



**PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

Piqua City Commission met in the Municipal Government Complex – 201 West Water Street

Mayor Hinds called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call as follows: Present: Mayor Hinds, Commissioners Lee, Short, Martin and Vogt. Absent: None.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Hinds presented Susan Bollinger, William Bollinger and Kayla Miller each a proclamation honoring the three for their heroic efforts and thanked them for their act of kindness in saving the life of a citizen on December 20, 2018.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES FROM JANUARY 15, 2019

Approval of the minutes from the January 15, 2019 Regular City Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Martin, moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda, motion was seconded by Commissioner Vogt.

Motion was carried unanimously, and Mayor Hinds declared the **Consent Agenda adopted**.

NEW BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 1-19

An Ordinance amending Chapter 33 of the Piqua Municipal Code Employment Policy

Law Director Frank Patrizio reported that City Commission requested Section 33.05 be amended to have a clearer language in regards to Sick Leave payout for terminated or retired employees.

Commissioner Vogt, moved to waive the three reading rule of Ord. No. 1-19, seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Short, moved for the adoption of Ord. No. 1-19, seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

ORD. NO. 1-19 Adopted

RES. NO. R-6-19

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

Brian Brookhart stated the City leases the baseball fields and concession stand at Pitsenbarger Park to the Piqua Youth Baseball and Softball Association yearly and their current lease agreement is due to expire on February 28, 2019.

Brian stated this lease agreement term is for one year and runs from March 1, 2019 through February of 2020. Brian stated he made a change to the lease for the City to maintain the fields so PYBSA can focus their efforts on the infields.

Commissioner Martin asked if there would be consideration to make the lease a long term lease. Brian stated his goal is to put them on the same rotation as football and soccer and have the lease be a three year lease.

Commissioner Lee, moved for the adoption of Res. No. R-6-19, seconded by Commissioner Short. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. NO. R-6-19 Adopted

RES. NO. R-7-19

A Resolution to levy assessments to pay for the cost of Nuisance Abatements

Amy Welker reported the city abates conditions on properties which include mowing high grass, trimming trees and trash removal along with demolishing structures according to city code. Abatements take place after the property owner has been notified of the condition and given a time frame to comply with code. If the work is not completed than failure to comply results in the abatement.

Amy reported the County Auditor allows the City to submit the assessments only once per year but, it was decided to present the information quarterly. The current report only shows the last three months of 2018.

Commissioner Martin, moved for the adoption of Res. No. R-7-19, seconded by Commissioner Vogt. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. NO. R-7-19 Adopted

RES. NO. R-8-19

A Resolution requesting authorization to agree upon easement and right of entry on the property located at 1319 Stratford Drive being owned by Jerry L. & Jonell Seay AKA Jo Nell Seay

Chris Melvin reported that as part of the Wastewater Pump Station Replacement/Elimination Project, the City needs to acquire right-of-way and easements for the property located at 1319 Stratford Drive and owned by the Seays. The land is virtually landlocked for construction aspects.

The City's Right-Of-Way Consultant has been working with the Seay's and they are in agreement with the fair market value price being offered for the portion of property and easements needed for the project.

Commissioner Martin asked if there would be an access road constructed to the pump station. Chris reported that the Seay driveway would be part of the access road and part of the backyard will be turf with a gravel base and plastic media pavers to allow grass to grow through leading to the pump station.

Commissioner Lee, moved for the adoption of Res. No. R-7-19, seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. NO. R-8-19 Adopted

PUBLIC COMMENT

Russ Fashner of 801 Forest Avenue, had questions and concerns regarding the property located next to his home that is being used as a business. There is concern, in regards to the home based business, and what can and cannot be done. Mr. Fashner is concerned about the parking along Forest Avenue, parking in the alley behind the homes, parking in the yard and the inability to get through the alley. Mr. Fashner asked if the City of Piqua would enforce the rules and regulations for a home-based business, that there cannot be employees that work at the business that do not reside at the location. Mayor Hinds indicated that the business owner is going to relocate his office to a different location.

Commissioner Martin asked if there was a way to convince the business owner to move if he decides not to relocate his business. Frank Patrizio confirmed there are enforcement mechanisms in the code to allow that to happen.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

There was no report given.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vogt has decided, after 16 years of service, and with ten months remaining in his term, that he is not going to run again for the commission seat. Commissioner Vogt asked citizens to think about running for City Commission.

Commissioner Martin did not have anything to report.

Commissioner Lee thanked Brian Brookhart and the Street Department for the successful snow removal. Commissioner Lee reported that he attended a Black History Month service at Transform Life Church, and stated it was a good time to network and to recognize the black history present in Piqua. Commissioner Lee ended by reading the poem *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, by Mya Angelo.

Commissioner Short did not have anything to report.

Mayor Hinds spoke about the upcoming elections. She noted there are packets about the City Charter and how to put ones name on the ballot in the City Manager’s office. Mayor Hinds reported the City of Piqua, Mainstreet Piqua and the Piqua Public Library are going to be hosting a four-part event called Letters from Piqua. There will also be a meeting on February 13th about the Great Miami River Pedestrian Bridge.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

To consider pending or imminent litigation

Motion was made by Commissioner Martin to move from the Regular City Commission Meeting and move into Executive Session at 6:28 P.M. motion was seconded by Commissioner Vogt. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Short seconded by Commissioner Lee to adjourn from the Executive Session at 6:55 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Short to adjourn from the Regular City Commission meeting at 6:59 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
JESSICA MORGAN STEIN
CLERK OF COMMISSION