

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday May 4, 2010
7:30 P.M.**

Piqua City Commission met at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Government Complex Commission Chambers located at 201 W. Water Street. Mayor Fess called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Martin, Vogt, Terry, and Wilson. Absent: None.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Mayor Fess stated the City Commission would adjourn into Executive Session at the end of the Regular City Commission Meeting. The purpose of the Executive Session is discuss the terms of employment of the City Manager under Section 4-A of the Piqua Charter.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn into Executive Session at the end of the Regular City Commission Meeting. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Vogt, Martin, Terry, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION

Police Week in the City of Piqua

Mayor Fess read the proclamation and presented it to Piqua Police Chief Bruce Jamison.

Chief Jamison accepted the proclamation, and thanked the Commission. Chief Jamieson announced several dates of Police Activities that are to be held in conjunction with Police Week in the community.

Residence Pride Awards

Gene Hill	701 S. Wayne Street
Rebecca & Dennis Latham	451 Young Street
Scott & Stacey Miller	912 Boone Street
Dennis & Cindy Penrod	701 Boone Street
Clifford & Joyce Smith	447 Young Street

Mayor Fess read the names of the homeowners as pictures of the properties were shown. Mayor Fess thanked all the winners for maintaining their properties and showing pride in our community.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the April 20, 2010 Regular City Commission Meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that the minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting of April 20, 2010 be approved. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Fess, Terry, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

ORD. NO. 7-10 (3rd Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing an amendment to Ordinance No. 42-96 and the zoning map attached thereto to assign a zoning designation of R-3 (Multi-Family Residential) to parcel J27-032000

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 7-10.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Ordinance No. 7-10 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Fess, Martin, Terry, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. 7-10 adopted.

ORD. NO. 8-10 (3rd Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing an amendment to Ordinance No. 42-96 and the zoning map attached thereto to assign a zoning designation of R-2 (Two-Family Residential) to parcel N44-004010, also known as 316 North Downing Street

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 8-10.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Ordinance No. 8-10 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Terry, Fess, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. 8-10 adopted.

ORD. 9-10 (3rd Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing an amendment to Ordinance No. 42-96 and the zoning map attached thereto to assign a zoning designation of R-2 (Two-Family Residential) to parcel N44-004000, also known as 320 North Downing Street

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance NO. 9-10.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Ordinance No. 9-10 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Martin, Terry, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. 9-10 adopted.

ORD. 10-10 (3rd Reading)

An Ordinance amending Chapter 111 of the Piqua Municipal Code Peddlers and Solicitors

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 10-10.

It was suggested to give a copy of the Ordinance to the Salvation Army and the Bethany Center to post in their organizations.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Ordinance No. 9-10 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Wilson, Martin, Terry, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. 10-10 adopted.

New Business

RES. NO. R-57-10

A Resolution authorizing the use of Pitsenbarger Park by the Southwest Neighborhood Association for a yard sale

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-57-10.

Earl Wagoner, President of the Southwest Neighborhood Association came forward and thanked the City of Piqua for allowing the Southwest Neighborhood Association to hold their yard sale on May 15th, in Pitsenbarger Park. Mr. Wagoner also thanked the City for their help with the mulch sale held recently.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-57-10 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Vogt, Martin, Terry, and Fess Nay. None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-57-10 adopted.

RES. NO. R-58-10

A Resolution relating to the application for annexation of certain real property to the City of Piqua

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-58-10.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-58-10 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Fess, Wilson, Vogt, and Martin. Nay. None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-58-10 adopted.

RES. NO. R-59-10

A Resolution authorizing the Law Director to petition the Board of County Commissioners of Miami County, Ohio for a change in the boundary line of Springcreek Township

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-59-10.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-59-10 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Fess, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay. None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-59-10 adopted.

ORD. 12-10 (1st Reading)

An Ordinance amending Section 50.07 of the Piqua Code, relating to refuse collection

There was discussion of the current fees for senior citizens, the use of the senior bags versus the reduced fees, the criteria for application for the senior discount services, current customers being grand fathered into the new program, and why the age 62 was chosen for the discounts.

Health & Sanitation Director Amy Welker explained the new senior program, and why the changes were suggested at this time.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No.12-10.

Ordinance No. 12-10 was given a first reading.

ORD. NO. 13-10 (1st Reading)

An Ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Piqua

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No.13-10.

Ordinance No. 13-10 was given a first reading.

ORD. NO. 14-10 (1st Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing an amendment to Ordinance No. 42-96 and the zoning map attached thereto to assign a zoning designation of I-2 (Heavy Industry) to +/-5.000 acre and +/-2.932 acre parcels being annexed from Springcreek Township into the City of Piqua Corporation Limits

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No.14-10.

Ordinance No. 14-10 was given a first reading.

Other Business

Monthly Reports for March 2010.

Monthly Reports for March 2010 were accepted.

Announcement of (1) Opening on the Board of Zoning Appeals-Term to expire March 1, 2013

Public Comments

Dave Comolli, N. College Street, came forward and thanked the City and the City Commissioners for their help with the installation of the playground equipment at Kiwanis Park. The children in the area are having a wonderful time playing on the equipment, said Mr. Comolli.

Mr. Comolli also inquired if the City received any Stimulus Funds that could be used for the Swimming Pool. City Manager Enderle stated the city has not received any Stimulus Funds at this time, and if the City were to receive any funds, they were earmarked for streets only, and could not be used for the swimming pool.

Russ Fashner, Forest Avenue, came forward and thanked the City for mowing the levy, and hopes the levy is sprayed for weeds, and continue to mow it in the future.

Mr. Fashner also inquired about the reports filed on him that were discussed at the previous City Commission Meeting and asked if any new information was available.

Mayor Fess stated they reviewed the reports previously, and there was nothing new to add at this time.

Mayor fess encouraged citizens to keep their lawns mowed and not to blow the grass out into the streets.

Commission Comments

Commissioner Wilson reminded citizen of two upcoming events in the City of Piqua. The First Annual Spring Swing Dance will take place May 7th at the Ft. Piqua Plaza, and the Eagles Wing Stables is hosting a fundraiser on May 8th at the Ft. Piqua Plaza also and encouraged citizens to attend.

Commissioner Terry stated the North Parks Neighborhood Association will hold a meeting on Thursday, May 13th at 7:00 P.M. at Wilder School and invited citizens to attend.

Commissioner Terry invited citizens to check out the new playground equipment at the Kiwanis Park that was installed recently by the North Parks Neighborhood Association.

Commissioner Terry reminded citizens to be aware of the Broadway Construction taking place, and to watch out for children in the areas that are now having increased traffic flow since the rerouting of the Broadway traffic. The speed limits for Nicklin and Washington Avenues are still 25 miles per hour, stated Commissioner Terry. City Engineer Amy Havenar gave a brief overview of the construction project on Broadway.

Commissioner Terry stated it is grass-mowing season again, and reminded residents not to blow their grass out into the gutters and streets.

Commissioner Terry congratulated the Residence Pride Winners. Ballots are still available for casting votes for William M. McCulloch in the Statuary Hall in Washington D.C. said Commissioner Terry. Also the Downtown Cleanup will take place on Saturday May 8 at 8:30 A.M. in the downtown area, citizens are encouraged to bring a broom or a rake and come down and help the merchants spruce up the downtown area.

Commissioner Martin noted the grass was really high in Fountain Park around the Totem Pole, and inquired as to when the mowing would start in the public areas. City Manager Enderle stated he would look into the high grass, and the mowing would start soon, as the college students will be starting in the next week. This year some of the work will be contracted out to help keep up, said Mr. Enderle.

Commissioner Martin asked if someone would look into the swing set down by the volleyball court at Fountain Park, it seems the area where you step to get in the swing is constantly wet. City Manager Enderle stated he would look into the problem. Also the bridge by the hydraulic seems to be crumbling and asked if it was safe. City Manager Enderle stated all the bridges have been inspected recently and it is indeed safe. Commissioner Martin inquired as to the time frame on the demolition of the houses on Ash Street. City Engineer Amy Havenar came forward and explained what the process will be and the anticipated time frame for each step.

Mayor Fess stated the City of Piqua will host a Homelessness Summit on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 from 6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. at the Piqua Y.W.C.A. This will be the first of several meetings to discuss the issue of Homelessness in the City of Piqua, and encouraged citizens to attend to provide input.

Mayor Fess also announced a meeting is scheduled for the Safe Routes To School program on Thursday, May 6th, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. at the Y.W.C.A. and encouraged citizens to attend. The program is a partnership between the Piqua City Schools, Piqua Catholic School, and the City of Piqua to encourage children to have a route to school.

Thursday, May 6th, is National Day of Prayer and there will be a gathering at the Lock 9 Park at 12:00 P.M. and also at the Miami Valley Centre Mall near the food court at 7:00 P.M., stated Mayor Fess.

Mayor Fess also reminded citizens of the two events taking place at the Ft. Piqua Plaza on Friday, May 7th, the First Annual Spring Swing Dance will take place starting at 7:00 P.M., and the Eagle's Wing Stable Fund Raiser will take place on Saturday, May 8 and encouraged citizens to attend.

Mayor Fess stated she attended the Kiwanis Park playground equipment dedication on April 30, it was a very nice dedication, and they did a really nice job. It is so encouraging to see what the Neighborhood Associations are doing for the community, said Mayor Fess.

Mayor Fess thanked all of the Resident Pride Winners for the work they have done on their homes.

Mayor Fess congratulated April Grove, a Piqua City Junior High School Teacher, and wife of Deputy Chief Marty Grove, on winning the nationwide contest to sing with one of the stars on "As The World Turns". The program will air on May 18, 2010. This is a great honor and wonderful recognition for April and the City of Piqua, said Mayor Fess.

Commissioner Terry stated the Piqua Parks Board are holding their meeting Wednesday, May 5, at 7:00 P.M. in Kiwanis Park. The purpose of the meeting is to talk about a possible fund-raising project for the Piqua Municipal Swimming Pool, and invited citizens to attend.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to move into Executive Session at 8:20 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Fess, Terry, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Piqua City Commission Executive Session and Regular City Commission Meeting at 10:10 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Terry, Fess, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION