

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, September 19, 2017
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. Acting Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Terry, Martin and Vogt. Mayor Hinds was absent. Commissioner Vogt moved to excuse Mayor Hinds from the meeting and Commissioner Martin seconded that motion; motion carried unanimously. Acting Mayor Wilson declared Mayor Hinds excused from the September 19, 2017 City Commission meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don Smith, W. Greene Street came forward and provided information regarding the Piqua Caldwell Historic District, and handed out a map of the area. A committee has been formed to showcase the historic homes in the neighborhood, and bring significant recognition of the Piqua history in that area. A Tour of the Historic Homes will be offered on December 9, 2017, and tickets will go on sale mid-October. The Piqua-Caldwell Historic District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places in Miami County, stated Mr. Smith. Areas included in the District are: North Main Street, Wayne Street, Downing Street, Caldwell Street, and West Ash Street to Camp Street. The committee is working on raising funds to have signs posted outside a number of the historic homes that include the name of the original owner of the home, and the date the home was built.

In addition the group has been speaking with Nikki Reese, Development Program Manager about the possibility of becoming a Neighborhood Association, and be involved with all of the other Neighborhood Associations.

Commissioner Vogt stated on the Northwest corner of Boone and Caldwell there is a tree that needs to be recognized as it is very old and unusual.

Jim Burkhardt, Westview Drive came forward and thanked the City Commission for approving the use of Lock 9 Park for the "Down the River Down a Beer, beer tasting in August. There were about 120 in attendance, with over 80 volunteers. A fun time was had by all.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the September 5, 2017 Regular City Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Martin moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda; motion seconded by Commissioner Vogt; motion was carried unanimously and Acting Mayor Wilson declared the Consent Agenda approved.

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R-120-17

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TAX RATES FOR THE CITY AS DETERMINED BY THE MIAMI COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION

Gary Huff, City Manager stated every year at this time the Finance Department requests the approval of the certified tax rates which will be used to levy property tax on all general duplicates for 2017 to be collected in 2018 year. These certified rates require the approval of the City Commission and a certification is required to be sent to Miami County before October 1, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-120-17.

Motion made by Commissioner Terry; seconded by Commissioner Vogt; motion carried unanimously. Voice vote: Aye: Terry, Martin, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay: None. Acting Mayor Wilson declared Resolution No. R-120-17 adopted.

RES. NO. R-121-17

A RESOLUTION TO DEDICATE A PORTION OF COVINGTON AVENUE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner provided the Staff Report.

Mr. Schmiesing showed a map of the proposed improvements to the Covington Avenue property. The applicant desires to replat multiple lots into one parcel to ready the property for redevelopment. The Speedway Company would like to build a new Café. A portion of the property being replatted includes a roadway easement occupied by existing street improvements. It is routine for those area defined as an easement for public transportation system interests to be dedicated as public right of way when a property is replatted. This eliminates any private property ownership interest in the area being utilized solely for public purposes.

The Piqua Planning Commission conducted a public hearing to consider this request. No one was present at the public meeting to speak for or against the item and the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the request.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-121-17.

Motion made by Commissioner Martin; seconded by Commissioner Vogt; motion was carried unanimously. Voice vote: Aye: Martin, Terry, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Acting Mayor Wilson declared Resolution No. R-121-17 adopted.

RES. NO. R-122-17

A RESOLUTION TO DEDICATE A PORTION OF STAUNTON STREET PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

Ed Krieger Power Systems Director provided the Staff Report.

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The Piqua Planning Commission conducted a public hearing to consider this request. Power Systems Director Ed Krieger was present at the public hearing to speak for the item. No one was present at the public meeting to speak against the item and the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the request.

Mr. Krieger thanked City Planner Chris Schmiesing and Law Director Stacy Wall for all of the work they put in on putting this together.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-122-17.

Motion made by Commissioner Terry; seconded by Commissioner Martin; motion was carried unanimously. Voice vote: Aye: Vogt, Terry, Wilson, and Martin. Nay: None. Acting Mayor Wilson declared Resolution No. R-122-17 adopted.

RES. NO. R-123-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF PART OF INLOT 7829 TO R-3 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL)

Chris Schmiesing City Planner provided the Staff Report.

The applicant has petitioned to change the zoning of the subject property to facilitate the planned development of the property. The subject area will be consolidated with the lot currently occupied by the Upper Valley Community Church to allow for improvements that will support the continued growth of the church. The church plans to replat their newly acquired property to connect with their existing property in order to "facilitate the expansion of their facilities." The church's parking lot is also being expanded with the replat. A Review of the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code, and the testimony provided at a public hearing concerning this matter, has resulted in the Planning Commission finding that the request is consistent with adopted community land use policy and plans, stated Mr. Schmiesing.

Commissioner Terry asked what types of uses are included under the multi-family use zoning designation. Mr. Schmiesing stated the uses included in the multi-family designation are schools, parks, places of worship and other special uses.

Vice Mayor Wilson asked if the church would need to construct some type of barrier around the property. Mr. Schmiesing stated they already have landscaping in place that provides screening, and they are very sensitive to being neighborly.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-123-17.

Motion made by Commissioner Vogt; seconded by Commissioner Martin; motion was carried unanimously. Voice vote: Aye: Martin, Vogt, Terry, and Wilson. Nay: None. Acting Mayor Wilson declared Resolution No. R-123-17 adopted.

RES. NO. R-124-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION 411 WOOD STREET TO B (GENERAL BUSINESS)

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner provided the Staff Report.

The applicant petitioned to change the zoning of the property located at 411 Wood Street to make the property more marketable. The existing structure is the former Piqua Poultry and is currently vacant. After review of the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code, and the testimony provided at the public hearing the Planning Commission stated the request is consistent with the adopted community land use policy and plans. Mr. Schmiesing showed a map of the proposed property area.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-124-17.

Motion made by Commissioner Terry; seconded by Commissioner Martin; motion was carried unanimously. Voice vote: Aye: Terry, Wilson, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Acting Mayor Wilson declared Resolution No. R-124-17 adopted.

RES. NO. R-125-17

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION FOR CENSENT TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH MILCON CONCRETE INCORPORATED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHAWNEE NEIGHBORHOOD STORM SEWER PHASE 1

Sky Schelle, Water Quality Coordinator provided the Staff Report.

On August 15, 2017 the Commission passed Resolution No. R-115-17 authorizing the City to award a contract to Milcon Concrete Incorporated to construct the Shawnee Neighborhood Storm Sewer Phase 1 project. Milcon notified the city to a possible conflict with water mains with the project right of way. After further investigation it showed a 6 inch water main on Cleveland Street and a 1 inch water main on Second Street that will have to be moved before construction can begin on the sewer along Second Street. The cost for the change order for the water line relocation will be \$27,112.75. Milcon is expected to begin mobilizing at the location soon, and moving the water line is not expected to substantially alter the project schedule.

Commissioner Martin asked why the change order was not bid out. Law Director Stacy Wall explained, and Sky provided additional information.

Commissioner Terry stated she knows the people in Shawnee will be glad to see this completed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-125-17.

Motion made by Commissioner Martin; seconded by Commissioner Vogt; motion was carried unanimously. Roll call vote: Aye: Martin, Vogt, Terry and Wilson. Nay: None. Acting Mayor Wilson declared Resolution No. R-125-17 adopted.

RES. NO. R-126-17

RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONSENT TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO GRISSOM CONSTRUCTION LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE 2017 CATCH BASIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Sky Schelle, Water Quality Coordinator provided the Staff Report.

During the summer the City Staff inspected approximately 2,500 public catch basins, which represents nearly every public catch basin in the City of Piqua. The inspection was to assign a condition rating to each basin so the City could direct resources to the most damaged basins. 24 catch basins were selected as the most damaged and many of them are in high traffic areas and/or have had barricades on them for several months. Grissom Construction will replace each of the 24 catch basins as well as repair the curb and sidewalk damaged during the basin replacement.

Commissioner Terry encouraged citizens to help keep the catch basins clean of debris and grass.

Commissioner Martin asked if there was any way to stop things from getting into the catch basins. Mr. Schelle explained.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-126-17.

Motion made by Commissioner Terry; seconded by Commissioner Martin; motion was carried unanimously. Roll call vote: Aye: Martin, Vogt, Wilson and Terry. Nay: None. Acting Mayor Wilson declared Resolution No. R-126-17 adopted.

RES. NO. R-127-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL POLICE PROTECTION

Stacy Wall, Law Director provided the Staff Report.

This agreement allows the Piqua Police to provide aid outside of their jurisdiction, and also allows agencies to respond to the Piqua Police Department for additional help locally.

Commissioner Martin asked what happens if the policies of the Piqua Police Department conflict with the policies of another agency. Police Chief Bruce Jamison stated the Piqua Police Department reserve the right to operate under their own policies and can withdraw from a situation if needed. Chief Jamison further stated that their policies tend to line up with the surrounding agencies. They also have the option to refuse to send aid, if they do not have staff available to send at the time.

Commissioner Vogt asked if the city would be reimbursed if we send staff. Chief Jamison explained the city would not be reimbursed financially, as part of the agreement is that agencies do not charge each other for mutual aid.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-127-17.

Motion made by Commissioner Martin; seconded by Commissioner Terry; motion was carried unanimously. Voice vote: Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, and Vogt. Nay: None. Acting Mayor Wilson declared Resolution No. R-127-17 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.

City Manager Report

City Manager Huff stated the city was awarded \$550,000 Grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission, along with over a million dollar zero-interest loan for the refurbishing of the four Wastewater Pump Stations and the elimination of one pump station.

The Piqua Chautauqua is taking place in Fountain Park September 19 thru the 21st, and next June the Ohio Chautauqua will be coming to Piqua.

The city has a lot of projects currently under construction or wrapping up. The PAPI System at the Hartzell Airport is being installed, the Wastewater Treatment Plant is under construction, the Commercial Street Corridor Project is wrapping up, moving forward with the Shawnee Stormwater Project, the Fox Drive Water Tower is just about completed, the Covington Avenue paving project is underway, Phase I of the Wayfinding Signage is underway, and the landscape areas have had some major improvements recently. About 30 more Veteran Hero Banners have been recently placed. Also the dedication for the new Water Treatment Plant will take place on September 28, 2017 at 5:30P.M. and the public is invited.

Commissioner Martin asked why the Bike Lane on Clark Avenue had to cross over the right lane.

City Manager Huff explained the reason for the lanes being crossed.

Vice Mayor asked if leaf pickup has started yet. City Manager Huff stated no but it will be starting soon.

Commissioner Martin asked if someone wanted to know where they were picking up leaves who they should contact. City Manager Huff stated the Public Works Department at 937-778-2095.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Terry stated she stopped out at the Chautauqua before coming to Commission, stating it was very interesting and hoped citizens would attend the presentations.

Commissioner Vogt stated that Hance Pavilion has been noted as one of the best facilities in the area. The City has refurbished it recently and it is a very nice place.

Vice Mayor Wilson provided the schedule for the Chautauqua times for the presentations for the rest of the week. A lot of work went into this and encouraged citizens to attend.

Motion made by Commissioner Vogt to adjourn the Regular Commission Meeting at 8:20 P.M.; seconded by Commissioner Martin; motion was carried unanimously.

JOSEPH H. WILSON, ACTING MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION