Piqua City Commission met at 6:00 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 Lee, Short, Vogt, and Martin. Absent: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lorna Swisher, Executive Director MainStreet Piqua came forward and thanked the City of Piqua, and the City employees for all of their support and help with the 24th Annual Taste of the Arts making it a success this year.

Mayor Hinds thanked Lorna Swisher and MainStreet Piqua along with all of the volunteers who helped with the Taste of the Arts. This was a wonderful event, and the weather cooperated this year.

RESIDENCE PRIDE AWARDS:
Jody & Brenda Causey    531 Cottage Avenue
Paul & Jennifer Hermann    600 N. Downing Street
Lauren Hoersten    529 Park Avenue
Scott & Kimberly Oglesbee    1701 Nicklin Avenue
Marianne Sterling     727 S. Main Street

Mayor Hinds read the names of the Award Winners while photos were shown of the homes.

Mayor Hinds congratulated all of the award winners and thanked them for taking pride in their homes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. 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 6:08 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Lee, Vogt, Short, and Hinds. Nay: None.


REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the May 1, 2018 Regular City Commission Meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, to approve the Consent Agenda at this time. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Short, Hinds, Lee, and Vogt. Nay: None. Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. R-74-18

A Resolution of Intent to vacate public right-of-way
Justin Sommer, Assistant City Manager provided the Staff Report.

This resolution will vacate a portion of an alley right-of-way located west of Main Street and east of Wayne Street. The alley is not currently being used for public purposes at this time. Resolution No. R-74-18 will go the Piqua Planning Commission for a Public Hearing and approval before coming back to the City Commission for final approval.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-74-18.


RES. NO. R-75-18

A Resolution to replat part of Inlots 26, 27, 28 and 31 and dedicate a portion of public alley and Ash Street right-of-way

Justin Sommer, Assistant City Manager provided the Staff Reporter.

The applicant desires to replat two separate tracts with multiple lots into two new parcels to eliminate boundary line discrepancies. A portion of one of the tracts includes a roadway easement occupied by existing street improvements. A portion of the other tract is occupied by public alley improvements. Both of the public areas occupied by public interests will be dedicated as public right of way as part of the replatting of the properties. This eliminates any private property ownership interest in the areas being utilized solely for public purposes.

The Piqua Planning Commission conducted a public hearing to consider this request. The owner's agent spoke in support of this request at the public hearing, no one was present to speak against the item. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of this request.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-75-18.


RES NO. R-76-18

A Resolution to quit claim deed City interest in parts of Inlots 26, 27 and 28

Justin Sommer, Assistant City Manager provided the Staff Report.

There are overlaps in the legal description on Inlots 26, 27 and 28 due to shortages in the actual block length dimensions as compared to the original platted dimensions. The City owns the former Miami and Erie Canal right of way adjoining the interior lot lines of part of the lots. The owner of the lots has requested the city quit claim deed any legal interest it may hold in the part of Inlots 26, 27, and 28 so the owner may replat part of the lots and eliminate the overlaps in the legal descriptions. This will allow the preparation of a new legal description for the tract that is free of any unresolved discrepancies in the lot boundaries.

The Piqua Planning Commission conducted a public hearing to review the proposed replat and dedication of right of way related to this item and unanimously recommended approval of the changes.
PUBLIC COMMENT
No one came forward to speak at this time.


RES. NO. R-77-18
A Resolution terminating an easement for street purposes

Justin Sommer, Assistant City Manager, provided the Staff Report.

The applicant desires to replat multiple lots into one parcel to eliminate boundary line discrepancies. A portion of the property being replatted includes a roadway easement occupied by existing street improvements that is being dedicated as public right of way. Therefore, an existing easement for street purposes that is within the new right of way area is no longer necessary.

The Piqua Planning Commission conducted a public hearing to review the proposed replat and dedication of right of way related to this item and unanimously recommended approval.

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


RES. NO. R-78-18
A Resolution awarding a contract to A to Z Property Maintenance, LLC for the sidewalk ADA Compliance Program – Phase II

Amy Havenar, City Engineer provided the Staff Report.

Three bids were received for the Sidewalk ADA Compliance Program – Phase II. The work will consist of the installation of 44 ADA compliant handicap ramps at intersections along the streets to be resurfaced as part of the 2018 Street Resurfacing Program Phase II. This work will also include the replacement of 7 catch basins within the paving limits. The work will begin as soon as possible and has a completion date of August 10, 2018.

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


RES. NO. R-79-18
A Resolution awarding a contract to Barrett Paving Material, Inc. for the 2018 Street resurfacing Program – Phase II
Amy Havenar, City Engineer provided the Staff Report.

Two bids were received for the 2018 Street Resurfacing Program – Phase II for fifteen streets. The resurfacing project will consist of the necessary roadway base repairs and the overlaying of the roadway with a new asphalt surface. The project will also include the replacement of all new pavement markings within the project limits. A 10% contingency was added for items of work which may be required that are not included in the original plans and specifications. The contractor is required to wait until all of the ADA Ramps have been installed before they can begin the paving operations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.


RES. No. R-80-18

A Resolution authorizing the sale of city owned real estate

Justin Sommer, Assistant City Manager, provided the Staff Report.

The petitioner desires to acquire property owned by the City of Piqua. Commonly known as the Zollinger Building located at 101 S. Wayne Street. The property is currently vacant and is critical to the redevelopment of the Riverfront Redevelopment District. The buyer desires to assume control of the property to facilitate future economic development.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.


RES. NO. R-81-18

A Resolution to authorize Indian Ridge Section 8 Final Plat

Justin Sommer, Assistant City Manager provided the Staff Report.

The applicant desires to move forward with recording the final plat for Indian Ridge Section 8 and the section plat has been reviewed for conformance with the city standards and consistency with the preliminary plan for the subdivision. The Piqua Planning Commission conducted a public hearing to consider the request with the owner speaking in support of the request. No one was present to speak against the item. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of this request.

Rob Alexander, Applicant came forward and provided a brief overview of the new area. Mr. Alexander stated he is excited to open the new area and provide homes for Piqua families. At this time there are currently 185 families that call this area home, stated Mr. Alexander.

Mayor Hinds stated Indian Ridge is doing a wonderful job, and hopes to see them continue to grow in the future.
PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Short, that Resolution No. R-81-18 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hinds, Lee, Short, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously

RES. No. R-82-18

A Resolution requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with FTC & H for the Construction Administration Engineering & RPR Services on the Wastewater Pump Stations Replacement & Elimination project

Chris Melvin, Wastewater Treatment Superintendent provided the Staff Report.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant received grant and loan funding from the Ohio Public Works Commission to complete the project. The project will modernize and standardize the pump stations.

As part of the Pump Station replacement and elimination work the city is in need of services for construction administration management/engineering along with resident project representative (RPR) for onsite inspection. The city is at the point in the project once PTI approval is secured from the EPA to continue toward the bidding process. After the award, they will need to have the engineering firm on board to facilitate the preconstruction meeting process and start the necessary efforts in beginning the construction and elimination of Wastewater pumps stations.

Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc., has been selected to complete Construction administration engineering and resident representative (RPR) services based upon the Request for Qualifications that were solicited. This company meets the needs and is suited to this type of project, due to other similar successful work they have completed, stated Mr. Melvin.

Commissioner Martin asked if the pumps and controls would be the same for all. Mr. Melvin stated yes, and would be obtained thru Crane Pumps, and provided additional information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.


RES. No. R-83-18

A Resolution requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with Mull & Weithman Architects, Inc. for the Fire Station feasibility and facilities study

Amy Havenar, City Engineer provided the Staff Report.

The current Fire Station was constructed in 1927 and was renovated in 2000 to try and accommodate the growing Department. It no longer meets the needs the Fire Department or the demands placed upon the employees. The Fire Department has three 24-hour duty shifts with ten members each. The current station was remodeled to provide living quarters for only up to nine members, and have already outgrown the facility. The feasibility study will anticipate the new station will consist of living quarters for up to twelve firefighters to ensure room for future growth.
The City solicited Requests for Qualifications (RFQ’s) and received a total of nine and the selection team narrowed it down to three firms to interview. After the interview process and multiple site visits to neighboring fire stations, the committee chose Mull & Weithman Architects, Inc. to provide the future Fire Station designs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Short, that Resolution No. R-83-18 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hinds, Lee, Short, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously

RES. NO. R-84-18

A Resolution authorizing a street closure for Greene Street for the St. Mary Parish Festival

Brittany Van Horn, Special Events Coordinator provided the Staff Report.

This is the 47th Annual St. Mary Parish Festival and they are requesting the annual street closing of Greene Street between Franklin Street and Broadway. Over the past years the City has been notified of multiple complaints against the children’s carnival rides and their operators during the festival.

The 2018 Festival Committee is brand new and has made all the changes necessary to rectify most of the complaints. This year the layout of the festival has been changed, but due to the locations of the power lines and festival logistics, the only feasible location for the children’s rides would be on Greene Street.

Mayor Hinds and Commissioner Lee both stated they have received numerous complaints about Greene Street being closed, location of the rides, and other issues connected with the Festival.

Committee members Beverly Brown and Jerry Peltier came forward and stated they have moved a number of the rides to the church’s parking lot, and are trying to address all of the complaints. This is the biggest fundraiser the Church has and we would like to continue this year. Mayor Hinds stated the Resolution needs to be amended to change the dates from June 17 thru June 19 to read as, June 8 thru June 10, 2018.


PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.


RES. NO. R-85-18

A Resolution authorizing the sale of City owned real estate

Justin Sommer, Assistant City Manager provided the Staff Report.

The City of Piqua owns portions of parcels N44-250039 and N44-250337 and the land is no longer of use to the city, as it is a nonstandard lot, and is of no value to the general public due to its
location and size. The adjacent owner has expressed an interest in purchasing the land to combine the tract with his property. City of Piqua Code of Ordinances, Section 34.36 requires the Commission to pass a resolution authorizing the sale of the subject property.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.


RES. NO. R-86-18

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement to permit the usage of Piqua Veterans memorial Park to Piqua Veterans Association

Brittany Van Horn, Special Events Coordinator provided the Staff Report.

The Memorial Day Parade ends at the Veterans Memorial Park and they will hold a one hour ceremony at 10:00 A.M. on May 28, 2018. Resolution No. R-86-18 authorizes the lease agreement between the City of Piqua and Piqua Veterans Association for the use of Veteran Memorial Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Short, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-86-18 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hinds, Lee, Short, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

The Assistant City Manager did not have anything to report at this time.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENT

Commissioner Lee congratulated the Residence Pride Award Winners, and thanked Lorna Swisher for another great Taste of the Arts. Commissioner Lee also congratulated all of the Rotary Scholarship Winners.

Commissioner Short stated Wednesday, May 16 is National Law Enforcement Day and the flags will be lowered to half-staff in observance.

Commissioner Vogt asked citizens to stop blowing grass in the streets as it is a safety issue and clogs up the sewers. Commissioner Vogt stated he will publically name offenders of it continues.

Commissioner Vogt congratulated all of the Residence Pride Award Winners, and the Taste of the Arts for another successful event.

Commissioner Martin also voiced his concern over the grass being blown into the streets. Commissioner Martin stated he thought there was something in the State of Ohio Code
concerning the issue and asked Chief Jamison to check into it. Chief Jamison asked Commissioner Martin to bring in the information he has and he will discuss it.

Mayor Hinds reminded citizens the State of the City will be presented on May 22, 2018 at the Piqua Plaza, with registration beginning at 8:00 A.M. Please plan to attend.

Mayor Hinds stated she was part of the “Click It or Ticket It” Campaign that takes place every year. This year it was held at the Upper Valley Career Center. They hold a Seat Belt Count at the area high schools, and Troy Christian won this year. Piqua High School and the Career Center also took part. Mayor Hinds stated she would like to see one of them win next year, and to remember to buckle up every day.

Mayor Hinds stated several of our area schools are taking their students to Washington D.C., and Piqua Catholic students are already there. Mayor Hinds further stated she is proud of our community for doing it, and is sending blessing to all heading to Washington, D.C. to learn how our Government works.

Motion made by Commissioner Vogt, to adjourn from the Regular Commission Meeting 7:15 P.M. seconded by Commissioner Martin, motion was carried unanimously.