

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, May 6, 2014
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 Wilson, and Vogt. Absent: Martin and Terry.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to excuse Commissioner Martin and Commissioner Terry from the May 6, 2014 Regular City Commission Meeting. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Wilson, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

PROCLAMATION: KIDS TO PARKS DAY

Mayor Fess read the proclamation and presented it to City Manager Huff.

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL BIKE MONTH AND BIKE TO WORK WEEK

Mayor Fess read the proclamation and presented it to Jim Hemmert, Artie Parker, Kazy and Joe Hinds. Jim Hemmert thanked the City for the recognition of Bike to Work Week and announced several upcoming events. Kazy Hinds announced there will be a Blessing of the Bikes held on May 9th at 12:00 P.M. at the Gazebo on the Square. Mayor Fess thanked Jim Hemmert and all who are participating in the Bike to Work Week May 12-16, 2014.

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mayor Fess read the proclamation and presented it to Piqua Police Officer Chris Yingst, who was recently named Police Officer of the Year. Mayor Fess thanked Officer Yingst for his service to the citizens, the City of Piqua, and his fellow officers.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the April 10, 2014 Piqua City Commission Work Session, and the April 15, 2014 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll call: Aye: Fess, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R- 67-14

A Resolution awarding a contract to Barrett paving Materials, Inc. for the CR 25A Street Resurfacing project (MIA-CR25A-14.87)

City Engineer Amy Havenar provided the Staff Report. The resurfacing project will consist of planning the asphalt, necessary roadway base repairs, adjustment of water valves and manholes, catch basin repairs/replacements, the placement of an asphalt surface course, and the installation of ADA compliant handicap ramps. Two bids were received and Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. was selected for the project, stated Ms. Havenar

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Res. No. R-67-14.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R- 67-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution R-67-14 adopted.

RES. NO. R- 68-14

A Resolution rescinding Resolution No. R-15-12 and enacting new preliminary legislation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the resurfacing of State Route 185 within the City of Piqua

City Engineer Amy Havenar provided a brief update on the reason for the change. As part of the Urban Paving Program, ODOT had originally programmed to pave the portion of State Route 185 from Covington Avenue to Park Avenue in 2016. However, ODOT had a plan for another resurfacing project on SR 185 scheduled for later this year between the City's west corporation limit and the Miami/Darke County Line. There will be a portion SR 185 between Park Avenue and Stratford Drive that would be left unpaved as it falls between both of ODOT's paving project. This is the reason for revising the project limits at this time to include this area so when all of the paving is completed, the entire stretch of SR 185 from Covington Avenue to the west corporation limit will be paved, stated Ms. Havenar.

Public Comment

Jim Hemmert, Boone Street, came forward and asked who is responsible for Covington Avenue hill? Ms. Havenar explained that Covington Avenue hill is St RT 36 and further explained.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-68-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-68-14 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Huff announced Hartzell Industries is consolidating their plant in Portland, Indiana and moving 30 jobs to the Piqua plant.

City Manager Huff also announced the City Commission will hold a Commission Work Session on Thursday, May 8th at 7:30 P.M. in the Commission Chambers.

City Manager Huff stated May 12—16 is Bike to Work Week and encourages citizens to ride their bikes to work. You can register on the City Web Site to have your miles logged.

Friday May 16th at 1:00 is the WOTVC Golf Tournament to be held at the Municipal Golf Course.

Friday May 16th is also the Taste of the Arts to be held downtown Piqua from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. and encouraged citizens to come downtown for an entertaining evening.

City Manager Huff announced the Piqua Police Department has acquired an Armored Transport Vehicle for use by the Piqua Police Tactical team. This vehicle was built in 2013 with only 10,000 miles on it. The only cost to the city is for the transportation of the vehicle from Texas to Piqua, which is about \$5000, but the cost of the vehicle new was about \$730,000. City Manager Huff stated Piqua was fortunate to be selected to receive one of these vehicles, as the current vehicle is over 14 years old.

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Vogt stated he was glad to see the Kids in the Park proclamation and that the City is promoting the use of the city parks. Commissioner Vogt also stated there are two Bike Shops in the city and encouraged residents to support them, as they support the City of Piqua's various projects.

Commissioner Vogt further stated he has received several calls about the city being dirty, and numerous complaints about the pot holes in the city streets. The Street Department is working on the streets to repair the pot holes, but citizens need to keep their own properties in a good state of repair and keep debris picked up. Helping an elderly neighbor is a great way to help. This is your city and everyone needs to help keep it a great place to live and work, stated Commissioner Vogt.

Commissioner Vogt reminded citizens when mowing grass to remember to blow it back into the yard instead of out in the street where it ends up in the sewers.

Commissioner Wilson stated he participated in the City Wide Clean-Up Day on Saturday May 3, 2014. Commissioner Wilson stated he appreciates Russ Fashner, Jim Cruse, and Brad Boehringer for coming out to help him spread mulch in his area. Commissioner Wilson also thanked all who participated in the City-wide Clean-up.

Mayor Fess stated the few negative citizens do not represent the majority of the positive citizens in Piqua. We all need to work together to make Piqua a great place to live and work. Mayor Fess stated she has heard very good positive comments from the neighboring communities. All the awards the City of Piqua has received shows that the city is working very hard thanks to City Manager Huff, and the residents.

Mayor fess also reminded citizens of the 20th Anniversary of the Taste of the Arts being held downtown on Friday, May 16, 2014 from 5:00-9:00 P.M., and encouraged everyone to mark their calendar to attend.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to adjourn from the Regular Commission Meeting at 8:08 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Vogt, and Fess. Nay, None.

LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION