MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, October 4, 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, and Martin. Absent: Terry.


ANNOUNCEMENTS
No one came forward at this time.

RESIDENCE PRIDE AWARDS:
Terry & Brenda Felts 1622 Broadway
James & Melody Shively 321 E. Greene Street
Mark & Shannon Gambill 531 W. Greene Street
Terry & Teresa Reynolds 1009 Park Avenue
Thomas Stahl 457 Staunton Street

Mayor Hinds thanked all of the Residence Pride Award winners for taking pride in their homes.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting of September 20 2016.


OLD BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 13-16 (3rd Reading)
An Ordinance amending Chapter 110 of the Piqua Municipal Code-Taxicabs

Law Director Stacy Wall provided the Staff Report.

This is the third reading of Ordinance No.13-16. The current ordinance needs to have updates to the language to reflect changes in the State Law that addresses companies like Uber and Lyft. The state is regulating brands like Uber separately from other taxicab companies, stated Ms. Wall. We did not have an incident, further explaining why the changes were being brought forward at this time. The current legislation that the city has is outdated. This ordinance updates definitions of what qualifies as a taxicab or transportation network company. A license will also be required to operate a taxicab or similar entity, and the city will issue the license. These changes are also being made to protect the residents, said Ms. Wall.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance 13-16 at this time.
Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Ordinance No. 13-16 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Hinds, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R-111-16
A Resolution requesting authorization to increase the initial purchase order amount for the City of Dayton for the purchase of quicklime

Water Plant Superintendent, Don Freisthler provided the Staff Report.

The City of Dayton has a surplus of lime this year and is offering more loads than originally anticipated. The Commission previously passed Resolution No. R-167-15 authorizing the Water Department to purchase lime from the Dayton for up to $50,000. Currently the City of Piqua has exceeded that amount by $724 and would like to increase that amount by $17,000 to continue getting shipments of lime and cover the overage of the original purchase order, stated Mr. Freisthler.

Public Comment
No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-112-16 at this time.


RES. NO. 112-16
An Emergency Resolution to award a contract to Chicago Bridge and Iron Company (CB & I) for the new Central Water Tower project

Water Plant Superintendent, Don Freisthler provided the Staff Report.

The New Central Water Tower Project will allow for the construction of a new one million gallon water tower located at 316 Fox Drive. This project also includes the demolition of the water towers on Spring, and South Main Streets. Four bids were received and CB & I was the low bidder, a 13% contingency is also included for the project bringing the amount to $3,300,000. Resolution No. R-100-16 was passed awarding preliminary consent to award the contract to CB & I pending loan approvals, stated Mr. Freisthler. On September 29, 2016 the City was approved for a loan from Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA). This is an emergency Resolution due to the construction timelines and the possibility of losing current bids for the project. A 30 day extension to the hold the current bid has already been granted, explained Mr. Freisthler.

Commissioners asked several questions, which were answered by Mr. Friesthler.

Law Director Stacy Wall stated the next four resolutions are also emergency resolutions.

Public Comment
No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution R-112-16 at this time.


RES. NO. R-113-16
An Emergency Resolution to award a contract to GM Pipeline, Inc. for the Drake Road Water Main extension as part of the new Central Water Tower Project
Water Plant Superintendent, Don Freisthler provided the Staff Report.

The Drake Road Water Main Extension is part of the New Central Water Tower Project and allows for the installation of a 12” water main along Drake Road and through an easement on the property of Paul Sherry. This main will tie the new water tower into the current distribution system, stated Mr. Freisthler. Nine bids were received and GM Pipeline, Inc. was the low bidder at $642,464.50 with a 13% contingency for a total of $726,000. The City Commission approved Resolution No. R-101-16 awarding preliminary consent to award the contract to GM Pipeline, Inc. pending loan approval, and on September 29, 2016 the City was approved for a loan from the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA). This is an emergency Resolution due to construction timelines and the possibility of losing current bids for the project. A 30 day extension has already been granted to hold the current bid, stated Mr. Freisthler.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution R-113-16 at this time.


RES. NO. R-114-16
An Emergency Resolution to award a contract to Strand Associates, Inc. for the construction administration and resident project representation for the new Central Water Tower project

Water Plant Superintendent, Don Freisthler provided the Staff Report.

In June of 2013, Strand Associates, Inc. was contracted by the City of Piqua to engineer and design a new water tower for the City of Piqua Central Zone. Along with the tower, a water main extension was needed to connect the tower to the existing water distribution system. In July of 2016 the plans for the new tower and water main project were finalized and approved by the Ohio EPA. In July of 2016 bids were received for the construction of the New Central Water Tower Project, and Chicago Bridge and Iron was awarded the contract. This Resolution will allow Strand Associates, Inc. to oversee all aspects of the construction and ensure that it follows the plans as designed. The contract includes a 15% contingency which brings the total to a total of $178,000. The City Commission passed Ordinance No. R-103-16 in August of 2016 awarding a preliminary consent to award the contract to Strand Associates pending loan approval. On September 29, 2016 the city was approved for a loan from Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA). This is an emergency Resolution due to construction timelines and the possibility of losing current bids for the project. A 30 day extension has already been granted to hold the current bid, stated Mr. Freisthler.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution R-114-16 at this time.


RES. NO. R-115-16
An Emergency Resolution to award a contract to Strand Associates, Inc. for the construction administration and resident project representation for the Drake Road water main extension as part of the new Central Water Tower project

Water Plant Superintendent, Don Freisthler provided the Staff Report.

In June of 2013, Strand Associates, Inc. was contracted by the City of Piqua to engineer and
design a new water tower for the City of Piqua Central Zone. Along with the tower, a water main extension was needed to connect the tower to the existing water distribution system. In July of 2016 the plans for the new tower and water main project were finalized and approved by the Ohio EPA. In July of 2016 bids were received for the construction of the New Central Water Tower Project, and Chicago Bridge and Iron was awarded the contract. This Resolution will allow Strand Associates, Inc. to oversee all aspects of the construction and ensure that it follows the plans as designed. The contract includes a 10% contingency which brings the total to a total of $82,000. The City Commission passed Ordinance No. R-102-16 in August of 2016 awarding a preliminary consent to award the contract to Strand Associates pending loan approval. On September 29, 2016 the city was approved for a loan from Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA). This is an emergency Resolution due to construction timelines and the possibility of losing current bids for the project. A 30 day extension has already been granted to hold the current bid, stated Mr. Freisthler.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution R-115-16 at this time.


RES. NO. R-116-16
A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement to permit the usage of Fountain Park, including use of Hance Pavilion and the Dining Hall to Mainstreet Piqua and the Piqua Arts Council

Mainstreet Piqua Executive Director, Lorna Swisher provided the Staff Report. Jordan Knepper, Executive Director of the Piqua Arts Council also provided additional information regarding the request to use the City facilities.

The final Rock Piqua Riverfront Concert was cancelled due to severe weather on August 20, 2016. The organizers of the concert series would like to reschedule the concert for October 22, 2016 at Hance Pavilion. They are requesting permission to use the venue and to sell beer and wine at the event. They are promoting the event as Rock Piqua Tailgate Party and along with two different live musical performers, and they plan to have a large screen with the Ohio State vs Penn State game being shown. They plan to start the music at 6:00 P.M. and end at 10:00 P.M. A snow fence will be erected around Hance Pavilion which will be the designated area for alcohol and would also include food trucks, pop sales, etc. Additionally they are requesting the use of the dining hall (if available) as a Green Room for the bands and select volunteers.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding the sale of alcohol and being able to control the area, the type of music. All questions were answered.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution R-116-16 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to amend Resolution No. R-116-16, under Section 1, the second line, to correct a misprint of the date from October 20, 2016 to October 22, 2016. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Vogt, and Hinds. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. NO. R-117-16
A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to contract with the Miami County Public Defender Commission

Law Director Stacy Wall provided the Staff Report.

Each year the City of Piqua contracts with the Miami County Public Defender Commission to provide legal services to indigents charged with loss-of-liberty offenses under the Piqua Code. There have been no changes or any increase in the cost from last year. The contract begins January 1, 2017 thru December 31, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution R-117-16 at this time.


PUBLIC COMMENT

Nick Alexander, S. Roosevelt, came forward and voiced his concern over his recent City of Piqua Utility bill and the shut-off dates.

Ruth Koon, Park Avenue, came forward and voiced her opinion on the city’s approval of a contract for a consultant to redesign Lock 9 Park and the Riverfront. Mrs. Koon is al president of the Friends of the Piqua Parks, and suggested purchasing a portable stage like the City of Troy has instead of building an amphitheater.

Jordan Knepper, Executive Director Piqua Arts Council came forward and announced the Professional Workshop on Oil Painting to be held October 4-7, 2016, at 509 N. Main Street.

Lorna Swisher, Executive Director Mainstreet Piqua, announced the Groovy Gourd Ride will take place on Saturday October 8, 2016 and will begin at the Municipal Government Complex at 8:00A.M. and encouraged citizens to participate.

Ms. Swisher also announced the Annual Chocolate Walk will take place on Friday October 7th, 2016 in Downtown Piqua.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Law Director Stacy Wall announced September is National Preparedness Month.

Law Director Stacy Wall stated they City is still working on information regarding Medical Marijuana and is waiting to see what the State does before taking any local action.

Assistant City Manager Justin Sommer announced the City of Piqua, Grow Piqua Now, and Mainstreet Piqua, hosted the Business Walk on Tuesday, October 4 th in downtown visiting over forty businesses and getting their input. Mr. Sommer thanked all of the business for taking time to visit with them and providing their input, also thanked Lorna Swisher for organizing and putting together the Business Walk.

Mr. Sommer also announced Friday, October 7, is Manufacturing Day, and several of the manufacturing businesses in the City would be participating. Also stated there are a lot of signs around town advertising for help in the manufacturing business if anyone is interested in a job.
Mr. Sommer stated the City of Piqua is putting together a Parks Master Plan, and the Historic East Piqua Campus and has held several public meetings asking for public input on both of these projects. Further stating the City appreciates the valuable input received from the citizens on both of these projects.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENT

Mayor Hinds stated she attended several Ribbon Cuttings for new or remodeled businesses recently in the City of Piqua and congratulated them.

Mayor Hinds stated the last Walk with the Mayor was held recently in the 5th Ward, and that she plans to start the walks again in the Spring. Mayor Hinds thanked all who participated in all of the Walks with the Mayor.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 8:15 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Wilson, and Hinds. Nay: None.

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KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

PASSED: ______________________
ATTEST: _______________________
    REBECCA J. COOL
    CLERK OF COMMISSION