

MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
Thursday, July 10, 2014
7:30 P.M.

Piqua City Commission met at 7:30 A.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 Martin Absent: Vogt and Terry.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Mayor Fess, to excuse Commissioners Terry and Vogt from the City Commission Work Session July 10, 2014. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Fess, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously to excuse Commissioners Vogt and Terry.

Piqua City Commission Work Session

Jim Gover, Vice-Chairman of the Piqua BikeFest Committee stated this will be a major community event held on September 19-20, 2014 in the Downtown area. This event stems from an historic photo that was taken 100 years ago on North Main Street in front of the current location of Piqua Granite. This will be the modern-day equivalent of that historic photo and event, a repeat of history that requires the attention to small and large details with aid and direction from city leaders stated Mr. Gover. A power point was presented outlining the progress the Committee has made on obtaining vendors, entertainment, insurance, security, trash removal, and a liquor permit application was applied for. Mr. Gover provided a map outlining the streets and areas they would like to have blocked off by the city. One of the concerns raised by the commission and department heads was the impending state response on the Liquor Permit, the fluctuating estimates on the attendance number, and the number of security personal that will be required for the crowd size.

Other concerns raised included: the location for the stage for entertainment; use of city water; inspections for the food vendors and the wastewater to be dumped; where the alcohol is to be sold ; how the alcohol will be controlled when out of the assigned area and on the public streets, the number of street closings, how be marked, where located and if signage be used to direct traffic around the city; Police and Fire concerned about being able to get through or around area in case of emergency; safety services would like maps of the area prior to event; locations of parking areas and how they will be marked; the use of city barricades; how much authority will the security have in reference to alcohol related issues; use of City electric for vendors; use of other city services; how will the refuse be contained and controlled; locations for the Port-A-pots; the approximate time the streets will be closed and for how long; the location for parking of the motorcycles for display, and for the photo shoot; logistics of the motorcycles getting around the community; notification of the downtown businesses and residents about the closing of the streets.

It was noted a wedding is scheduled on Saturday, September 20th at the St. James Episcopal Church with the reception following to be held at the Fort Piqua Plaza. This has been addressed by the BikeFest Committee and they will comply with the request of no music during the wedding ceremony (1 hour).

All questions were responded to by Jim Gover, Derek Smith, President of Iron Cowboy Productions, also a member of the Piqua BikeFest Committee, Tracy Gover, Secretary of the Piqua BikeFest Committee, and Russ Fashner, Treasurer of Piqua Bike Fest.

Entertainment scheduled to appear on stage is: Jasmine Cain, Tony Rio, Latter, and Higgins-Madewell. A vintage, custom, and modern bike show is also planned as part of the program. There are plans to recreate the historic 100-year old photo in the same location on North Main Street.

Derek Smith of Iron Cowboy Productions stated they want to make sure every potential need and/or problem is addressed. Ms. Gover stated "we share all of your concerns and will do everything we can to meet every expectation that you have."

Mr. Gover stated they are only selling 500 raffle tickets for the 2014 "FXSBSE Screamin' Eagle Breakout Motorcycle" with 314 tickets already sold so far. Ms. Gover stated local Attorney Frank Patrizio is working with the Committee on obtaining a not for profit 501C status for the Piqua BikeFest at this time.

City Manager Huff stated he would like to see the BikeFest Committee have an operational headquarters somewhere in the downtown area where incident reports or various other things that come up can be handled..

Mayor Fess commended the BikeFest Committee on doing a good job putting together the information they provided, and wished them great success.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Mayor Fess, to adjourn from the Piqua City Commission Work Session at 9:20 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Martin, and Fess. Nay, None.
Motion carried unanimously.

LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____

REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION