MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, May 3, 2016 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 Hinds called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Wilson, Vogt, Terry, and Martin. Absent: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAMATION- BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK

Mayor Hinds read a proclamation declaring May as Bike Month and the week of May 2 – 6 as Bike To Work and Bike To School Week, and presented it to a group of local bicycle enthusiasts. They included: Chris Schmiesing, Jim Hemmert, Jeff Lange, Artie Parker, Joe Hinds, Nick Alexander.

Larry Hamilton, came forward and thanked Mayor Hinds for the proclamation she sent to the Special Memorial Day Service on May 1, 2016 at the Greater Love Missionary Baptist Church.

Mr. Hamilton invited City officials to join him, and the Prod Organization, in a show of unity in the community in support of a travel log of destiny on May 14, 2016.

Jeff Lange, St. Rt.66, came forward and announced the next Annual River POW Cleanup will take place on July 16, 2016 and encouraged citizens to join in to help keep our waterways clean.

RESIDENCE PRIDE AWARDS

Jake & Pam Kennedy    1906 Carlyle Drive
Jim & Jessie Hess     707 Clark Avenue
Jim & Linda Blais     1223 Marwood Drive
Michael & Morgan Mohr  724 W. Greene Street
Lori Nicodemus        1062 North Street

Mayor Hinds read the list of Residence Pride Award winners while pictures of each home were shown. Mayor Hinds thanked all of the Residence Pride Award winners for taking pride in their homes and their neighborhood.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Move to Executive Session to consider the purchase or sale of property for public purposes

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:40 P.M. to consider the purchase or sale of property for public purposes. Roll call vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, Vogt, and Hinds. Nay, None.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, at 7:48 to adjourn from the Executive Session. Voice vote, Aye; Martin, Wilson, Terry, Vogt, and Hinds. Nay, None.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the May 3, 2016 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

RES. NO. R-58-16
A Resolution of Appreciation for the Public Service of Chris A. Werst as a City Employee
Mayor Hinds read the Resolution of Appreciation for Chris A. Werst and thanked him for his service to the City and the citizens of Piqua.


NEW BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 4-16 (2nd Reading)
An Ordinance amending Chapter 51 of the Piqua Municipal Code: Sewers

Stacy Wall, Law Director provided the Staff Report.

This is the second reading of Ordinance No. 4-16. A routine audit was conducted recently by the Ohio EPA and several changes were recommended. Ordinance No. 4-16 will amend the language in Chapter 51 of the Municipal Code in regards to wastewater. The changes are all on page four in Ordinance No. 4-16, and pertains to one definition in the entire chapter. But that change will make it consistent with what the State Law, specifically the Ohio Administrative Code requires, stated Ms. Wall.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 4-16.

Ordinance No. 4-16 was given a second reading.

ORD. NO. 5-16 (2nd Reading)
An Ordinance authorizing the submission of a proposed amendment to Piqua Charter Section 4

Stacy Wall, Law Director provided the Staff Report.

This is the second reading of Ordinance No. 5-16. This states what the City Commission would be able to go into Executive Session for and will be specifically defined by the Ohio Revised Code. New Sections include Sections H, I, and J. Section H: pertains to matters that are under security reasons, emergency response protocols, Section I: for reasons of Economic Development as defined by Ohio Revised Code, Section 121.22 (G) (8), and Section J: any other matters authorized by the Ohio Revised Code, Section 121.22 as it specifically applies to municipalities.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 5-16.

Ordinance No. 5-16 was given a second reading.

RES. NO. R-59-16
A Resolution awarding a contract to Speedway LLC for our City-wide fuel purchasing program for the years 7/1/16 – 6/30/19

Cynthia Holtzapple, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director provided the Staff Report.

Currently the City purchases fuel, gasoline and diesel from Speedway LLC, and have been doing so for the last 12 years. The current contract expires on June 30, 2016 and the current cost is $.08 over the wholesale cost, and equates to about $.06- $.07 less than what the general public pays at the pump. The new bid is only $.05 over the wholesale price, stated Ms. Holtzapple.

Bids were opened on March 23, 2016 with only two bids one from Speedway and one from
Hightower Petroleum. The Hightower’s locations are not feasible to use as they are mostly located South of Piqua in Vandalia and Eaton, with only one location in Piqua, the Clark Station on Sunset Drive. This location is not big enough for the city’s larger trucks to get in and out of. The City has been very happy with Speedway’s product quality and customer service over the years, and have two locations within the City, stated Ms. Holtzapple.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-59-16.


RES. NO. R 60-16
A Resolution awarding a contract to Wall Bros. Asphalt Co., Inc. for the 2016 Street Resurfacing Program

Amy Havenar, City Engineer provided the Staff Report.

Two bids were received for the 2016 Resurfacing Program, the project will consist of the necessary roadway base repairs and the overlaying of the roadway with a new asphalt surface. The project will also include the placement of all new pavement markings within the project limits. It is anticipated that the street resurfacing will begin mid-June, with all of the work to be completed by July 29, 2016, stated Ms. Havenar.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-60-16.

City Manager Huff noted that the City will also begin working on the alleys at this time.


RES. NO. R-61-16
A Resolution granting a utility easement to Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. for Parcel No. N44-001800

Amy Havenar, City Engineer provided the Staff Report

This resolution is the first of three Resolutions granting Vectren Energy a Right of Entry Agreement. As part of Vectren’s Bare Steel/Cast Iron Program in 2012 they requested access over a portion of the city’s property to install a new gas line. The City granted Vectren a Right of Entry for the purpose of completing this work. An official easement document was prepared by Vectren with the limits of the work identified and included in the easement. This easement is located in the public parking lot behind the Fort Piqua Plaza, stated Ms. Havenar.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-61-16.

RES. NO. R-62-16
A Resolution granting a utility easement to Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio for Parcel No. N44-250040 and N44-250039

Amy Havenar, City Engineer provided the Staff Report.

This resolution is the second of three Resolutions granting Vectren Energy a Right of Entry Agreement as part of Vectren’s Bare Steel/Cast Iron Program in 2012 they requested access over a portion of the city’s property to install a new gas line. The City granted Vectren a Right of Entry for the purpose of completing this work. An official easement document was prepared by Vectren with the limits of the work identified and included in the easement. This easement is located in the public parking lot behind the Hallmark Store on North Main Street, stated Ms. Havenar.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-62-16


RES. NO. R-63-16
A Resolution granting a utility easement to Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio for Parcel No. N44-250351

Amy Havenar, City Engineer provided the Staff Report.

This resolution is the third of three Resolutions granting Vectren Energy a Right of Entry Agreement. As part of Vectren’s Bare Steel/Cast Iron Program in 2012 they requested access over a portion of the city’s property to install a new gas line. The City granted Vectren a Right of Entry for the purpose of completing this work. An official easement document was prepared by Vectren with the limits of the work identified and included in the easement. This easement is located in the public parking lot between Wayne Street and Main Street adjacent to the bike path, stated Ms. Havenar.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-63-16.


RES. NO. R-64-16
A Resolution granting temporary and permanent Utility Easements to Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. for Parcel No. N44-250135

Amy Havenar, City Engineer, provided the Staff Report.

Vectren’s transmission modernization projects in 2016 will involve pipeline replacement on city-owned property. Vectren has requested to obtain both temporary and permanent easements from the City for the property located adjacent to the bike path on Sunset Drive. Vectren will be responsible for restoring the property back to its original condition after the work is completed, stated Ms. Havenar.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-64-16.

RES. NO. R-65-16
A resolution requesting authorization to purchase the real property located on Wood Street, part of Miami County current Tax Parcel No. N44-25000606, being owned by Transformed Life Church

Amy Havenar, City Engineer provided the Staff Report.

As part of the Garnsey Street/Commercial Street Corridor Neighborhood Connector Project, the City of Piqua and the Right of Way Consultant have been working with Pastor Brian Hamilton with Transformed Life Church, regarding the acquisition of an easement for the proposed multi-use path. The City needed to secure a piece of property from the Church and that piece would essentially create multiple other unusable pieces of property that would be of little benefit to the church. After discussions with the Church, it was decided that it would be in the best interest of the City to purchase the remaining pieces of property from the Church that were going to be affected in value by this project, stated Ms. Havenar.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-65-16.


RES. NO. R-66-16
A Resolution requesting authorization to acquire a permanent and temporary easement located on Wood Street, part of Miami County current Tax Parcel No. N44-250563 being owned by Transformed Life Church

Amy Havenar, City Engineer provided the Staff Report.

As part of the Garnsey Street/Commercial Street Corridor Neighborhood Connector Project, the City of Piqua and the Right of Way Consultant have been working with Pastor Brian Hamilton with Transformed Life Church, regarding the acquisition of both permanent and temporary easement for the project. The value of the property has been established and the property owners have agreed to the purchase price for the easements and are willing to execute the necessary documents for the purchase at this time.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-66-16.


RES. NO. R-67-16
A Resolution requesting authorization to acquire a permanent and temporary easement located on Wood Street, part of Miami County current Tax Parcel No. N44-250606 and N44-250564 being owned by Transformed Life Church

Amy Havenar, City Engineer provided the Staff Report.

This is the same as the previous Resolution but different parcels, stated Ms. Havenar.
As part of the Garnsey Street/Commercial Street Corridor Neighborhood Connector Project, the City of Piqua and the Right of Way Consultant have been working with Pastor Brian Hamilton with Transformed Life Church, regarding the acquisition of both permanent and temporary easements for the project.

The value of the property has been established and the property owners have agreed to the purchase price for the easements and are willing to execute the necessary documents for the purchase at this time.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-67-16.


**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak at this time.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

City Manager Huff stated six classes from the Washington Primary School toured the Municipal Government Complex, and held a Mock City Commission Meeting. The students are studying Local Government. There are a lot of potential future elected officials in these classes, stated City Manager Huff.

City Manager Huff thanked Development Program Director Nikki Reese. The city was recently Awarded two grants from the Piqua Community Foundation recently, $1750 for home repairs for the HELP Program, and $3158 for two AED that will be placed in the concession stand at Pitsenbarger Sports Complex.

City Manager Huff announced May 1-7 is National Drinking Water Week, National Public Service Recognition Week, and also Small Business Week. These are three things we are very appreciative of in our community.

City Manager Huff announced May 5th is National Day of Prayer Day. Piqua Association of Churches will hold a prayer vigil at 12:00 noon at the Fountain in front of the Municipal Government Complex.

Also, Saturday May 7th, is Community Clean Up Day and encouraged business, organizations, schools, families, and individuals to participate by picking up trash and debris throughout the Community. Contact the Piqua Health & Sanitation Department to register for your participation at 937-778-2060, stated City Manager Huff.

This week we are highlighting our Piqua Alert Program. This program provides email notifications on a variety of information from the City including emergency situations and preparedness, street maintenance, Police reports, Commission Agendas, and various other various items of interest, stated City Manager Huff.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENT**

Commissioner Wilson encouraged citizens to participate in the Community Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 7, 2016.

Commissioner Terry stated there is a Rain Date for Arbor Day, Thursday, May 5th. 10:00 A.M. at
Edison College. The children in the pre-school program will be on hand to help plant a tree.

Commissioner Terry also encouraged citizens to participate in the Community Clean Up Day, and encouraged them to clean up in their own neighborhoods.

Commissioner Wilson stated you can even adopt a “Catch Basin” in your area, to help keep the grass and debris from getting into the sewers.

Commissioner Vogt reminded citizens to not blow their grass clippings out into the street.

Commissioner Vogt asked if there is any kind of legislation they could enforce on this. Law Director Stacy Wall stated she was not aware of any, but would look into it.

Commissioner Vogt congratulated the Residence Pride Award winners on doing a great job on their properties, and wished Chris Werst the best in his retirement.

Mayor Hinds stated she has been receiving telephone calls, and received a letter concerning street/alley issues, property maintenance issues, and vacant houses. The City is in the process of hiring a Code Enforcement Officer to address some of the problems, and to stay on top of the issues in the future. Mayor Hinds further stated she appreciates the letter that she received and they will be looking into the houses that were mentioned.

Mayor Hinds gave a shout out to Brandon Saine for holding his 2nd Football Camp, there were over 125 kids who participated, and thanked him for the many ways he continues to give back to his hometown community.

Mayor Hinds congratulated the Piqua High School Men’s Chorus, and their Director Tom Westfall on winning the State Competition recently.

Mayor Hinds congratulated the Run Club at Piqua Central Intermediate School held their 5K Run to benefit the Cross Country Team, and thanked all the 6th grades students and teachers that were part of the run club.

Mayor Hinds stated it is Public Service Recognition Week and give thanks for to the good employees we have in the City of Piqua, we are very fortunate. Thank you for all you do.

Mayor Hinds announced it Melanoma Skin Cancer Awareness Month, and in conjunction with this Upper Valley Medical Center will be holding a free screening on May 12, 1:00- 4:00 P.M. Call 1-866-608-3463 to schedule a screening.

Mayor Hinds reminded citizens to read and follow her Blog, and announced a new program on WOTVC Channel 5 entitled Eye on the City.

Mayor Hinds stated she will be introducing “Walks with the Mayor”. The Mayor will be taking walks with various City Officials and Commissioners in different neighborhoods around the community. The first walk will take place in the Shawnee Neighborhood with Commissioner Martin, Public Works Doug Harter, Brian Brookhart, Storm Water Coordinator Devon Alexander. The first one will take place on Monday, May 16, from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. Mayor Hinds invited all residents of the Shawnee Neighborhood, and anyone else who would like to come to ask questions, and to walk through the neighborhood to be the eyes and ears as to what the needs are in the neighborhood.
Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Terry, to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 8:25 P.M. Roll call vote, Aye: Terry, Martin, Vogt, Wilson, and Hinds. Nay: None.

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KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

PASSED: ______________________

ATTEST: _______________________
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION