

**PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
Tuesday, June 4, 2019
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.

Roll Call as follows: Present: Mayor Hinds, Commissioners Lee, Martin and Vogt.

OATH OF OFFICE – PIQUA FIRE DEPARTMENT
CITY MANAGER GARY HUFF ISSUED THE FOLLOWING OATHS
ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF – PAUL BROWN
CAPTAIN – DUSTIN LACY

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Hinds stated that we have 60 days to fill the commission spot recently vacated by David Short and to submit resumes to Mayor Hinds. Interviews will be held in July.

Leesa Baker, Director of the YWCA. Ms. Baker stated that in April the YWCA celebrated their 100th annual Meeting and Mayor Hinds spoke at the program and did a fabulous job talking about the history of women in the YWCA.

Mayor Hinds responded in thanks to the YWCA.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the May 21, 2019 Regular City Commission Meeting

Commissioner Martin moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda; motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee.

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

OLD BUSINESS

ORD. NO 3-19 (3rd Reading)

An Ordinance amending Chapter 51 of the Piqua Municipal Code (Sewers)

This is the third reading and the staff report was presented by Chris Melvin. Mr. Melvin reiterated information presented in first presentation of the Ordinance.

Mayor Hinds asked for any questions or comments from the Commission. There were none

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The Motion to adopt the foregoing Ordinance was offered by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Martin and on roll call the following vote ensued:

Motion was carried unanimously, and Mayor Hinds declared Ordinance 3-19 Passed

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R-55-19

A resolution fixing the time and place for a public hearing on the proposed city tax budget for Miami County for the calendar year 2020 and draft appropriation ordinance.

Cynthia Holtzapple Finance Director presented the staff report.

Mayor Hinds asked for any questions or comments from the Commission. There were none

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Motion was made by Commissioner Martin to adopt Res. No. R-55-19; motion seconded by Commissioner Vogt; motion was carried unanimously and Mayor Hinds declared Res. No. R-55-19 adopted.

RES. NO. R-56-19

A resolution approving the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Development Allocation Program and Neighborhood Revitalization Program applications for program year 2019 and authorizing the City Manager to submit the applications to the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development.

Janel Ranly, Development Program Manager presented the staff report.

Mayor Hinds asked for any questions or comments from the Commission. There were none

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Motion was made by Commissioner Lee to adopt Res. No. R-56-19; motion seconded by Commissioner Martin; motion was carried unanimously and Mayor Hinds declared Res. No. R-56-19 adopted.

RES. NO. R-57-19

A resolution authorizing a purchase order to the KE Rose Company for purchase and installation of specialized equipment in police vehicles

Thomas M. Steiner, Deputy Chief presented the staff report

Mayor Hinds asked for any questions or comments from the Commission.

Commissioner Lee asked if we were under budget on this. Deputy Chief Steiner replied yes

Mayor Hinds asked for any questions or comments from the Public. There were none.

Motion was made by Commissioner Martin to adopt Res. No. R-57-19 ; motion seconded by Commissioner Vogt ; motion was carried unanimously and Mayor Hinds declared Res. No. R-57-19 adopted.

RES. NO. R-58-19

A resolution authorizing a purchase order to Lebanon Ford for the purchase of three Ford police interceptor utility vehicles.

Thomas M. Steiner, Deputy Chief presented the staff report

Mayor Hinds asked if the Ford was better than other makes of cars.

Deputy Chief Steiner said this is the best choice at this time due to modifications needing to be made in the Dodge models

Mayor Hinds asked for any questions or comments from the Commission. There were none

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Kevin Jenkins asked how we would determine when a new vehicle is needed.

City Manager Gary Huff responded that the vehicles have a life expectancy, we try to drive them as long as we can before we start to have maintenance problems and other issues.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lee to adopt Res. No. R-58-19; motion seconded by Commissioner Martin; motion was carried unanimously and Mayor Hinds declared Res. No. R-58-19 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (At this time Mayor Hinds stated that the City is still working on getting the answers and explanation of the things that were asked in the list received at the last meeting, and there will be a special meeting next Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. to discuss specifically that issue.)

Jey Roman, 406 W. High Street commented that he is committed to make sure others are aware of the meeting. Mr. Roman made comments with regard to Mr. Vogt's public comments with regard to the utility issue. Mr. Vogt's response was that he only talked about Ms. Blair's situation.

Tonya Blair thanked the Commission and Mr. Vogt for his assistance with locating the electrical source of her utility issue.

Eva Silvers commented that she has a utility issue with a three unit property owned by Ed Liette. Ms. Silvers then continued to express her concerns with the condition of many of the rental properties owned by Ed Liette. She also expressed concern with regard to the inability to extend bill payment options for utility services in certain circumstances.

Frank Patrizio replied that Code Enforcement should be contacted with regard to issues with landlords and property maintenance issues. Renters should call in and make complaints to give the City access to the interior of the premises. The city is working hard to enforce the code enforcement issues with landlords having the option of repairing or demolishing these properties or facing criminal charges.

Mayor Hinds responded that we are working as quickly as possible addressing these huge issues with property maintenance. "Invite us in and we can begin the process of code compliance". Commissioner Lee responded that we are working with the citizens that cannot get their properties up to code right away. Mayor Hinds then talked about the CDBG Grant money and Janel Ranley spoke with regard to programs available to citizens with regard to the Fair Housing Program.

Jey Roman – expressed thanks to Commissioner Vogt for assisting Ms. Blair and mentioned ideas as far as providing information to the public.

Mayors Hinds informed Mr. Roman of her various media outlets to inform the public.

Bill Jaqua, 607 N. Sunset Drive, spoke with regard to drug enforcement in the City of Piqua in comparison to the City of Troy.

Ruth Koon, 1307 Park Avenue commended the public for coming together to discuss property maintenance issues and recognized several properties in the City of Piqua that have been renovated/restored/painted. Ms. Koon also reported that the statue of Don Gentile has been restored and clear coated

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Gary Huff introduced Rick Byron who is currently acting Chief of Police until June 30th. On July 1st he will take over as Police Chief.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Lee remarked that we need to keep an open dialogue. Give respect/get respect. Citizens need to come to us and we need to work together toward a common goal. Congratulations to Assistant Chief Paul Brown, Captain Dustin Lacy, and Police Chief Rick Byron. Larry Hamilton will be holding a PROD program community dialogue at the Greater Love Church on Wednesday, June 5th at 6:00 p.m. Piqua High School

Freshman , Camilla Nicholas, finished 8th at the state track meet in the 400 meter dash. Commissioner Lee inquired about the Equipment for Pitsenbarger Park. City Manager Huff stated he would check into it.

Commissioner Vogt mentioned in response to the rental property issues, that it had been brought up about rental property owners having to obtain occupancy permits before their properties are rented but met with stiff opposition from the area landlords.

Commissioner Martin stated that he has done some research on solar companies that offer no cost/low cost to homeowners. Commissioner Martin also mentioned that it might be beneficial to buy a meter that you can hook into their electric meters to see how much electricity they are using as his utility bill is erratic as well.

Mayor Hinds stated that we will continue to discuss the occupancy permit and the key is keeping the communication lines open. Mayor Hinds also reiterated the available seat on the commission for the 4th Ward which we have 60 days to fill. Mayor Hinds reminded the public of her "Eye on the City" programs to get information out to the citizens. Congratulations to the recent graduates. Mayor Hinds also stated that if anyone has mobility issues with regard to getting their trash to the curb to contact the Sanitation Department for assistance. Mayor Hinds mentioned that the residents of West Milton could use some help with tornado cleanup in the area.

Mayor Hinds mentioned the following upcoming events:

Rock Piqua – June 15th at Canal Place (not Lock 9)

Music Warehouse performance– Piqua High School, Friday, June 7th at 7:30 p.m.

Upper Valley Career Center meeting to talk about our dams, June 5th at 6:00 p.m.

Bike Piqua - First slow roll, June 10th at 6:00 p.m. to start as a ribbon cutting to begin at the bike bridge going toward the Miami Valley Center Mall.

Read with the Mayor – June 13th at 10:00 a.m. at the fountain outside the City Building for 6th graders or below.

Also a reminder to the citizens to be aware when driving to slow down and keep their eyes open during the summer months.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Vogt to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 7:05 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Martin, motion carried unanimously.

KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
KAREN S. JENKINS
CLERK OF COMMISSION