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, Martin and Vogt.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the June 5, 2018, Regular City Commission Meeting.

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

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 10-18 (1ST READING)

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PORTION OF PUBLIC ALLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner, spoke stating the applicant desires to vacate the platted portion of public right-of-way known as an alley north of East Main Street between Inlot 3544 and Inlot 3545. The subject right-of-way is currently not being used for public purposes. It is of no benefit to the public and has been occupied by private improvements for a number of years. The City Commission previously declared their intent to vacate the subject right-of-way and the public hearing was advertised, as far as the time, date and location. The Planning Commission held the public hearing and at that hearing received no objections from anybody in attendance. The applicant’s agent was present to speak at the meeting and spoke in support of the item. The Planning Commission recommended unanimously to approve this request. Approving the Ordinance would vacate the public interest in the subject right-of-way and allow the ownership interest to transfer to the adjoining properties. This would facilitate their interest in cleaning up ownership interest in the property.

Frank Patrizio, Attorney on behalf of the estate/owner, came forward. Mr. Patrizio stated there is a garage on the property that has been there approximately 60 years and there are other problems with the property with its boundary lines. The property is trying to be sold and in order to do that, the property needs cleaned up. The approval of this Ordinance would make that happen.

PUBLICCOMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 10-18.

Motion made by Commissioner Vogt to waive the three reading rule; seconded by Commissioner Martin; motion was carried unanimously; Mayor Hinds declared the three reading rule waived.

Motion made by Commissioner Lee to adopt Ordinance No. 10-18; seconded by Commissioner Short; motion was carried unanimously; Mayor Hinds declared Ordinance No. 10-18 adopted.
ORDINANCE NO. 11-18 (1ST READING)

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PORTION OF PUBLIC ALLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner, spoke stating the applicant desires to vacate the platted public right-of-way that was defined for alley purposes located west of Main Street and east of Wayne Street. The subject right-of-way is not being used for public purposes. It is occupied by private improvements, in this case, a large manufacturing factory that straddles the right-of-way for a good distance either direction. The City Commission previously declared their intent to vacate the right-of-way. The public hearing date, time and location was advertised in accordance with the Charter. The Planning Commission held that public hearing and nobody was present at the meeting to object. The applicant’s representative was present to speak in support of the item. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of this request and approving the Ordinance would allow for the vacation of the public interest so that the deed and ownership interest issues can be cleared up and the property can transfer.

Bill Fulker, Attorney for the applicant, came forward to speak stating that at least 100 years ago the Orr Felt building was built right on top of the entire alley and has been there ever since. The owner of the Orr Felt property is in the process of selling the building, but the fact that it sits right on top of the alley is a title defect, which is preventing the sale of the property. By granting the vacation of the alley, that will clear the way to close the sale of the property and in turn will enable the property to be put to a productive use. The contract to sell the property was signed almost a year ago and the deadline for closing is September 1st. Waiving of the three reading rule would also assist in getting all of this completed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 11-18.

Motion made by Commissioner Vogt to waive the three reading rule; seconded by Commissioner Martin; motion was carried unanimously; Mayor Hinds declared the three reading rule waived.

Motion made by Commissioner Vogt to adopt Ordinance No. 11-18; seconded by Commissioner Martin; motion was carried unanimously; Mayor Hinds declared Ordinance No. 11-18 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-95-18

A RESOLUTION FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CITY TAX BUDGET FOR MIAMI COUNTY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019 AND DRAFT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Cynthia Holtzapple, Finance Director, spoke stating approval is requested to set a public hearing of the city’s proposed 2019 tax budget for the next commission meeting, which is July 3rd at 6:00 P.M. This is a requirement of the city and also Miami County by the State of Ohio.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-95-18.

Motion made by Commissioner Lee to adopt Resolution No. R-95-18; seconded by Commissioner Martin; motion was carried unanimously; Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-95-18 adopted.
RESOLUTION NO. R-96-18

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO HAGEMAN TRUCKING SERVICE, LLC FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Doug Harter, Public Works Director, spoke stating this Resolution is needed in order to continue to contract with Hageman Trucking. They have been hired to haul asphalt and mowings and this year more asphalt work was done in house than in previous years. Right now the city is sitting at about $22,000.00. This Resolution is needed for $60,000.00 so that contracting with Hageman Trucking can continue. The trucks currently being used are too small to keep up with the amount of asphalt and mowings being hauled. Right now all of historic east Piqua is being done, expect for a small portion of Race Street that needs some engineering work, and plenty more is on the agenda.

Commissioner Martin questioned the type of trucks the city gets from Hageman Trucking, to which Public Works Director Harter responded tandems.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-96-18.

Motion made by Commissioner Martin to adopt Resolution No. R-96-18; seconded by Commissioner Lee; motion carried unanimously; Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-96-18 adopted.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

No comment by City Manager Gary Huff.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

No comments by Commissioners.

Mayor Hinds shared that the first Rock Piqua concert is scheduled for June 23rd with a Rock ‘N Roll car show beforehand, as well as activities at Lock Nine.

Fourth Fest is coming up in July, as you can see in the Spirit Newsletter that should currently be in mailboxes. Also, the spring resident pride recipients are listed on the back, which were awarded a few commission meetings back. If anybody did not receive the Newsletter, it is available at the City Manager’s Office in the City Building.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Vogt and seconded by Commissioner Martin to adjourn the Regular City Commission Meeting at 6:21 P.M.; motion was carried unanimously.

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KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

PASSED: ______________________

ATTEST: _______________________
KIMBERLY J. HEBB
ACTING CLERK OF COMMISSION