

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 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. Vice Mayor Vogt called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Lee, Short, and Martin. Absent: Mayor Hinds.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to excuse Mayor Hinds from the March 20, 2018 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Lee, Short and Vogt. Nay: None.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – WILLIAM M. MCCULLOCH TRIBUTE

City Manager Huff provided a brief overview on the statue and the placement of the statue.

Wes Edwards, Attorney at Crown Equipment Corporation, and Mark Manuel of Crown Equipment provided additional background on the donation of the statue by Businessman James F. Dicke II, Chairman and CEO OF Crown Equipment in New Bremen. Mr. Dicke worked for two summers in McCulloch's Congressional Office in Washington D.C. and campaigned to have a statue of McCulloch as Ohio's second statue at the National Statuary Hall in the United States Capital Building. They came in third place when the state decided to replace its statue of William Allen, with one of Thomas Edison in 2016. It was decided to donate the bronze statue to the City of Piqua. Local attorney Mike Gutmann and City Planner Chris Schmiesing began the process of bringing the statue to the City of Piqua. Architect Dan Freytag of Freytag and Associates came forward and provided an in depth description of the statue's design and location.

City Manager Huff stated the city thought it was a tremendous idea to acknowledge the great individual that Mr. McCulloch was, further stating we are very appreciative of the offer to put the statue in.

Commissioner Lee stated he was excited about the statue donation, further stating no discussion in his household on the Civil Rights Act is ever complete without William McCulloch being mentioned. We appreciate your hard work and effort in bringing this to the City of Piqua, and can't wait to see it, stated Commissioner Lee.

Commissioner Vogt stated not far from where the statue of Mc Culloch will stand is a statue of Don Gentile, who flew P-47's and B-51's in World War II.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Setting of Public Hearing Date- Tuesday April 3, 2018 – Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting for: Renewal of application for placement of farmland in an agricultural district for the following:

Sally K. Apple (Trust) & Donald E. Apple (Trust) – Parcels: N44-076881, N44-768907, N44-076917

City Manager Huff announced the Public Hearing at the next City Commission Meeting on April 3, 2018 for the Renewal of application for placement of farmland in an agricultural district for the following: Sally K. Apple (Trust) & Donald E. Apple (Trust) – Parcels: N44-076881, N44-768907, N44-076917

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the March 6, 2018 Regular City Commission Meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 3-18 (3rd Reading)

An Ordinance amending Chapter 55 Stormwater Management of the Piqua Municipal Code,

Law Director Stacy Wall provided the Staff Report.

This is the third reading of Ordinance No. 3-18 and all information has been reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 3-18 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Short, that Ordinance No. 3 -18 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Short, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Ordinance No. 3-18 was adopted.

ORD. NO. 4-18 (2nd Reading)

An Emergency Ordinance amending Section 94.01 of the Piqua Code, relating to Green Fees for the Municipal Golf Course

Finance Director Cynthia Holtzapple provided the Staff Report.

The ordinance will allow a modest cart rental fee increase at the Echo Hills Golf Course. The cart fees have not been changed since 2009. This update will not affect "special" pricing that can be changed by the City Manager as needed (i.e. outings, limited memberships, etc.). This will allow the city to stay competitive with other golf courses while generating more revenue to support operation costs, stated Ms. Holtzapple.

Commissioner Lee stated he asked for comments and received a lot of comments in favor of the new carts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No 4-18 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Lee to suspend the three reading rule regarding the Ordinance to be read on three separate days. Voice vote, Aye; Vogt, Martin, Short, and Lee. Nay: None.

Moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Ordinance No 4-18 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Short, and Lee. Nay; None. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R-43-18

A Resolution authorizing a one year lease with Piqua Youth Baseball and Softball Association (PYBSA)

Law Director Stacy Wall provided the Staff Report.

Each year the city reviews the current leases. The only change this year will be going to a one year lease instead of the three year lease as they have had in the past. The City made the decision to go to a one year lease and to review it each year, stated Ms. Wall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Short, that Resolution No. R-43-18 be adopted. Voice vote, vote, Aye: Martin, Short, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. NO. R-44-18

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Finley Fire Equipment Company, Inc. for rescue tools for the Fire Department

Captain Tim Risner provided the Staff Report.

Bids were received for three rescue tools, the Rescue Ram, Electro-Hydraulic Cutter, and Electro-Hydraulic Spreader needed for emergencies due to the changes in vehicle manufacturing over the years. All of the tools are battery powered allowing for better mobility along with the reduction of noise for staff and patient. Current tools are 30+ years old and are scheduled for replacement due to the lack of effectiveness at crash sites, stated Captain Risner.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding the use of the tools.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-44-18 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Lee, Short, Martin, and Vogt. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Bubeck came forward and voiced his concern over the number of accidents at Sunset and Park Avenue near Washington School. City Manager Huff stated he will ask the Transportation Committee to look at it.

Brad Boehringer came forward and voiced his concerns over the recent house fire in Shawnee and the number of vacant properties in the city. Mr. Boehringer suggested the city should register all properties that go into foreclosure to keep the city aware of the number of vacant structures.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Huff stated the City has received \$996,000 from Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission for replacement of the Great Miami River Trail Bridge located by the Power Plant. We may also be awarded an additional \$300,000 for this project from the State Capital Budget if approved by the Senate.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENT

Commissioner Lee stated he was glad to see Commissioner Vogt back. Commissioner Lee stated he wanted to thank the anonymous student at the Piqua High School for putting hearts on every

locker in the school. This act of kindness shows there are good people in the city raising great children. Commissioner Lee asked citizens to keep Judy Terry and her family in their thoughts and prayers in the loss of her husband, Mike Terry.

Commissioner Short thanked the city for giving him the opportunity to attend the Elected Officials Program, and congratulated Stacy Wall on her presentation at the program.

Commissioner Martin asked when the house in Shawnee that burnt recently would be taken down. Law Director Wall provided information. Commissioner Martin inquired as to what can be done with other structures sitting in limbo, especially if left to family members who do not want or cannot afford the property. City Manager Huff explained what the city is working on, and Law Director Wall also provided additional information.

Commissioner Vogt expressed his condolences to the Terry Family.

Motion made by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Commission Meeting 6:35P.M. seconded by Commissioner Lee, motion was carried unanimously.

~~KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR~~
WILLIAM D. VOGT, VICE MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____

REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION