MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, June 21, 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

No one came forward at this time.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the June 21, 2016 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.


OLD BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 8-16 (3rd Reading)
An Ordinance authorizing the submission of a proposed amendment to the Piqua Charter Section 5 President of Commission, Mayor

Stacy Wall, Law Director provided the Staff Report.

At the request of the City Commission after the last election the City Commission held a Work Session to discuss the election of the Mayor. There was some confusion on voting for the Mayor, and a committee was set up to review the election process for the Mayor, Three options were than presented to the City Commission by the committee, and this option was chosen, stated Ms. Wall.

Public Comment

Bill Jaqua, Sunset Dr. came forward and voiced his opinion on the election process of the Mayor.

Mayor Hinds provided additional information on the election process and the reason for some of the confusion.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Ordinance No. 8-16 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Martin, Hinds, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORD. NO. 10-16 (2nd Reading)
An Ordinance repealing Sections 94.23, 94.24, and 94.26 of Chapter 94 and adopting new Sections 94.23, 94.24, and 94.26 of the Piqua Municipal Code

Stacy Wall, Law Director, provide the Staff Report.

This Ordinance is a rewrite of the code sections, and will amend certain code sections regarding the City Parks. There is a lot of outdated language in the code and changes are needed to bring
the code up to date. Ms. Wall outlined the changes and updates that will take place if Ordinance No.10-16 is adopted.

Ms. Wall stated at the last Commission Meeting she was asked to look into listing all of the park names, or if they could use some general language. After looking into this Ms. Wall stated she decided to leave the list as it was at this time and explained.

Commissioner Terry asked what geocaching was. Ms. Wall explained.

Public Comment

Benjamin Beck, Garfield Street, came forward and provided additional information on what geocaching is, and how it is done.

After discussion Ordinance No. 10-16 was given a second reading.

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R-80-16
A Resolution authorizing a contract to PST Services, Inc. a McKesson Company for the EMS Billing Services for the Fire Department

Brent Pohlschneider, Fire Chief provided the Staff Report.

RFP proposals were received on May 9, 2016 and were reviewed. Based on the review PST Services, Inc. a McKesson Company was chosen. The fee rate proposed would result in a 65% cost savings from the other proposed fee submitted. The experience, references, and qualifications of McKesson were far superior. In addition McKesson has the technical capabilities to receive protected health care information electronically from the Fire Department software and local hospitals.

The current contract expires on 11-30-2016, so the new contract would begin on 12-1-16 and last for five years, with the option to renew for two more years after that.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-80-16 at this time.


RES. NO. R 81-16
A Resolution recinding Resolution No. R-79-13 and enacting new preliminary consent legislation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for work on the MIA-36-11.34 bridge over the Great Miami River within the City of Piqua

Amy Havenar, City Engineer, provided the Staff Report.

On May 21, 2013 the City Commission passed Resolution No. R-79-13 to allow for the programming of the improvements to the MIA-36-11.34 bridge by ODOT. The project includes the overlaying of the bridge deck, reface/patch parapet, seal median joint, refurbish and reset abutment bearings, various structural steel repairs and various bridge items for the structure located on US Route 36 over the Great Miami River. The project will also include a separated multi-use path connecting the Great Miami River Recreational Trail to Centre Court/Scott Drive, stated Ms. Havenar.

During the design process, ODOT proposed to eliminate the exclusive east bound right turn lane
leading into Centre Court. After discussions ODOT was informed that removing the right turn lane was not acceptable to the City. Therefore, the construction of a retaining wall will be necessary to accommodate the new cross section through this area.

Due to the change in the project scope with the addition of a retaining wall on the south side of US RT 36, west of Centre Court, ODOT is requesting the City rescind the previous resolution (R-79-13) and approve the current resolution, stated Ms. Havenar.

City Manager Huff stated the City is experiencing a drainage problem in that area, and this will resolve the issue.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding removing the right turn lane, creating a bicycle lane, adding the retaining wall, the reason it is being done at this time, and how much is the cost going to be to the city. Commissioners voiced their various concerns over the ordinance.

Mr. Schmiesing, stated he has had conversations with the Manager of Miami Valley Centre Mall, and they have expressed interest in working with the city on establishing a connection to the mall for bicyclists. McDonalds has also made provisions to make their area bicycle friendly.

Commissioner Wilson stated he would like to table the current legislation, stating he would like to have the legislation rewritten. Law Director Stacy Wall provided additional information on the legislation being voted on at this time. Ms. Havenar stated the reasons for the current legislation, what the differences are, and what the changes would be if current legislation were to be adopted as stated.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-81-16.

After a lengthy discussion it was moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-81-16 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Hinds. Nay: Vogt, Wilson, Terry, and Martin. Motion carried 1-4. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-81-16 defeated on a 1-4 vote.

RES. NO. R-82-16

A Resolution authorizing an amendment to zoning map to change the zoning designation of a portion of parcel N44-100120 on Covington Avenue to B (General Business)

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner, provided the Staff Report.

This item was presented to the Planning Commission on June 14, 2016 in response to a petition request to change the zoning designation of a portion of the subject property location. Currently the subject property is zoned I-2 Heavy Industrial and is located adjacent to the property zoned B General Business. At the public hearing the Planning Commission heard from the property owners representative in support of the request. No one was present to speak against the item. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the B (General Business) zoning designation for this location, stated Mr. Schmiesing.

Joe Johnston, representative for the applicant, came forward and answered questions regarding the reason for the change in the zoning.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution R-82-16 at this time.

RES. NO. R-83-16
A Resolution authorizing an amendment to zoning map to change the zoning designation of parcels N44-073960, and N44-073980 on N. County Road 25-A to I-1 (Light Industrial)

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner, provided the Staff Report.

This item was also presented to the Planning Commission on June 14, 2016 in response to a petition request to change the zoning designation of a portion of the subject property location. Currently the subject property is zoned I-2 Heavy Industrial and is located adjacent to the property zoned I-1 (Light Industrial). A single end user occupies the subject parcels and the parcels to the west, and intends to replat all of the lots into one parcel. By amending the zoning to reflect a single zoning designation for the entire tract

At the public hearing the Planning Commission heard from the property owners representative in support of the request. No one was present to speak against the item. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the B (General Business) zoning designation for this location, stated Mr. Schmiesing.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-83-16.


RES. NO. R-84-16
A Resolution authorizing a replat to parcels N44-074030, N44-074020, N44-074010, N44-074000, N44-073990, N44-073960 and N44-073980 on N. County Rd. 25A

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner, provided the Staff Report.

This item was presented to the Planning Commission in response to a petition requesting a change to the zoning designation of the subject property. Currently the property is zoned I-2 Heavy Industrial and is located adjacent to a property zoned I-1 Light Industrial. A single end user occupies the subject parcels and the parcels to the west and intend to replat all of the lots into one parcel. Amending the zoning to reflect a single zoning designation for the entire tract will eliminate having a single parcel with two separate zoning designation that bisect the lot, stated Mr. Schmiesing.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on June 14, 2016. At the hearing the Commission heard from the property owners representative in support of this request. No one came forward to speak against this item. With reference to the City of Piqua Comprehensive Plan and the Development and Conservation Map and citing the characteristics of the surrounding land uses, the Planning Commission recommended approval of an I-1 Light Industrial zoning designation for this location, stated Mr. Schmiesing.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-84-16 at this time.

RES. NO. R-85-16
A Resolution authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with 292 Design Group for the Community Center Campus Feasibility Plan

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner, provided the Staff Report.

The City engaged citizens and community stakeholders in the preparation of the Historic East Piqua Master Plan document, which advances a vision for a Community Recreation Center near Wertz Stadium and Roosevelt Fieldhouse. Conversations with the Ohio National Guard, Miami County YMCA, Piqua City Schools, Edison Community College, and others, have identified interest in further exploring the viability of the opportunities envisioned by the Plan. The professional services necessary to complete a Feasibility Plan for the project will be funded equally by City of Piqua and the agencies identified, with each partner contributing $5900 toward the study, stated Mr. Schmiesing.

Commissioners asked several questions concerning the plan, and how it will be presented for review. All questions were answered.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-85-16 at this time.


RES. NO. R-86-16
A Resolution fixing the time place for a Public Hearing on the proposed City Tax Budget for Miami County for the calendar year 2017 and draft Appropriation Ordinance

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

Section 5705.18 of the Revised Code requires that the Commission adopt a tax budget for the next succeeding year before July 15. Charter Section 49 requires the submission of the draft of the appropriation ordinance based upon said budget. This Resolution is setting the Public Hearing at the next Commission Meeting of July 5, 2015 for the Public Hearing, stated Ms. Holtzapple.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-86-16 at this time.


RES. NO. 87-15
A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into the LPA Federal Local-Let Project Agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the Covington Avenue Resurfacing Project.

Amy Havenar, City Engineer, provided the Staff Report.

The City was notified in March of 2016 of the award for funding under the Surface Transportation Program (STP) through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission for the surfacing of Covington Avenue. The project limits are College Street to just east of Sunset Drive. The project is being programmed as a Local-Let project which means the project bidding and the construction inspection will be handled by the City of Piqua, rather than having to pay ODOT to complete the work. The project consists of pavement repairs to the existing base, milling and overlaying of the
roadway with a new asphalt surface, the adjustment of manholes and water valves, installation of ADA compliant handicap ramps, and the placement of new pavement markings within the project limits, stated Ms. Havenar.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-87-16 at this time.


**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bill Jaqua, Sunset Drive, came forward and voiced his concern over an incident involving a contract employee.

Mr. Jaqua provided a copy of the “Ethics is Everybody’s Business” issued by the Ohio Ethics Commission to all of the City Commissioners.

Mayor Hinds stated she understands Mr. Jaqua would like the city to look into the issue further.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

City Manager Huff introduced Aaron Morrison, new Code Compliance Coordinator who will be working on the issues the city has been dealing with.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENT**

Commissioner Terry stated she enjoyed the Rock Piqua Concert held on June 18th, at the Lock Nine Park.

Mayor Hinds stated on September 10, an Alzheimer’s Walk is scheduled, and she has challenged the City of Troy that the City of Piqua will have more walkers participating.

On June 11, Cindy Pearson held Pack the Path, and thanked her for all of her work in putting this walk together.

Mayor Hinds stated she attended the dedication of the new Treasure Island in Troy. This is wonderful to see economic development on the waterway, and with the plans the city has, is a huge win-win for both communities.

Mayor Hinds announced the next Walk with the Mayor will be held in the Third Ward with Commissioner Wilson, and will take place on Saturday, July 30th at 10:00 AM.

Music Warehouse is holding a Boot Camp the week of June 20th-24th and will be providing a free Concert on June 24th and encouraged all to attend.

Mayor Hinds reminded citizens to attend the Piqua 4th Fest being held at Fountain Park on July 4th from 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. A Bicycle parade is scheduled for all ages. Events will move downtown at Lock Nine Park beginning at 6:00P.M. with music by the Hired Guns, and the Coasters, ending with a spectacular fireworks display over the river.
Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 8:45 P.M. Voice vote, Aye:Terry, Martin, Vogt, Wilson, and Hinds. Nay: None.

______________________________  KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR
PASSED: ______________________
ATTEST: _______________________
    REBECCA J. COOL
    CLERK OF COMMISSION