

**PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
Tuesday, November 19, 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, and Commissioner Vogt.

GOVERNMENT ACADEMY GRADUATES

Gene Collier
*Steffanie Davey
*Wayne Davey
*Dave Fishback
*Abby Gary
Joseph Gregory
*Chris Grissom
*Bethany Harp
Roger Hartley
*Eddie Harvey
*Aimee Howard
Jack Pleasant
*Jonathan Roman
David Roth
Linda Roth
*Natalie Young

*The graduates that were present at the meeting were presented with certificates for their completion of the Government Academy by City Manager Huff

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the October 15, 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: There was no old business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 7-19 1st Reading

An Ordinance to make appropriations for the City of Piqua, Ohio for the year 2020

This is the first reading and Cynthia Holtzapple, Assistant City Manager, Finance Director presented the staff report.

There were no comments made by either the Commissioner or the Public with regard to this Ordinance. The Ordinance will move forward to the 2nd reading.

ORD. NO. 8-19 1st Reading

An Ordinance repealing existing Chapter 33.04 and 33.08 and enacting a new Chapter 33.04 and 33.08 of the Piqua Code, relating to Employee Vacation and Employee Insurance

This is the first reading and Catherine M. Bogan, Human Resources Director presented the staff report.

Commissioner Vogt inquired as to when these changes would take place and if we would have time or should we waive the 3 reading rule.

Mayor Hinds replied that we have 2 more meetings in December and the 3 reading rule was not waived.

There were no further comments made by either the Commissioners or the Public with regard to this Ordinance. The Ordinance will move forward to the 2nd reading.

RES. NO. R-87-19

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for Federal Fast Act Funds through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission

Amy L. Havenar, City Engineer presented the staff report.

Mayor Hinds clarified that this is only to apply for the funds for the projects at this point.

City Manager Huff stated that we have to be able to get into the funding queue which could be as long as 6 years.

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

Commissioner Martin commented that the intersection currently there is pretty new.

City Manager Huff stated that we are not having any intersection issues right now but that we are anticipating impending growth.

Commissioner Lee stated that the commission needs to hear input from the citizens.

Mayor Hinds commented that especially in the morning that area does get congested and that a roundabout would move that traffic along and would be beneficial

Commissioner Vogt stated that the money is up for grabs and commented in favor of the roundabout.

Commissioner Martin inquired as to the total cost.

Amy Havenar replied that including design, right of way and environmental is about 1.63 million. We would go for 70% of that in Federal Funds which would leave a local share of about \$700,00 of design, construction and environmental. However, we will be applying for Ohio Public Works Commission funds, typically we can receive up to about \$500,000 in those funds as well if we are successful.

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

Bill Jaqua, 607 N. Sunset Drive stated that people coming through his social media news feeds are against the roundabout, however, he is in favor of the roundabout. He shared the people's objection as far as how much the City of Piqua will have to pay for the roundabout – what are the actual cost projections to the City.

City Manager Huff responded about \$200,000

Ken Black, 9200 N. Co. Rd. 25A questioned when the land would be purchased for completion of the project and the diameter and layout

Mayor Hinds stated 2025, and that no design work had been done yet.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vogt to adopt RES NO. 87-19; motion seconded by Commissioner Grissom, motion was carried with a vote of 4 to 1 and **Mayor Hinds declared RES NO. 87-19 passed.**

RES. NO. R-88-19

A Resolution authorizing transfer of Liquor Permit

Chris Schmiesing, Community and Economic Development Director presented the staff report. He stated that this requires commission approval because this is above the quota of D-1 permits for the City, it is a transfer of an existing D1 liquor permit from the City of Cincinnati.

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

Commissioner Grissom inquired if this would affect any liquor licenses currently available to the City.

City Manager Huff replied no.

Ray Wiley, owner of Hot Head Burrito stated that they have no desire to be a bar, it just adds a nice element for their patrons.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Vogt to adopt RES. NO. R-88-19, motion seconded by Commissioner Martin; motion was carried unanimously and **Mayor Hinds declared RES. NO. R-88-19 passed**

RES. NO. R-89-19

A Resolution to levy assessments to pay for the cost of nuisance abatements

Amy Welker, Director of Health and Sanitation presented the staff report.

Mayor Hinds noted that the list seemed shorter than before. Ms Welker replied that we have moved to a quarterly notice to give people more notice of the assessment.

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

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Bill Jaqua inquired if this was separate from Code enforcement.

City Manager Huff clarified that this was a nuisance violation issued by the Health Department.

Mr. Jaqua then commented on code enforcement issues he is having with Code Enforcement and inquired if we had an appeals process.

City Manager Huff responded that he could appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mayor Hinds stated that Aaron Morrison is willing to work with citizens with regard to code violations

Commissioner Vogt questioned the ability to appeal the issue of uncut grass or trash.

Commissioner Grissom responded that the appeal is meant for extenuating circumstances.

Kevin Jenkins, 619 N. Downing Street commented with regard to the landlord/tenant responsibilities.

Mayor Hinds and Commissioner Lee responded. The Landlord is ultimately responsible.

Paul Bubeck commented on the condition of a roach infested neighbor affecting his property.

Russ Fashner, 801 Forest Avenue clarified that this resolution referred to the Health Department violations.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vogt to adopt RES. NO. R-89-19; motion seconded by Commissioner Lee; motion was carried unanimously and **Mayor Hinds declared RES. NO. R-89-19 passed**

RES. NO. R-90-19

A Resolution to replat part of Inlot 7682 east of Bear Run and west of Deerwood Drive

Kyrsten French, City Planner 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-90-19; motion seconded by Commissioner Grissom; motion was carried unanimously and **Mayor Hinds declared RES. NO. R-90-19 passed.**

RES. NO. R-91-19

A Resolution to replat part of Inlot 7682, part of Deerfield Subdivision Section 4, and Vacated Street Area

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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-91-19; motion seconded by Commissioner Lee; motion was carried unanimously and **Mayor Hinds declared RES. NO. R-91-19 passed.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jay Roman, 406 W. High Street commented on the lack of industry and types of jobs available in our city and the culture in work places.

Bill Jaqua commented on the clarification of the code enforcement process and concerns over how we choose the Mayor and comments with regard to the 5th Ward, and the number of signatures required on the petition to get the issues of transitioning from a charter to a statutory government.

Larry Hamilton, 1104 Maplewood Drive. Commented on the confusion of the ownership over canal property and the building located at 655 N. Main Street. Mr. Hamilton also announced dates and times that he will be discussing a presentation called the Community Benefit.

Ruth Koon, 1307 Park Avenue provided an update on the planting of trees, shrubs and plants on the slopes on E. Rt. 36 and the movement of the trailers from St. Rt. 66.

Joe Drapp offered thanks to Russ Fashner for public works and to Commissioner Martin and Commissioner Vogt for their years of service.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Huff extended thanks to the Miami County Commissioners and staff for forcing the movement of the trailer on St. Rt. 66, which was instigated by Chris Schmiesing. The Miami Valley Center Mall is under new ownership. Owned now by Kohan Investments and we hope to be meeting with the owners as soon as possible. There will be a reception for the outgoing commissioners prior to the final commission meeting in December.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Vogt commented on his service of 16 years, announced he is moving to Florida and thanks to the citizens for coming to the commission meetings.

Commissioner Martin noticed on Facebook questions with regard to why the Post Office doesn't have to have handicap assessable ramps or a way in.

City Manager Huff replied that the American Disabilities Act does not apply to Federal Government Buildings.

Commissioner Lee offered thanks to Commissioner Martin and Commissioner Vogt for their service to the Commission, and stated that the citizens should keep attending meetings and to stay in touch.

Commissioner Grissom commented about his experience with the Government Academy and extended wishes to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mayor Hinds commented on the following:

Unity Event on October 20th, ground breaking on 10/18 of the Sunrise Treatment Center and that we have held informational meeting for the ZOLO Lofts with the developers. Huge thanks to the Veterans and American Legion for the Veterans Day service on 11/11. Thanks to Cindy Pearson for the walk held to support veterans in our local community, American Legion centennial celebration proclamation, UVCC Government Day to speak about local government, Brian Hamilton received a proclamation as he has been at Transformed Life for 15 years and volunteer chaplain for the Police Department, two ribbon cuttings: Lock Tenders and Minuteman Press

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Martin moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Lee; a roll was called, the motion carried unanimously and the Commissioners went into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 8:28 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Lee. Vote was unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Vogt to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 8:30 p.m. motion seconded by Commissioner Martin, motion carried unanimously.

KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
KAREN S. JENKINS
CLERK OF COMMISSION