 Jean Street, questioned if it is right to charge when trash is not being picked up, and is there an opt-out option.

City Manager Huff stated that there is no opt-out option.

Kevin Jenkins, 619 N. Downing Street, asked about the increase in the storm water rates and who sets these rates. Mr. Jenkins also asked about comparable rates with Sidney and Troy, and how the proceeds from the wastewater funds were spent and if it would have been more economical to buy our water from Troy. Mr. Jenkins also inquired as to who was responsible for the painting of the CSX bridge.

Commissioner Vogt stated that the rates in Sidney may be a little lower, the rates in Troy, a little higher. Commissioner Vogt explained how the rates were arrived at and stated that the rates are not going up.

Law Director Patrizio responded that the funds were used to maintain the storm water lines, drains, and flooding issues and that the updates were due to EPA regulations.

City Manager Huff stated that it would not have been feasible to purchase water from Troy. City Manager Huff also stated that CSX refuses to paint the bridge so the responsibility falls to the city.
Tommy Grise, 709 Caldwell, stated that there are some sidewalk maintenance issues and inquired as to who was responsible for maintaining the sidewalks.

City Manager Huff replies that it is the property owner's responsibility to maintain their sidewalk and this would be part of the code enforcement of violations.

Delores Brown, 1020 Lincoln, expressed concerns about the condition of her neighbor's yard and the issue of cut grass being blown into the street.

Jey Roman stated that he feels the Charter should be changed.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Huff advised that the City offices would be closed on July 4th and that we are providing information regarding the 4th of July celebration.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Vogt requested that people stop blowing grass out into the street.

Commissioner Martin asked about Enterprise Funds and if they could go back into the general fund. Commissioner Martin also inquired as to what can be done about grass being blown into the street.

City Manager Huff stated that 85% of the funds go to the Police and Fire Departments.

Law Director Patrizio stated that he is not aware of any grass clippings legislation but that the City can change the policy.

Commissioner Lee stated possibly a civil ordinance.

City Manager Huff stated that citizens need to have the motivation to help others – "Good Samaritan Laws".

Commissioner Lee expressed congratulations to Chief Byron. Commissioner Lee also acknowledged the frustration of the citizens but that we are trying to find solutions/resolutions to their issues.

Mayor Hinds addressed the issue of allocation of funds within the city and acknowledged that she too felt the frustration and stated that the city is trying to use funds the best we can. Mayor Hinds also expressed thanks for the citizens' participation as we are a community and to have a happy 4th of July.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Commissioner Martin to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 6:45 P.M.; motion seconded by Commissioner Lee; motion carried unanimously.

KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

PASSED: _______________________

ATTEST: ________________________
Karen S. Jeniins
CLERK OF COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. R-60-19

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF PART OF INLOT 43

WHEREAS, a 0.18-acre Part of Inlot 43, known as 120 S. Main Street, Piqua, Miami County, Ohio 45356, is available for purchase; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the subject property is to facilitate economic development along the downtown Piqua riverfront area as planned by Riverfront District Development Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the owners of the subject property and the City have agreed on an Agreement to Purchase, included herewith as Exhibit “A”.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Piqua, Miami County, Ohio, the majority of all members elected thereto concurring, that:

SEC. 1: The City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase a 0.18-acre Part of Inlot 43, known as 120 S. Main Street, Piqua, Miami County, Ohio 45356 for an amount not to exceed $1.00, in accordance with the terms of the Agreement to Purchase attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SEC. 2: The Finance Director certifies that the funds are available and is hereby authorized to draw her warrant from time to time on the appropriate account of the city treasury in payment according to this Resolution.

SEC. 3: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from the earliest period allowed by law.

______________________________
KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

PASSED: _______________________

ATTEST: _______________________
KAREN S. JENKINS
CLERK OF COMMISSION

The Motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was offered by ____________________
seconded by ____________________ and on roll call the following vote ensued:

Mayor Kathryn B. Hinds __________ Commissioner John Martin __________
Commissioner William Vogt __________ Commissioner Kris Lee __________
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<td>BACKGROUND</td>
<td>The property owner desires to sell the subject 0.18-acre tract of property known as part of Inlot 43 to enable the redevelopment of the riverfront area.</td>
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<td>(Project costs and funding sources)</td>
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<td>Source of Funds: General fund</td>
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<td>Narrative: Approving the resolution will enable the acquisition of the property and facilitate the elimination of blight and promote the redevelopment of the riverfront area.</td>
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<td>1. Adopt the resolution to authorize the purchase.</td>
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AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE
BETWEEN JMAES AND BETH MCGAIL
AND THE CITY OF PIQUA

This Agreement is hereby entered into this 24th day of January, 2019
between James and Beth McGail, married, (“Seller”) and the City of Piqua, Miami
County, Ohio, an Ohio municipal corporation (“Purchaser”) for the purchase of the real
estate and land (“Property”) described in the attached legal description (Exhibit A) and
identified as parcel N44-001220 a 0.1 acre part of Inlot 43, known as 120 S. Main
Street, Piqua, Miami County, Ohio 45356, and parcel N44-001190, a 0.08 acre part of
Inlot 43, situated on S. Main Street, Piqua, Miami County, Ohio 45356.

WHEREAS, the City of Piqua City Commission, on December 12, 2019,
authorized the purchase of parcel N44-001220 a 0.1 acre part of Inlot 43, known as 120
S. Main Street, Piqua, Miami County, Ohio 45356, and parcel N44-001190, a 0.08 acre
part of Inlot 43, situated on S. Main Street, Piqua, Miami County, Ohio 45356, from
James and Beth McGail, married; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the Property is to facilitate the development of
downtown Piqua riverfront area in accordance with the Riverfront District Development
Strategy.

WHEREAS, the Seller desires to donate the Property to the City of Piqua.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement, which is
based on the terms and conditions as set forth below.

I. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

James and Beth McGail, married, own approximately 0.18 acres described in
the attached legal descriptions (Exhibit A) identified as parcel N44-001220 a 0.1 acre
part of Inlot 43, known as 120 S. Main Street, Piqua, Miami County, Ohio 45356, and
parcel N44-001190, a 0.08 acre part of Inlot 43, situated on S. Main Street, Piqua,
Miami County, Ohio 45356.

The said Property being transferred shall include the real estate and land, all
appurtenant rights, privileges and easements together with all buildings and fixtures in
their present condition. The Purchaser agrees to accept the Property "as is" for the
purposes of facilitating redevelopment of the Property in accordance with the Riverfront
District Development Strategy.
II. CONVEYANCE

The Seller and Purchaser acknowledge Miami County Auditor’s total valuation of Seventy Nine Thousand Five-Hundred and 00/100 Dollars ($79,500.00) for parcel N44-001220 and Seven thousand Five-Hundred and 00/100 Dollars ($7,500.00) for parcel N44-001190, and the Seller desires to donate the Property to the City of Piqua and agrees to sell the Property to the Purchaser for One and 00/100 Dollars ($1.00).

Purchaser and Seller acknowledge the sale of the Property is contingent upon the Purchaser first completing an All Appropriate Inquiry and the Piqua City Commission subsequently authorizing the purchase of the Property described herein in a public meeting after the required notice of the item being on the agenda. If the City Commission does not approve the purchase by the City of Piqua, this Agreement shall be null and void.

III. UTILITIES

Sellers shall pay through the date of possession, all incurred utility charges and any water, sewer or other charges that are or may become a lien.

IV. TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

Property taxes and assessments shall be pro-rated to the date of closing. The semi-annual installment of taxes applicable to the half year in which the closing occurs shall be prorated using the “short” pro-ratation method so that Seller is charged from the first day of the half year in which the closing occurs through the date of closing and Purchaser from the day after the date of closing through the end of said half year.

V. CLOSING AND POSSESSION

The closing will be at a time and place mutually agreeable to the parties with said date being within sixty (60) days of and contingent upon the Purchaser first completing an All Appropriate Inquiry and Piqua City Commission authorizing the purchase of the Property described herein. Sellers shall transfer possession of the premises to the City of Piqua at closing by a General Warranty Deed with any and all liens being released. The City of Piqua shall record the deed and complete any necessary paperwork for the transfer.

VI. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This offer, upon acceptance, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. Any amendment hereto must be agreed upon by both parties and confirmed in writing.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year set forth above.

SELLER:

Beth McGail, Owner

Date

James McGail, Owner

Date

PURCHASER:

CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO

Gary A. Huff, City Manager

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

Frank J. Patrizio, City Law Director
Exhibit A

Legal Description

Real Property in the City of Piqua, County of Miami, State of Ohio, and is described as follows:

Tract I:

Being a part of Lot Number 43, in said City of Piqua, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the East line of Lot Number 43, 8 feet north of the southeast corner thereof; thence, north along the east line of said lot a distance of 26.5 feet; thence, west parallel to the south line of said lot to the west line thereof; thence, south along the west line of said lot a distance of 26.5 feet to a point 6 feet north of the south line of said lot; thence, east parallel with the south line of said lot to the place of beginning, except 6 feet off of the west end for the purpose of an alley.

Tract II:

Being a part of Lot Number 43, in said City of Piqua, described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the west side of Main Street, 57 feet north of from the southeast corner of Lot Number 94 by Bevan’s Map and being Lot Number 43 by the original and by the new numbering of lots in 1859; thence, west parallel with the south line of said lot to the west line thereof; thence, south 22.5 feet; thence, east to the east line of said lot on Main Street; thence, north 22.5 feet to the point of beginning, except 6 feet off of the west end for an alley.

The following are excepted from the general warranty covenants:

1. Easements, restrictions and covenants of record and legal highways; and
2. Real estate taxes and assessments not yet due and payable; and
3. Matters which a survey of the Property would disclose.

Auditor's Parcel Number: N44-001220 and N44-001190
Property Address: 120 S. Water Street, Piqua, Ohio 45356
RESOLUTION NO. R-61-19

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE DOWNTOWN PIQUA REVITALIZATION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the redevelopment of the downtown riverfront area has been identified as a community priority in the Plan It Piqua 2007 Comprehensive Plan Update; and,

WHEREAS, the Piqua Riverfront District Development Strategy and Piqua Placemaking Strategy aim to catalyze private investment and create additional dining, entertainment, retail, recreational, social, cultural and public arts opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the lack of available liquor licenses limits opportunities to attract new restaurants and entertainment establishments; and,

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 4301.81 provides a means for increasing the allowance of liquor licenses available within a defined Revitalization District; and,

WHEREAS, an application to establish the Downtown Piqua Revitalization District has been submitted and a public notice of the date and time at which the municipal legislative authority will conduct a public hearing has been advertised, attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 4301.81, the application must be approved by an affirmative majority vote of the municipal legislative authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Piqua, Miami County, Ohio, the majority of all members elected thereto concurring, that:

SEC. 1: This Commission hereby takes the action necessary to authorize and approve establishing the Downtown Piqua Revitalization District, as shown in Exhibit “A” attached hereto.

SEC. 2: The City Manager shall cause all appropriate and necessary submittals supporting such action to be properly filed.

SEC. 3: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

__________________________________________
KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

PASSED: ____________________________

ATTEST: ____________________________

KAREN S. JENKINS

CLERK OF COMMISSION

The Motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was offered by______________________
seconded by______________________ and on roll call the following vote ensued:

Mayor Kathryn B. Hinds  __________
Commissioner John Martin  __________
Commissioner William Vogt  __________
Commissioner Kris Lee  __________
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| SUBMITTED BY         | Name & Title: Chris Schmiesing, Development Director  
Department: Development |
| AGENDA CLASSIFICATION| ☑ Resolution  
☐ Consent  
☐ Ordinance  
☐ Regular |
| APPROVALS/REVIEWS    | ☑ City Manager  
☐ Asst. City Manager/Finance  
☐ Department Director  
☐ Law Director  
☐ Planning Commission |
| BACKGROUND           | Ohio law provides each jurisdictional area a quota of permits for each type of liquor license. Currently two of the license types exceed the allocated quota and no additional permits are available. This creates a challenge to attracting new restaurants and entertainment establishments to the community. |
| BUDGETING AND FINANCIAL IMPACT | Budgeted $: $0  
Expenditure $: $0  
Source of Funds: |
|                      | Narrative: Ohio Revised Code provides a means for increasing the allowance of liquor license types in a defined Revitalization District that contributes to the dining, entertainment, retail, social, or cultural opportunities within the community. By approving the resolution eight additional liquor licenses permits will be available within the boundaries of the Downtown Piqua Revitalization District. |
| OPTIONS              | 1. Adopt the resolution to approve establishing the Downtown Piqua Revitalization District.  
2. Defeat the resolution to reject establishing the Downtown Piqua Revitalization District. |
| PROJECT TIMELINE     | July 16, 2019 – City Commission: Final Action  
July 17, 2019 – Submit application to Ohio Department of Commerce |
| STAFF RECOMMENDATION | Approve resolution |
| REASON FOR SELECTING CONSULTANT/COMPANY | N/A |
| ATTACHMENTS          | Exhibit A |
Petition to Establish Downtown Piqua Revitalization District

June 27, 2019

| (1) Applicant: | Locktenders  
110 W. High Street  
Piqua, Ohio 45356 |
|---------------|------------------|
| Owner:        | City of Piqua  
201 W. Water Street  
Piqua, Ohio 45356 |
| (2) Map:      | See attachment |
| (3) Statement:| The proposed Revitalization District includes restaurants, retail sales establishments, a cultural center, and a banquet center. |
| (4) Probable Development: | 115 E. High Street  
111 N. Main Street  
123 N. Main Street  
124 N. Main Street  
111 S. Main Street  
101 S. Wayne Street  
204 N. Wayne Street  
319 N. Wayne Street  
125 W. Water Street  
400 Spring Street |
| (5) Evidence uses conform with zoning: | See attached statement. |

Chris Schmiesing  
Community and Economic Development Director  
City of Piqua  

Date  
6-28-2019
Downtown Piqua Revitalization District - 45.2 acres

City of Piqua
6-27-2019

- Downtown Piqua Revitalization District
- Zoning District
  - General Business
  - Central Business District
- Floodplain
  - Light Industrial
  - Heavy Industrial
  - Open Space
  - Residential 1
  - Residential 1A
  - Residential 1AA
  - Residential 2
  - Residential 3
Miami County  
Piqua  
Downtown Piqua Revitalization District  
6-27-2019  

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Ohio Department of Commerce  
Division of Liquor Control  
6606 Tuscing Road, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

Re: Downtown Piqua Revitalization District

To whom it may concern:

I hereby certify that the uses described in the Petition to Establish Downtown Piqua Revitalization District dated June 27, 2019, are in accord with the City of Piqua zoning regulations.

The area proposed to be included in the designated revitalization district is predominately zoned Central Business District and the uses described in the aforementioned petition are typical of the use types found in this zoning district.

To view the City of Piqua Zoning regulations visit http://www.amlegal.com/piqua_oh/.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten Signature]

Kyrsten French  
City Planner
June 27, 2019

Ohio Department of Commerce
Division of Liquor Control
6606 Tussing Road, P.O. Box 4004
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-9005

Re: Downtown Piqua Revitalization District

To whom it may concern:

I have reviewed the Petition to Establish Downtown Piqua Revitalization District, including the map included therewith, for the purpose of substantiating the stated Revitalization District acreage. The map was created by the City of Piqua Development Department based on the parcel and roadway centerline data supplied and maintained by the Miami County Tax Map Department, a division of the Miami County Engineering Office.

All data created by the Miami County Tax Map Department has been developed to meet National Map Accuracy Standards. All GIS data layers are reference in the Ohio South State Plane Coordinate System, Horizontal data – North American Datum (NAD) 83 (95), Vertical data – North American Datum Vertical Datum (NAVD) 88, Units – Surveyors Feet.

It has been my professional experience that the GIS mapping information supplied from the Miami County Tax Map Department is a reasonable source for the purposes of calculating a reliable and accurate estimate of acreage within a defined boundary. Accordingly, I believe the acreage of the area delineated on the subject map to be an accurate assessment thereof.

Sincerely,

Amy L. Havenar, P.E.
City of Piqua
City Engineer
June 28, 2019

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to section 4301.81 of the Ohio Revised Code, notice of an application to establish a revitalization district is on file in the office of the Clerk of Commission and available for inspection during regular business hours. Notification of a public hearing to be conducted concerning this matter, said meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers located on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Government Complex, 201 West Water Street, Piqua, Ohio, is hereby provided.

Contact: Karen Jenkins
Clerk of Commission
(937) 778-2042

PUBLISH: Saturday, July 6, 2019
Saturday, July 13, 2019
RESOLUTION NO. R-62-19

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A 4th WARD COMMISSIONER
FOR THE CITY OF PIQUA

WHEREAS, Piqua City Charter (SECTION 3 - “THE COMMISSION”) defines the Commission, Powers, Election, Term and Vacancies of said Office of the Piqua Commission; and

WHEREAS, Piqua City Charter, Section 3 reads: If a vacancy occurs in the Commission except as the result of a recall election, the commission shall forthwith fill the place vacated for the unexpired term, within the sixty days, by the appointment of an elector from the ward in which the vacancy occurs; and

WHEREAS, two candidates have submitted letters of interest (attached hereto) to Piqua City Commission and have expressed their desire to fill the unexpired term of former City Commissioner David Short who resigned on June 1, 2019 and said term shall expire on 12/31/2021; and

WHEREAS, Seated members of Piqua City Commission: Commissioner John Martin (1st Ward), Commissioner William Vogt (2nd Ward), Commissioner Kris Lee (3rd Ward) and Mayor Kathryn B. Hinds (5th Ward) shall hereby select the candidate for said open position of 4th Ward Commissioner.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Piqua, Miami County, Ohio, the majority of all members elected thereto concurring, that:

SEC. 1: ___________________________ is hereby selected to serve as 4th Ward City Commissioner.

SEC. 2: ___________________________ shall fill the unexpired term of 4th Ward Commission with term to expire on December 31, 2021.

SEC. 3: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from the earliest period allowed by law.

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KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

PASSED: ___________________________

ATTEST: ___________________________
KAREN S. JENKINS
CLERK OF COMMISSION

The Motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was offered by ______________________
seconded by ______________________ and on roll call the following vote ensued:

Mayor Kathryn B. Hinds __________________________ Commissioner John Martin ______________________
Commissioner William Vogt __________________________ Commissioner Kris Lee ______________________
James “Chris” Grissom  
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Mayor Kazy Hinds,

I would like to submit this letter of interest in fulfilling the vacancy for commissioner of the 4th ward for Piqua. As required I do live within the 4th ward as well as many of my family members and I’m dedicated to Piqua and this area. I have been married to my wonderful wife Cristy for 9 years and together for 14. We have lived in our house for 10 years and have a 1 year old son, Hudson. It is a wonderful area to raise a family with the new schools near by and fountain park just a couple blocks away, which is why I would feel eternally grateful and privileged to represent such an area.

I was born and raised in Piqua with deep roots here. My grandfather, Jim Grissom, was a long standing member of the Piqua Chamber of Commerce with the Grissom’s grocery stores. My father and uncle have a business on main street and I feel I have finally reached a point in my career that I can help give back and support the town that has given me so much. I am a proud graduate of Piqua city schools and of Edison Community College. I received a bachelor’s degree in Biology along with a second bachelor’s in clinical laboratory science from Wright State University. I finished my college career with my MBA from Franklin University in Columbus. With that I have worked at UVMC for the past 10 years in their laboratory and remain a current employee on a casual basis. My main profession is in administration at Wilson Health in Sidney serving many positions over the past 7 years with my current position overseeing Patient Access, Medical Records, Case Management, and acting interim laboratory director with an official title of Director of Revenue Operations. I’ve chaired many committees, and I feel with the emerging medical needs within in Piqua that my background and skill set I could be a great asset to the council.

Beyond my family history within Piqua and my educational/professional background I think my demographic could also be advantageous to the city council. Ward 4 is a highly residential area with families of middle class blue collar workers. I grew up very low income but have risen above to live in a modest home raising my family with a successful career. I feel like I can relate to many of the residents of this ward to bring a new and diverse perspective that is growing in today’s culture. But I didn’t get to where I am today by myself. I had a lot of love and support by some amazing people within this community and that has given me a large drive to do the same for current and future generations. I believe so much in Piqua and the direction we are heading. I am a part of the Piqua Partnership program and today we did the planning and economic development with the city and it was amazing to hear everything we are working on. I know this city has taken massive steps towards progress and I would love to be a part of it and help in any way I can.

I hope we can talk again shortly and please feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,
James “Chris” Grissom
July 1, 2019

Dear Piqua City Commissioners:

This letter indicates my interest in pursuing the 4th ward commission opening due to David Short's recent resignation. I am a resident of the 4th ward and have lived in my house on Walker Street for 22 years. I appreciate what the city of Piqua offers to its residents in terms of educational opportunities, recreational amenities and community support. I want to see Piqua continue the forward progress it has embarked on and I would enthusiastically embrace the duties necessary to advocate for the residents of my ward and the city as a whole to address these challenges.

I have completed nearly two terms on the Piqua City Board of Zoning Appeals and spent the last five as Chairperson. My comfort in chairing these meetings in the same chamber the city commission conducts its meetings would be a relatively seamless transition for me. I volunteer my time to the community in other ways as an active member of both the Piqua Rotary Club and Trustee for the Miami County YMCA. I have also had past stints on the board of Habitat for Humanity and as a member of the Positively Promoting Piqua organization. Additionally, I have invested heavily in real estate throughout the community which has resulted in improvements to the housing stock and has provided safe and clean environments for residents to live. In other words, I have put my money where my mouth is. I believe this experience lends itself to some unique perspectives on how we can weave the interests of city government together with
the concerns of businesses and investment stakeholders operating in the private sector.

I am an independent thinker but believe in the power of collaborative thought. Both should be important attributes to successfully serving on the commission. Ultimately, any community is only as good as its collective residents. Engaging with the public, evaluating and reviewing concerns and implementing policy benefiting the city and our residents should be the primary goal. As a commissioner from the 4th ward, I would like to have an impact and insure this occurs.

Thank you for your consideration. If you want additional information regarding my professional background I would encourage you to visit my LinkedIn profile online.

Kindest regards,

Skip Murray