

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 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. Mayor Hinds called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Terry, Martin, Vogt, and Wilson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No one came forward to speak at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To consider the purchase or sale of property for public purposes

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt to move into Executive Session at 7:33 P.M. to consider pending or imminent litigation. Roll call vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Hinds, Terry, and Vogt. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to adjourn from Executive Session at 7:45 P.M. Voice vote, Aye; Martin, Wilson, Hinds, Vogt, and Terry. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the Minutes from the November 21, 2017 Regular City Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Martin moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda; motion seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Voice vote Aye: Martin, Terry, Hinds, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared the Consent Agenda approved.

NEW BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 12-17 2nd Reading)

An Ordinance to make appropriations for the City of Piqua, Ohio for the year 2018

Finance Director Cynthia Holtzapple provided the Staff Report.

The City of Piqua is required to present and pass the 2018 Annual Budget by the end of the year. Ordinance No. 12-17 is the first of three readings; the Commission reviewed the Department Budgets on November 16, 2017.

Ordinance No. 12-17 was given a second reading.

ORD. NO. 13-17 (2nd Reading)

An Ordinance repealing Chapter 33.08 and enacting a new Chapter 33.08 of the Piqua Code, relating to Employee Insurance

Finance Director Cynthia Holtzapple provided the Staff Report.

Ordinance No. 13-17 will make the updates necessary to Chapter 33.08 of the Piqua Code setting the new benefits for the employee health insurance in 2018.

Ordinance No.13-17 was given a second reading.

ORD. NO. 14-17 (2nd Reading)

An Ordinance repealing Schedule A of Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code and adopting a new Schedule A of the Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code relating to wages of certain Municipal Employees

Finance Director Cynthia Holtzapple provided the Staff Report.

Schedule A of Chapter 33 covers the salaries of full-time non-union employees. There are six steps in each classification and each step has been increased by 2%. This is the same increase approved by the City Commission for the Police (FOP and OPBA) contracts.

Ordinance No. 14-17 was given a second reading.

ORD. NO. 15-17 (2nd Reading)

An Ordinance repealing Schedule A-1 of Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code and adopting a new Schedule A-1 of Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code relating to wages of certain Municipal Employees

Finance Director Cynthia Holtzapple provided the Staff Report.

Schedule A-1 covers part-time, seasonal, and temporary employees. The wages will be adjusted in accordance with State minimum wage requirements.

Ordinance No. 15-17 was given a second reading.

ORD. NO. 16-17

An Emergency Ordinance amending Chapter 50 of the Piqua Code, relating to Garbage and Refuse

Amy Welker, Director of Health and Sanitation provided the Staff Report.

The proposed amendments to the code include cleaning up the language, defining the approved container and the new rate structure. Currently the residential customer may set out up to 6 bags per week and is equivalent to 78 gallons of waste. The new carts will be 96 gallons. There will still be a senior discount rate on the new containers. Commercial customers will have 3 categories based on the amount of service needed. The new rate structure will be phased in over the next 4 years. The new rate structure will also include a recycling only service for those residents that have private haulers.

Commissioners ask numerous questions on the size of containers, availability of large pick up, and yard waste. All questions were answered.

After discussion Ordinance No. 16-17 was given a first reading.

RES. NO. 146-17

A Resolution authorizing final legislation to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the US Route 36 (East Ash Street) Bikeway/Pedestrian facility project

Amy Havenar, City Engineer provided the Staff Report.

In October, 2015 City Commission passed a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a preliminary agreement with ODOT for the US Rt. 36 (East Ash Street) Bikeway/Pedestrian Facility Project. The city engaged consultants to begin the detailed design and right of way acquisition. The project consists of construction of a separated bike lane and pedestrian facility on Rt. 36 from Centre Court/Scott Drive to Looney Rd as a continuation of the ODOT E. Ash Street Bridge Project. The project is scheduled for the summer of 2018.

Commissioner Martin stated there are two scribes errors in the contract that need to be corrected.

City Manager Huff stated that is an ODOT Contract and they will make the changes.

Commissioner Wilson asked Ms. Havenar to provide outline of project. Ms. Havenar provided a brief overview of the proposed project.

Mayor Hinds stated the "Walks with the Mayor" are a good way to see what is being done by the various projects.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-146-17 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Hinds, Vogt, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-146-17 adopted.

RES. NO. R-147-17

A Resolution authorizing the purchase of 808 McKinley Avenue, Parcel No. N44-092520

City Manager Huff provided the Staff Report.

The property located at 808 McKinley Avenue has been identified by the Parks Master Plan as a desirable parcel for acquisition. Acquiring the property will contribute to the revitalization and expansion of the Pitsenbarger Sports Complex. The property owner has expressed a desire to sell and the term and condition were acceptable to both parties and resulted in the purchase agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-147-17.

Motion made by Commissioner Martin; seconded by Commissioner Vogt. Voice vote: Aye: Vogt, Terry, Martin, Wilson, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-147-17 adopted.

RES. NO. R-148-17

An Emergency Resolution to authorize the commencement of the appropriation or purchase of a portion of Miami County Auditor Parcel No. N44-077662, Piqua, Miami County, Ohio in the Common Pleas Court of Miami County, Ohio for Public Purposes

Stacy Wall Law Director provided the Staff Report.

The City received federal funding for the Garbry Road/Looney Road Intersection Improvements Project and has been in the planning stages since 2012, with funding being approved in 2013 and construction scheduled for 2018. This piece of property is needed for making the necessary mandates of making the necessary intersection improvements, including installation of sidewalk. And said acquisition is under a time constraint or the City risks the loss of the funding. The property owner was made aware of the need to acquire a portion of the property in June of 2017 and September of 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-148-17.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Vogt, Terry, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-148-17 adopted.

RES. NO. R-149-17

An Emergency requesting authorization to acquire a portion of property and a temporary easement on the property located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Looney Road and Garbry Road; part of Miami County current Tax Parcel No. N44-072845 being owned by Sunrise Cooperative, Inc.

Law Director Stacy Wall provided the Staff Report.

As a part of the Garbry Road/Looney Road Intersection Improvements Project the City needs to acquire a right of way and an easement from the property located at the northeast corner of the Looney Road/Garbry Road intersection owned by Sunrise Cooperative Inc. The property owners are in full agreement with the fair market value price being offered for the portion of property and the temporary easement needed for the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-149-17.

Motion made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt. Voice vote: Aye: Martin, Vogt, Hinds, Terry, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-149-17 adopted.

RES. NO. R-150-17

An Emergency Resolution to authorize the commencement of the appropriation or purchase of Miami County Auditor Parcel No. N44-072880, Piqua, Miami County, Ohio in the Common Pleas Court of Miami County, Ohio for Public Purposes

Law Director Stacy Wall provided the Staff Report.

The property owner was made aware of the project and the need for the City to acquire the property in June and September of 2017. Due to the location of this property being entirely within the public road occupied (PRO) and due to multiple parties having ownership of the parcel, the owners requested the city to appropriate this right of way for the sake of keeping up with the construction schedule. The City is still committed to work towards purchasing the property for \$300.00 if the title issues can be worked out in a timely manner.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-150-17.

Motion made by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Voice vote: Aye: Martin, Hinds, Terry, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-150-17 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.

City Manager Report

City Manager Huff stated the city was awarded jointly 1.05 Million in CHIP Funding along with Miami County, City of Troy, and Tipp City, with Piqua receiving \$800,000 of the funds.

City Manager Huff stated the PAPA System has been installed at the Piqua Municipal Airport, and is currently undergoing testing. This was made possible due to a \$280,000 grant through the ODOT Office of Aviation and is a great improvement for the airport.

City Manager Huff announced as of December 4, the Piqua Fund has reached \$909,000 with a goal of 1 million by the end of the year. Very pleased with the results, as these funds are used for private redevelopment in the downtown.

City Manager Huff announced the next City Commission Meeting is December 19th, and will be the last Commission Meeting for Commissioner's Terry and Wilson. A Reception to honor both of them has been planned before the meeting and will begin at 6:00 P.M. Citizens are invited to attend and congratulate Commissioner's Terry and Wilson on their years of service to the City of Piqua and the Piqua Community.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Vogt congratulated the two new Commissioners' and is looking forward to working with them.

Commissioner Wilson stated he only lives two blocks up from the downtown and is looking forward to changes.

Commissioner Terry stated this past twelve years has been a learning experience and she has met a lot of people over the years and will miss this. Commissioner Terry further stated she attended the festivities/parade downtown over the weekend, was very impressed with the City of Piqua's float, and the great weather.

Mayor Hinds stated she received a note and a Resolution of Appreciation from the City of Celina expressing their gratitude for the City of Piqua's assistance through the American Municipal Power Ohio Mutual Aid Program and declaring an emergency after the tornado on November 5, 2017. Mayor Hinds stated she would share the resolution with the Chief and Fire Department.

Mayor Hinds stated there was a lot to do in Piqua this past weekend with Christmas on the Green, Parade, Holly Jolly Run, Community Concert, Cookies with Santa at the Buckeye Barn, and the Library Concert.

Mayor Hinds announced the Thrivent Community Skate night will be held at the Piqua 36 Skate Club on December 6, at 6:00 P.M. This is a free skate night for families and anyone that would like to come out and skate. They will be packing Christmas Baskets for the Bethany Center that evening.

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

KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____

REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION

