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. Absent: None.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No one came forward at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the January 16, 2018 Regular City Commission Meeting.

RES. NO. R-21-18

A Resolution of Appreciation for the Public Service of Michael N. Thompson as a City Employee

RES. NO. R-22-18

A Resolution authorizing a three year lease with Piqua Youth Soccer Association (PYSA)

There was discussion on the term of the lease 3 or 5 years. Law Director Stacy Wall provided information regarding the reason for only having the three-year lease at this time.

Ken Deal, Treasurer of the Piqua Youth Soccer Association came forward to answer questions.

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

OLD BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 2-18 (2nd Reading)

An Emergency Ordinance amending Chapter 50 of the Piqua Code, relating to garbage and refuse

Justin Sommer, Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director provided the Staff Report.

Commissioner Martin referenced rough financial numbers for the Health & Sanitation Department fund balance in the future. This included the projected rate increases.

Finance Director Cynthia Holtzapple provided a brief overview of the revenue figures and explained the needed and why.

Commissioner Martin further asked about commercial rates, referencing an unnamed business in the city he feels is not paying enough for the amount of trash they are putting out. Amy Welker, Health and Sanitation Director provided information and answers to Commissioner Martin’s questions.
Mayor Hinds asked for clarification on which set of rates Commissioner Martin is referencing at this time. Commissioner Martin explained what he was referring to.

Commissioner Vogt asked “who is going to be the can police?” Ms. Welker stated the customers will be charged by the number of carts the city provides them. Commissioner Vogt also inquired about the Sanitation Department’s semi-automated trash collection system and the possibility of the city implementing a fully automated trash collection service in the future.

Mayor Hinds spoke in favor of the automated system to help protect the workers from injuries. Also the carts will be much heavier and would be less likely to blow around the neighborhood in strong winds, stated Mayor Hinds.

Commissioner Martin questioned how comfortable the rest of the commission was with the ordinance at this time. Mayor Hinds and Commissioner Lee indicated they were comfortable with it, Commissioner Short and Commissioner Vogt did not speak either way at this time.

Commissioner Martin mentioned he was not sure how much the new Sanitation building was going to cost, so just arbitrarily raising the rates when not sure of the actual cost is not right. Commissioner Lee stated there is an estimate available for the Sanitation new building project.

Ms. Welker provided additional information regarding the ordinance at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brad Boehringer, Mound Street, came forward and asked several questions regarding the number of cans that can be set out, the size of the can, and if he could use his own cans. Ms. Welker provided answers to Mr. Boehringer’s questions.

After a lengthy discussion Ordinance No. 2-18 was given a second reading.

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R-23-18

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Valley Asphalt Corporation as the primary supplier, and Barrett Paving Material Inc. as the secondary supplier of hot mix for the 2018 street and alley maintenance program

Brian Brookhart, Public Works Supervisor provided the Staff Report.

In December of 2017 asphalt bids were sent out to several companies, and bids were received on January 4, 2018. In the past the City has purchased asphalt from both Valley Asphalt and Barrett Paving depending on who had the mix available at any given time as needed. As in the past year they would like to purchase from both companies to ensure that asphalt will be available to the City when it is needed, stated Mr. Brookhart.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.

RES. NO. R-24-18

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Piqua Material Inc. as the supplier of stone and Valley Asphalt Corp. as the supplier of cold patch for the 2018 street and alley maintenance program

Brian Brookhart, Public Works Supervisor provided the Staff Report.

In December of 2017 asphalt bids were sent out to several companies, and bids were received on January 4, 2018. The Valley Asphalt price allows the city to pick up the cold patch as needed from the Piqua location. It is recommended purchasing all stone from Piqua Materials and all cold patch from Valley Asphalt due to the close proximity of both of their plants to the work areas which increases efficiency, stated Mr. Brookhart.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.


RES. NO. R-25-18

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Stryker Sales Corporation for the purchase of Power Load Cots and Loading Kits and Horton Emergency Vehicles Company for the installation of the Stryker Cots for the Fire Department

Brent Pohlschneider, Fire Chief provided the Staff Report.

The Stryker Corporation Power Load and Cot list system is a complete motorized patient life and load system that will be installed in the back of the front line ambulances (Medic Units 2 &3). This is designed to increase work place safety for Fire Department Staff and the patients transported in the Medic units. The Ohio Bureau of Worker’s Compensation has reviewed and approved this patient lift and loading system and awarded the City of Piqua a $40,000 grant with the city matching funds of $43,040.26, stated Chief Pohlschneider.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding the new process and if it locks the patient in place in the ambulance. Chief Pohlschneider provided the information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.


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CITY MANAGER REPORT

Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director Justin Sommer stated he would like to welcome Janel Ranly to the position of Development Program Manager in the Development Department.
COMMISSIONERS COMMENT

Commissioner Lee stated snow is expected and most likely there will be school delays or closures in the morning, and reminded citizens to be cautious. Commissioner Lee stated he is an Eagles fan further stating it was a long time coming, but they did it.

Commissioner Martin inquired as to where citizens can see previous Commission Meetings since Channel 5 is no longer part of the City.

Mayor Hinds stated a new piece of equipment is still needed, but they can be viewed on U-tube, on the Facebook Page, and on Channel 5. Mayor Hinds stated she is meeting with the Piqua City Schools soon, and will work with them on getting Channel 5 producing and airing more programs.

Mayor Hinds stated City Manager Huff is under the weather and wished him well wishes. Mayor Hinds thanked Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director Justin Sommer for sitting in the City Manager Huff.

Mayor Hinds announced the Piqua Arts Council is hosting a Special James Bond Event on February 10, to be held in a secret location. After you purchase a ticket you will be given the location. This is a fund raiser for the Piqua Arts Council.

Motion made by Commissioner Vogt to adjourn from the Regular Commission Meeting at 6:46 P.M. seconded by Commissioner Martin, motion was carried unanimously.

KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

PASSED: ______________________

ATTEST: _____________________

REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION