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 Terry, Wilson, Vogt, and Martin. Absent: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Renewal of application for placement of farmland in an agricultural district for the following parcels:
- Steven H & Brenda K. Allenbaugh – Parcel’s: N44-100640 & N44-100740
- Louise Cromes – Parcel’s: N44-076845, N44-077116, N44-077120, N44-099300
- James A. Hiegel – Parcel – N44-095820

City Manager Huff stated the commission is setting a Public Hearing for the March 21, 2017 Piqua City Commission Meeting.

**Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes from the February 21, 2017 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting


**OLD BUSINESS**

**RES. NO. 42-17 (Tabled 2-21-2017) Amended**

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to John Deere Company for the purchase of lawn mowers for the Public Works Department-Streets and Parks


Doug Harter, Public Works Director provided the Staff Report.

The current mowers are 2014 John Deere Z930M EFI with anywhere between 421-92 hours on them. The warranties were three years on these machines. The city is using the State Bid contract to purchase the mowers as this satisfies the formal bidding requirements, stated Mr. Harter. There will be a total of 8 new mowers purchased, 4 in each department with the cost per mower being $8,870.41. The city will sell all of the 2015 mowers on GovDeals.com and believe the resale value could bring more than $5000 per mower.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution 42-17 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. 42-17 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Martin, Vogt, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. 42-17 adopted.
NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R- 45-17

A Resolution awarding a contract for the purchase of transformers for the Power System

Ed Krieger, Power Systems Director provided the Staff Report.

The Power System solicited bids to replenish the transformer inventory and bids were received from five vendors on January 11, 2017. The bids were evaluated and Ermco was the lowest and best bidder for the forty-one transformers for a not to exceed price of $71,881. The Piqua Energy Board unanimously recommended the City Commission approve this purchase at the January 24, 2017 meeting, stated Mr. Krieger.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-45-17


RES. NO. R-46-17

A Resolution authorizing the Power System Director or his designee to represent the City of Piqua, Ohio as a member of the Board of Trustee of American Municipal Power, Inc.

Ed Krieger, Power Systems Director, provided the Staff Report.

AMP is owned and governed by its member communities. AMP’s affairs are managed by a Board of Trustee composed of twenty-one (21) voting members elected or otherwise approved by the members. Piqua was re-elected to serve as the Western AMP Service Group’s (WASG) representative at this past fall’s AMP Annual Conference. Piqua’s seas on the AMP Board of Trustees will be up for re-election in 2019, stated Mr. Krieger.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-46-17.


RES. NO. R-47-17

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Baker Vehicle Systems. Inc. for the purchase of a large area rotary mower for the Water Department

Bob Jennings, Assistant Water Superintendent, provided the Staff Report.

The large area rotary mower is needed for the care of the new water plant acreage and they will have over 20 acres of green space to mow.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding the purchase of the mower and Mr. Jennings provided the answers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-47-17 at this time.

RES. NO. R-48-17
A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. for the Engineering Design Services for the Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) System at the Piqua Municipal Airport – Hartzell Field

Amy Havenar, City Engineer, provided the Staff Report.

The City received funding for the installation of a Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) System at the Piqua Airport – Hartzell Field. Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. will complete the surveying, design, construction documents and bidding phase services for the project. The City was awarded up to a maximum cost of $280,285. Which is 95% of the total construction cost, and the City must provide 5% of the construction costs which is anticipated to be approximately $14,750.00. The City is responsible for paying 100% of the design costs with local funds, stated Ms. Havenar.

Ms. Havenar provided a handout of the slides she was presenting. The grant only provides funding for the construction of the project not the design services, state Ms. Havenar.

Steve Potoczak, Project Manager, Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. came forwarded and provided additional information on the slides that were presented. Commissioners asked several questions. Mr. Potoczak and Ms. Havenar answered all questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. 48-17 at this time.


RES. NO. 49-17
A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Bob Ross Auto Group, Inc. for the purchase of a Truck for the Wastewater Department

City Manager Huff stated he would like to have Resolution R-49-17 tabled at this time. It may be possible to purchase this truck at less than state contract cost and they will go out for public bid on it, and hope to get it under state bid price.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-49-17 at this time.


RES. NO. R-50-17
An Emergency Resolution rescinding Resolution No. R-43-17 regarding authorizing a purchase order to Lebanon Ford for the purchase of two Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles and two Ford Police Interceptor Sedans

Police Chief Jamieson provided a brief explanation on the reason for rescinding Resolution No. R-50-17 at this time.
PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Sherry, Paul Sherry Chrysler Dodge Jeep Dealership, came forward and voiced his concern about not being able to bid on these types of vehicles and asked how he could get on the bid list.

City Manager Huff and Chief Jamison both provided additional information on the bidding process and the reason for purchasing that particular vehicle.


RES. NO. R-51-17
A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Lebanon Ford for the purchase of two Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles and two Ford Police Sedans

Police Chief Jamison provided the Staff Report.

The Police Department started a strategic fleet replacement plan and the addition of these four units will continue this planned program.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding the type of vehicles and the make and models.

Chief Jamison answered all questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-51-17 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-51-17 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Wilson, Terry, and Hinds. Nay: Vogt and Martin, Motion carried on a 3-2 vote. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-51-17 adopted.

RES. NO. R-52-17
A Resolution awarding a contract to Tree Care Inc. for the removal, pruning and emergency tree removal

Bob Graeser, Project Manager, Urban Forester provided the Staff Report.

This resolution awards the bid for the removal of trees, which include Ash Trees, Hazard Trees, and other species within the City right of way and parks throughout the city that need to be removed. This also includes annual tree trimming for street trees as well as Emergency tree removal in the event of catastrophic high wind event.

Commissioners asked several questions, Mr. Graeser answered all questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-52-17 at this time.


PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.
City Manager’s Report

City Manager Huff stated citizens may be receiving telephone calls from solicitors stating they are selling DP & L Power. City Manager Huff asked Power Systems Director Ed Krieger to provide additional information on this issue. Mr. Krieger showed various charts explaining the power distribution within the city.

City Manager Huff also provided information on new legislation being proposed. Senate Bill 231 that allows small cell towers to be located anywhere in the communities they would like to be. The City is not against this, but would like them to comply with our standards. The City has joined in with other cities across the state to get an injunction to stop this at this time.

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Martin stated citizens should check the City Web Site when looking for employment, there is section under “Doing Business in Piqua”, down at the bottom under Ohio Means Jobs, there is a list of local opportunities for employment.

Commissioner Terry announced May 6th is the City Wide Cleanup, which will be held in the morning.

Commissioner Terry stated she will be vacating the 4th Ward Commission seat this year. Check the City Web Site under Charter and it will provide information on how to apply for the Commission Seat. Also if anyone has any questions Commissioner Terry stated she would be happy to help them.

Mayor Hinds announced there will be a Commission Workshop with the City Commission and the Law Director sometime in the future to provide information to answer questions and how to apply for a Commission Seat.

Mayor Hinds stated there were over 100 people in attendance at the “This is Piqua” Workshop held on March 6, 2017 at the Ft. Piqua Plaza. City Manager Huff and Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director Justin Sommer shared the vision for the city. This is also available on the City Twitter Page.

Mayor Hinds also announced several other upcoming “This Is Piqua” events, one is Small Business 101, being held on March 28, in April a Small Business Loan Meeting, and in May a Text Snap Chat get connected with Social Media meeting, in the fall another meeting will be held by the PPP Positively Promoting Piqua Group.

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday March 11th, 7:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. at the Upper Valley Career Center.

Mayor Hinds stated she judged the “Shark Tank” program at the Piqua Central Intermediate School Further stating it is fun to see the future entrepreneurs in action and where their minds are going.

Mayor Hinds attended the Black History Program at Edison Community College.

Mayor Hinds presented a proclamation at the Riverside Development Center for Developmental Disabilities Month along with Troy Mayor Mike Bemish.

Thursday, March 8, 2017 Edison Community College is holding an Open House for “Edison Works”, from 4:30 to 6:30, this is a place for businesses to come in and interview students.

The Run Club has started again at Piqua Central Intermediate School again and you will be seeing students out running in the area on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

This is the 4th year for the Beer Run sponsored by Can’t Stop Running on March 17, 2017 last year
there were about 700-800 people in attendance. Come down and enjoy the event.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt to adjourn into Executive Session to consider pending or imminent litigation at 8:25 P.M. Roll call vote, Aye: Terry, Hinds, Martin, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay, None.


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KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

PASSED: ______________________

ATTEST: _______________________
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION