

**PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
Tuesday, August 20, 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, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Grissom, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Vogt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Lange, 9586 N. St. Rt. 66 spoke with regard to the low head dam removal at the Piqua Power Plant and resulting improvements/issues resulting from the removal.

Bill Jaqua, 607 N. Sunset Drive mentioned that the State of Ohio Auditor's statements should be released today. Mr. Jaqua also mentioned the city might be interested in the vacant property on Industry Park Drive.

Edna Stiefel, 651 N. Downing Street offered congratulations to the Residence Pride Award winners and then went on to announce that homes in her neighborhood have had recent renovations. Ms. Stiefel also provided information with regard to the recent work of the neighborhood improvement groups and the City's involvement in neighborhood improvement groups. Ms. Stiefel also expressed thanks for the new playground equipment at Pitsenbarger Park.

OATH OF OFFICE – PIQUA POLICE DEPARTMENT

City Manager Huff presented the Oath of Office to Police Lieutenant Jeremy B. Weber.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the August 1, 2019 Piqua City Commission Work session, the August 6, 2019 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting and the August 8, 2019 Piqua City Commission and Troy City Council Public 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.**

RES. NO. R-72-19

A Resolution of Appreciation for the Public Service of Bruce A. Jamison as a City Employee

Mayor Hinds presented Bruce A. Jamison with the Resolution of Appreciation

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Martin moved to go into executive session, seconded by Commissioner Lee. The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Martin to adjourn from the Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. seconded by Commissioner Lee, motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R-73-19

A Resolution directing Staff to develop and implement policies and procedures relating to Utilities

Mayor Hinds provided the information with regard to this resolution.

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

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

Bill Jaqua, 607 N. Sunset Drive referenced the audit statements with regard to servicing of debt and cost savings and performance metrics.

Leah Berry, 406 W. High Street asked about the timeline/deadline for implementation of policies and procedures.

City Manager Huff and Mayor Hinds provided responses.

Natalie Young, 1234 Marwood Drive asked for details about the process of the review of the utility policies and procedures and questioned the rounding of the readings for water usage.

Mayor Hinds provided the response.

Motion was made by Commissioner Martin to adopt Res. No. R-73-19; motion seconded by Commissioner Grissom; motion was carried with a vote of 4 to 1 and **Mayor Hinds declared Res. No. R-73-19 passed.**

RES. NO. R-74-19

A Resolution to authorize an amendment to the CDBG Downtown Revitalization Program Construction Management Services Contract

Chris Schmiesing, Community and Economic Development Director provided the information with regard to this resolution.

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

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

Bill Jaqua inquired as to the area included in the CDBG Downtown Revitalization Program.

Chris Schmiesing provided the response.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lee to adopt Res. No. R-74-19; motion seconded by Commissioner Martin; motion was carried with a vote of 4 to 1 and **Mayor Hinds declared Res. No. R-74-19 passed.**

RES. NO. R-75-19

A Resolution of Intent to vacate public right-of-way

Chris Schmiesing, Community and Economic Development Director provided the information with regard to this resolution.

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

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt Res. No. R-75-19; motion seconded by Commissioner Lee; motion was carried with a vote of 4 to 1 and **Mayor Hinds declared Res. No. R-75-19 passed.**

RES. NO. R-76-19

A Resolution to authorize a contract for the Lock 9 Park Utility Project

Chris Schmiesing, Community and Economic Development Director provided the information with regard to this resolution.

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

Commissioner Martin asked if this would open up the whole canal area.

City Manager Huff provided the response

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

Bill Jaqua questioned where the money from the project is coming from.

City Manager Huff provided the response.

Commissioner Martin asked how far this \$565,000 will get us along in the project.

City Manager Huff provided the response.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lee to adopt Res. No. R-76-19; motion seconded by Commissioner Grissom, motion was carried with a vote of 4 to 1 and **Mayor Hinds declared Res. No. R-76-19 passed.**

RES. NO. R-77-19-Amended

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to approve a lawsuit settlement agreement

Law Director Patrizio provided the information with regard to this resolution.

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

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

Leslie Lewis, 510 Second Street asked if these claims had been investigated by the Commission.

Mayor Hinds provided the response.

Motion was made by Commissioner Martin to adopt Res. No. R-77-19; motion seconded by Commissioner Lee; motion was carried with a vote of 4 to 1 and **Mayor Hinds declared Res. No. R-77-19 passed.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Jaqua inquired when there would be an election of a new mayor.

Mayor Hinds provided the response

Mr Jaqua went on further to speak about economic development issues, stagnant income taxes and new home permits.

Jey Roman, 406 W. High Street asked for clarification with regard to the utilities, purpose, start of project and cost of the first phase of the Lock Nine Park project.

City Manager Huff and Chris Schmiesing provided the response.

Jey Roman expressed concern over city-wide e-mail ease of use and timelines.

Mayor Hinds provided the response

Natalie Young commented on the utility reserve cash and repayment of debts (operating reserves) and future cost containment and if these utility funds could be used to make loan repayments.

Cynthia Holtzapple, Finance Director and City Manager Huff provided responses.

Nick Ventura, 108 Jean Drive expressed concerns over utility rates and citizens moving out of Piqua due to the high utility rates

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Huff had no report

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Lee spoke with regard to the damage cleanup from birds in front of Susie's Big Dipper, street sign replacements in certain sections of town, letting the citizens know of economic developments in the City.

Commissioner Grissom had no comments.

Commissioner Martin spoke with regard to the low dam removal

Commissioner Vogt spoke with regard to the low dam removal.

Mayor Hinds: Schools are again open, Walks with the Mayor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Vogt to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Martin, motion carried unanimously.

KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
KAREN S. JENKINS
CLERK OF COMMISSION