

**MINUTES  
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION  
Tuesday, August 21, 2018  
6:00 P.M.**

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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No one came forward at this time to speak.

**RESIDENCE PRIDE AWARDS**

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| <b>Rebecca Brinkman</b>         | <b>241 Broadway</b>          |
| <b>Barbara &amp; Carl Brush</b> | <b>403 Kitt Street</b>       |
| <b>Tara &amp; Andrew Hall</b>   | <b>823 W. Water Street</b>   |
| <b>Morpen Real Property LLC</b> | <b>401 S. College Street</b> |
| <b>Linda &amp; Steven Nash</b>  | <b>707 Lindsey Street</b>    |

Mayor Hinds read the names of the Residence Pride Award Winners as photos of the homes were shown. Citizens can nominate their neighbors or any other property by contacting the City Manager's Office and providing the address.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. To consider the purchase or sale of property for public purposes.
- b. To consider pending or imminent litigation.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:04 P.M. Roll call vote, Aye: Martin, Short, Lee, Vogt, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Move by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin to adjourn from the Executive Session and return to the Regular City Commission Meeting at 6:48 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Lee, Short, Vogt, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the Minutes from the July 17, 2018 Regular City Commission Meeting

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 12-18 (1<sup>st</sup> 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

Catherine Bogan, Human Resources Director provided the Staff Report.

Schedule A pertains to the salaries of full-time non-union employees. At this time the position of Assistant City Manager/Development has been removed from Schedule A. A new position of Community & Economic Development Director has been added, stated Ms. Bogan.

Commissioner Martin inquired about the wages for the new position. City Manager Huff provided additional information on the new wages and the position.

Ordinance No. 12-18 was given a first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 13-18 (1<sup>ST</sup> Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SCHEDULE A-1 OF CHAPTER 33 OF THE PIQUA CODE AND ADOPTING A NEW SCHEDULE A-1 OF THE CHAPTER 33 OF THE PIQUA CODE, RELATING TO WAGES OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Police Chief Bruce Jamison stated the new position of Threat Assessment Officer has been added to the Chapter 33, Schedule A-1 at this time. This position will be utilized in the Piqua Schools and the city is being reimbursed by the Schools for the position.

Commissioner Martin asked if the position was a full-time position. Chief Jamieson stated it is but they will be utilizing two part time officers to fill the position.

Moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Short to waive the three reading rule. Voice vote, Aye: Hinds, Lee, Martin, Short, and Vogt. Nay: None. All were in favor of waiving the three reading rule.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adopt Ordinance No. 13-18. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Short, Vogt, Lee, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Ordinance No. 13-18 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-108-18**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO REINKE FORD LINCOLN, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DUMP TRUCK FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Brian Brookhart, Interim Public Works Director stated the Public Works Department would like to purchase a 2019 Ford F350 Dump Truck for the Parks Department. The bid specifications included several options as well as a stainless steel dump body. This truck will be replacing the current 2001 F350 truck.

Commissioners asked several questions including if the City went out to the State Bid for bids and how their bids compare, and also what is the issue with the current 2001 F350 truck. Mr. Brookhart provided information on the bidding process and stated the current 2001 F340 has over 100,000 miles on it at this time. Several other questions were raised and it was decided to table the resolution at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-108-18.

After a brief discussion Commissioner Martin, made a motion to table Resolution No. R-108-18 at this time, seconded by Commissioner Lee. Voice vote, Aye: Short, Martin, Lee, Hinds and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously and Resolution R-108-18 was tabled at this time.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-109-18**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO KALIDA TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DUMP BODY FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

City Manager Huff requested Resolution No. R-109-18 to also be tabled at this time as it relates to Resolution No. R-108-18.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to table Resolution No. R-109-18 at this time, seconded by Commissioner Lee. Voice vote, Aye: Short, Martin, Lee, Hinds and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously and Resolution R-109-18 was tabled at this time.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-110-18**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO R.L. PARSONS & SON EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SLOPE MOWER FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT & WATER DEPARTMENT

Brian Brookhart, Interim Public Works Director stated the Public Works Department & Water Department would like to purchase a new Bomford Flai Bot – Remote Control Slope Mower with accessories such as a Hi-Grip Track, 60” Flail Head, 50” Forestry Head and rear winch for the Street Department & Water Department. Several remote control slope mowers have been demoed and this is the only one that worked on all of the hills. This mower has several attachments with it that make it more than just a mower. Having this mower will be safer for our employees working on the hills, and will also keep them from getting poison ivy.

The remote mower is on the NJPA pricing contract and the Street Department will purchase the mower for \$84,864.00, and the Water Department will purchase the Forestry Head for \$14,239.20 for a total of \$99,103.20.

Mayor Hinds stated when she was remembers being on the Park Board a few years ago and there being the request to purchase a remote mower at that time. Mr. Brookhart provided additional information on the use and need for this particular type of mower at this time.

City Manager explained what the NJPA is.

Commissioner Martin asked if the mower had tracks or wheels and tires. Mr. Brookhart explained.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-110-18.

Moved by Commissioner Lee to adopt Resolution No. R-110-18, seconded by Commissioner Short. Voice vote, Aye: Lee, Martin, Hinds, Vogt, and Short. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-110-18 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-111-18**

A RESOLUTION TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS TO PAY FOR THE COST OF NUSIANCE ABATEMENTS

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

The city abates nuisance conditions on properties including mowing high grass, removing trash, trimming trees, and demolishing structures according to city code. Abatements take place after the property owner has been notified of the condition and given a timeframe to comply with the code. Failure to comply results in the abatement of the condition by the City. The abatement costs are certified to the county auditor and placed on the property taxes. The auditor accepts these assessments once per year and the assessments are due to the auditor by September 10, 2018.

A new program will be implemented and they will be posting notices quarterly to help elevate some of the issues, stated Ms. Welker.

Mayor Hinds noted that you see the some of the same names every year on the list. Ms. Welker stated a lot of them are from foreclosures, and some are deceased.

Law Director Stacy Wall stated this is a resolution, not an ordinance and there will not be three readings, once approved it will be sent to the Auditors office.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-111-18.

Motion made by Commissioner Martin to adopt Resolution No. R-111-18, seconded by Commissioner Vogt. Voice vote, Aye: Lee, Martin, Hinds, Vogt, and Short. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-111-18 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-112-18**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF PART OF INLOT 9001

City Planner, Chris Schmiesing provided the Staff Report.

The existing structures that are occupying the property and the 0.1496-acre tract of property known as part of Inlot 9001 will be assembled with the 9.233-acre tract previously purchased by the city to create a lot with the width and depth that is necessary to facilitate new development for this site in the future.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding the use of the new lot and future development.

Mr. Schmiesing provided additional information.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-112-18.

Motion made by Commissioner Vogt to adopt Resolution No. R-112-18, seconded by Commissioner Martin. Voice vote, Aye: Lee, Martin, Hinds, Vogt, and Short. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-112-18 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-113-18**

A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO DOUBLE JAY CONSTRUCTION FOR THE FORT PIQUA PLAZA PAVER MODIFICATION PROJECT

Amy Havenar, City Engineer, provided the Staff Report.

Two bids were received on July 3, 2018 for the project. The work will include removing the existing brick pavers, removing the up-lighting, addition new concrete sub base and reinstalling the existing brick pavers on the south side of the Plaza. An alternate bid was taken to complete the work on the east side of the Plaza, however, the alternate will not be awarded, stated Ms. Havenar. The current pavers in front of the Plaza are in bad shape as they are broken up or settling causing a trip hazard. The contract was not to exceed \$26,290 which included a 10 percent contingency, stated Ms. Havenar.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding the use of concrete versus the pavers, the longevity of the brick pavers, why the brick pavers were used in the first place, the cost for concrete versus pavers, and how long the other pavers downtown have been installed and if they

are holding up. Ms. Havenar explained. City Manager Huff further stated with the Plaza being the historic structure it is, you do not want to mix the two types around the front of the plaza.

Ms. Havenar further stated work is currently progressing on the roundabout on Looney Road.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-113-18.

Motion made by Commissioner Short to adopt Resolution No. R-113-18, seconded by Commissioner Martin. Roll call vote, Aye: Hinds and Short. Nay: Vogt, Martin, and Lee. Motion was defeated on a 3-2 vote against the Resolution. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-113-18 defeated on 3-2 vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-114-18**

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING "TRICK OR TREAT/BEGGAR'S NIGHT" IN THE CITY OF PIQUA

City Manager Huff stated the city has designated Tuesday, October 30, 2018 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. as "Trick or Treat/Beggars' Night" in the City of Piqua. This date is established by Miami County Council for all of Miami County communities.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-114-18.

Motion made by Commissioner Martin to adopt Resolution No. R-114-18, seconded by Commissioner Lee. Voice vote, Aye: Short, Lee, Hinds, Vogt, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-114-18 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-115-18**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF SPACE ON THE CITY OF PIQUA R.M. DAVIS WATER TOWER

Dean Burch, Information Technology Director provided the Staff Report.

The Water Tower on R.M. Davis has been identified as a suitable location for fixed wireless antennas by NK Telco. The City entered into an agreement to lease fiber to NK Telco in January of 2017 to serve business and residents. The antennas are the same type that are already on the tower at this time and used for the Water Department communications, stated Mr. Burch.

Commissioner Martin asked if other telecommunications companies can use space on the tower also. Mr. Burch explained.

Law Director Stacy Wall provided additional information regarding the lease for the space by NK Telco.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-115-18.

Motion made by Commissioner Martin to adopt Resolution No. R-115-18, seconded by Commissioner Vogt. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Lee, Short, Vogt, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-115-18 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-116-18**

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF OHIO FOR INSTALLATION OF GAS FACILITIES TO 121 BRIDGE STREET FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Amy Havenar, City Engineer provided the Staff Report.

Currently the Wastewater Treatment Plant operates on fuel oil for all of the heating and treatment process needs. This is very expensive and inefficient. With upgrades to the treatment plant we will be able to incorporate new facilities that will require heat. With the current construction it is an opportune time to connect in to Vectren's natural gas facilities to service the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The City would like to enter into a Contract with Vectren Energy Delivery to have them run a new gas main from Bridge Street south to the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-116-18.

Motion made by Commissioner Vogt to adopt Resolution No. R-116-18, seconded by Commissioner Martin. Voice vote, Aye: Lee, Short, Martin, Hinds, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-116-18 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-117-18**

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION FOR CONSENT TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO MILCON CONCRETE, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COMMERCIAL STREET UTILITIES PROJECT

Sky Schelle, Water Quality Coordinator provided the Staff Report.

On February 22, 2018, a sinkhole formed on Commercial Street between Miami and Young Street when the underlying storm sewer collapsed. That block of Commercial Street still remains closed. The Underground Utilities staff evaluated the upstream and downstream storm sewer as well as adjacent water and sanitary sewers for other necessary repairs. Once the scope of work was outlined, the City contracted with LJB Inc. to provide engineered drawings and construction management services, a public bidding attracted five bids. Milcon Concrete, Inc. was the lowest bidder. They most recently constructed the Shawnee Diversion Storm Sewer for the City and state they can meet the Commercial Street Utilities Project deadline of December 31, 2018. The project will be funded through the Stormwater, Water, and Wastewater fund, stated Mr. Schelle.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-117-18.

Motion made by Commissioner Lee to adopt Resolution No. R-117-18, seconded by Commissioner Short. Voice vote, Aye: Hinds, Martin, Short, Vogt, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-117-18 adopted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Larry Hamilton, Maplewood Drive came forward and provided information on Black History and the historical heritage. Mr. Hamilton further stated he purchased the property located at 655 N. Main Street.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Huff stated he recently provided a handout on economic development activities including new businesses, expansion and renovations project within the city. There has been a lot of activity and growth within the community resulting in the population being recorded in 2017 as 20,987. This is the highest recorded population in the history of the City of Piqua, and it looks like Piqua will exceed 21,000 in 2018, stated City Manager Huff.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Martin asked how many garbage trucks run in a day. City Manager Huff stated he will provide the information.

Commissioner Lee congratulated all of the Residence Pride Award Winners, and reminded citizens that school is open and to watch for children crossing the streets and at bus stops.

Commissioner Lee also stated he is happy to see the all the economic development happening, and is glad to see the population moving in an upward trend.

Mayor Hinds stated it is almost the end of August and there have been a variety of wonderful festivals and activities happening in the City. Mayor Hinds stated the Farm to Table Dinner was a great success, all the food was locally home grown, home prepared, and was a wonderful celebration of the community. Mayor Hinds remarked this was the second year for the Farm to Table Dinner and commended all who worked to make this a success.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Commissioner Vogt to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 7:35 P.M. motion seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

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KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
REBECCA J. COOL  
CLERK OF COMMISSION