

**PIQUA CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**Thursday, August 1, 2019**  
**7:00 P.M.**

Piqua City Commission met at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Government Complex Commission Chambers located at 201 W. Water Street for a special work session with regard to utility issues

**TOPICS OF DISCUSSION**

Political allocation of resources in comparison to surrounding cities

Comparison of Piqua and Troy electric rates

Need for industry in the City of Piqua

What is going to be fixed and what are the compromises on the report?

Explanation of obligations that require the rates to be what they are and why we did not buy into any other city for water usage

Base charges on utility bills

Amounts of loans for the utility services and the repayment of the same

Suggestions for assistance with regard to citizens who are struggling to pay their utility bills

Rates and policies for the filling of Swimming Pools

Level Billing policy

Policy for paying utility bills on-line and the research of implementation of software packages with regard to the utility billing process, as well as explanation as how the billing is processed when it is paid on-line

Discussion of what temperature it would need to be to guarantee non-shut off of utility service

Fees for checking the meters and the process of calibration of the meters, and possible yearly calibration check of the meters

Tenant's rights with regards to who pays for repairs with regard to electrical issues – landlord or tenants?

Cost containment for utility expenses as far as salaries and wages for utility department

Estimated billing and if consumers could enter their own meter readings or notify city of their current meter reading and discussion of meter reading software and possible outsourcing of updates with Edison students

Billing issues as far as when the bills are mailed and when the post office actually delivers them

Concerns over how long we knew about EPA regulations

Establishment of a "citizens help fund" where citizens could contribute monies to help those having issues paying their bills

Written down policy for payment plan options  
Information on the next Government Academy

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Work Session ended at 9:30 p.m.

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KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
KAREN S. JENKINS  
CLERK OF COMMISSION