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

Karen McNeil, volunteer came forward and provided a brief presentation on the number of hours, the various services the volunteers provided to the City of Piqua. Ms. McNeil provided a handout with the number of workers, hours worked, and the amount money spent by the volunteers.

Ms. McNeil thanked all of the volunteers, City employees, and Brian Brookhart for all of their help and support.

Mayor Hinds thanked Ms. McNeil for her help, and all of the volunteers for helping make Piqua better place to live and work.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes
Approval of the minutes from the April 4, 2017 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting

RES. NO. R 70-17
A Resolution reappointing a member to the Golf Advisory Board


NEW BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 4-17
An Ordinance amending Chapter 154 Zoning of the Piqua Codified Ordinances and creating Section 154.029 Prohibited Use

Justin Sommer, Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director provided the Staff Report.

Mr. Sommer provided a brief overview of the reason to add the new Section 154.029 Prohibited Use to the City of Piqua Code Book. The City is taking a proactive step to maintain local control, but the city is at the mercy in terms of the state. Mr. Sommer stated the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals both held public meetings and no one came forward to speak for or against the medical facilities.

City Manager Huff added that there are concerns expressed by other municipalities that the Stat will change the rules again and that municipalities will be stuck and not have an option on limiting or restricting medical marijuana facilities.

Law Director Stacy Wall stated the zoning amendment would only restrict medical marijuana facilities from locating in the City of Piqua

Commissioners asked various questions concerning the medical marijuana facilities, and the effect they have on the community. They also voiced concern over what the State may do in the future, and how the rules could be changed.
Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry to give Ordinance No. 4-17 a first reading. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Terry, Vogt, Wilson, and Hinds. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. NO. R-71-17
A Resolution retaining the services of the Auditor of State for the 2016 Annual Audit of the City of Piqua

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

Annually the City of Piqua undergoes an audit of the financial statements. The State will be conducting the audit beginning some and it should be completed before June 30, 2017 at a cost not to exceed $39,975.00.

Public Comment
No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-65-17


RES. NO. R-72-17
A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign the Program Year (PY) 2017 CHIP Program Partnership Agreement by and between the Miami County Board of Commissioners, City of Tipp City, City of Troy, and City of Piqua for the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program

Nikki Reese, Development Program Manager provided the Staff Report.

The City of Piqua intends to partner with the Miami County Board of Commissioner, City of Tipp City, and the City of Troy to apply to the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) for funding under the Program Year (PY) 2017 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program. The combined group is eligible for $1,120,000 of CHIP Program funding provided they meet applicable program requirements. The City conducted the first Public Hearing on February 2, 2017 to inform citizens about the CBDG/HOME Program, explaining how the funds are used and what activities are eligible, a joint 2nd Public Hearing was held on April 6, 2017 on the CHIP application.

The total CHIP budget for the City of Piqua is $576,500 for the 2017-2019. The CHIP application is due May, 2017 and the city will be notified in September 2017 if the application is funded, stated Ms. Reese.

Public Comment
No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-72-17.


RES. NO. R-73-17
A Resolution requesting the authorization to enter into an agreement with O.R. Colan Associates, LLC for the right of way acquisition services for the Garbry Road/Looney Road Intersection Improvements project

Amy Havenar, City Engineer provided the Staff Report.

In December of 2015 the City entered into an agreement with EMH&T to begin the design of the Garbry Road/Looney Road Intersection Improvement Project. The city is at the point in the design
of the project that there is a need to proceed with the right of way acquisition. There are six properties that still need to be acquired.

The project is utilizing federal money and the selected consultants must be on ODOT’s prequalified list, O.R. Colan Associates LLC is on the list.

There was discussion regarding the size of the roundabouts, and how truck traffic can flow through more efficiently.

City Manager Huff also provided additional information.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-73-17.


**RES. NO. R-74-17**

A Resolution awarding a contract to Grissom Construction, LLC for the Sidewalk ADA Compliance Program

Amy Havenar, City Engineer provided the Staff Report

Two bids were received on April 4, 2017 for the Sidewalk ADA Compliance Program. The work will consist of the installation of 74 ADA compliant handicap ramps at intersections along the streets to be resurfaced as part of the 2017 Street Resurfacing Program.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-74-17.


**RES. NO. R-75-17**

A Resolution authorizing the purchase of 430 Staunton Street, Parcel No. N44-250260

Stacy Wall, Law Director, provided the Staff Report.

This is the former site of Staunton Street School and is owned the Piqua Board of Education.

The City of Piqua will purchase the 3.64 acres known as 430 Staunton Street for $71,715.00 in as is condition.

The Piqua Planning Commission approved a Special Use for a Solar –generating field at this location on March 14, 2017 by Resolution PC 07-17, and the City Commission approved the rezoning of the property from R-1 Residential to I-1 Light Industrial on April 4, 2017 by Resolution No. R-67-17.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-75-17.

RES. NO. R-76-17
A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Walt Sweeney Ford, Inc. for the purchase of a pick-up truck for the Underground Utilities Department

Shane Johnson, Underground Utilities Superintendent, provided the Staff Report.

As part of the ten-year capital improvement plan, the Underground Utilities Department is purchasing a pick-up truck from Walt Sweeney Ford, Inc. This unit was in the 2017 Water Capital Budget. The pick-up truck will be used on a daily basis, and will become a vital asset to the Underground Utilities fleet, stated Mr. Johnson.

The Commissioners asked several questions, and Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, moved to table Resolution No R-76 at this time to revisit the bids. Voice vote, Aye, Martin Terry, Hinds, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Resolution No. R-76-17 was tabled.

RES. NO. R-77-17
A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Sherry Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep & Ram for the purchase of a truck for the Wastewater Department

Chris Melvin, Wastewater Treatment Superintendent, provided the Staff Report.

The Wastewater Treatment Department would like to purchase a truck with a work utility bed as a replacement vehicle for the current S-1 2001 Chevy truck that has over 89,000 miles on it. The current bid is $600 less that the budgeted price, state Mr. Melvin.


PUBLIC COMMENT
No one came forward to speak at this time.

City Manager’s Report
City Manager Huff announced the Power System was recognized by the American Public Power Association for Certificate of Excellence in Reliability.

City Manager Huff also announced two retirements, Jim Stein, Firefighter will be retiring after 25 years of service, and Water Treatment Operator John Hanselman will be retiring after 28 years of service.

City Manager stated the Arbor Day Celebration will take place on April 28, 2017.

City Manager Huff expressed his appreciation to the City Commission for allowing him to remain in Piqua. Further stating he is happy to be here, and will continue to help Piqua make great strides in the future.

Commissioners Comments
Commissioner Vogt voiced his concerns over grass clipping being blown out in the curbs and street, and asked citizens and lawn mowing companies to blow it back into the yards.

Commissioner Martin stated he agrees with Commissioner Vogt concerns on the clippings being blown out into the curbs and streets.
Mayor Hinds stated this is part of having Public Pride in your property.

Karen McNeil, Short Drive came forward and stated she believes educating citizens on the effects of the grass clipping in our sewer systems may help.

Commissioner Martin asked if someone would explain the side effects of the grass in the sewers. City Manager Huff provided the information.

Commissioner Wilson inquired about the painting of the Ash Street Bridge, City Manager Huff provided information on the painting project.

Commissioner Wilson asked if it would be possible to put a fence around the dog park.

Commissioner Terry thanked Karen McNeil for her presentation on the volunteers in the community.

Mayor Hinds stated Joe Lauber is back at WPTW, and she will be meeting with him on Thursdays.

Mayor Hinds announced she will be holding her first Walk with the Mayor on May 15, 201 in the First Ward with Commissioner Martin, and asked citizens to meet at Mote Park at 5:30 to begin the walk through the First Ward.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Commission Meeting at 8:29 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Wilson, Terry, and Hinds. Nay, None.

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KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

PASSED: ______________________

ATTEST: _______________________
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION