

**PIQUA CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, December 3, 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.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the Minutes from the November 19, 2019 Regular City Commission Meeting

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

ORD. NO. 7-19 2nd Reading

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

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

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.

ORD. NO. 8-19 2nd 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 second reading and Catherine M. Bogan, Human Resources Director presented the staff report.

Commissioner Lee inquired if this reflects changes with regard to re-hires to which Ms. Bogan replied that it did.

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

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**NEW BUSINESS**

RES. NO. R-92-19

A Resolution authorizing purchasing orders to Chemical Services, Inc., Sal Chemical, Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., Carus LLC, Greer Lime Company, and the City of Dayton for the 2020 purchase of various Water Treatment Chemicals

Don Freisthler, Water Plant Superintendent presented the Staff Report.

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 Vogt to adopt RES NO. 92-19; motion seconded by Commissioner Lee, motion was carried unanimously and **Mayor Hinds declared RES NO. 92-19 passed.**

RES. NO. R-93-19

A Resolution submitting to the electors of the City of Piqua, Ohio a proposed amendment to Codified Ordinance Sections 36.03 and 36.04 providing a ten-year renewal of the 0.25 of 1% Municipal Income Tax levy for street improvements

Amy Havenar, P.E., City Engineer presented the staff report

Mayor Hinds reaffirmed that this is not a new tax, but a renewal of the tax that has been in place since 1991 to which Ms. Havenar replied that was correct. City Manager Huff replied that this is being used as leverage for federal funding.

Mayor Hinds asked for any questions or comments from the Commission. There were no further comments from the commissioners.

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

Bill Jaqua, 607 N. Sunset Drive questioned the need for the renewal, and commented that he did not accept the fact that this was a renewal and referred to this as a “new tax”, what is the cost per cubic ft. to pave a city street, and had the city considered bidding the contracts out to a subcontractor.

Mayor Hinds responded that our streets and infrastructure need the attention and reaffirmed that this was a renewal and not a new tax.

City Manager Huff Clarified the fact that there are two types of paving, contractual (major street jobs and projects) and internal (Public Works Department – alleys, pot holes, street patching, etc.) and that the money generated from the tax is used strictly for contractual contracts for the streets.

Dave Hitchings, 803 Camp Street, inquired that since 1991 where are the funds going as there is much that needs to be done as far as keeping up with the street conditions all over the City of Piqua.

Amy Havenar replied that there are 117 lane miles – 12’ wide and 88 compliant handicap ramps.

City Manager Huff responded that there is not enough money, that it is used to leverage grants and that all money is dedicated to that fund and those projects.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES. NO. R-93-19, motion seconded by Commissioner Martin; motion was carried unanimously and **Mayor Hinds declared RES. NO. R-93-19 passed**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bill Jaqua spoke with regard to the switch to a statutory city and comparative politics with the cities of Sidney and Troy, and the alleged statement that the poor people are being blamed for the economic issue of the city.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT** – City Manager Huff made comments with regard to Mr. Jaqua’s accusation that the city had made derogatory comments toward the poor citizens of the city. He clarified the fact that it was only reported what percentage of the city residents fell into that category, that there was no mention of blame on the part of these citizens.

City Manager Huff also announced that there would be a reception for Commissioner Vogt and Martin on December 17, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. prior to the commission meeting on that date and time.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Vogt – There were none.

Commissioner Martin – There were none.

Commissioner Lee - There were none.

Commissioner Grissom – Be safe over the holidays

Mayor Hinds announced the following events:

Ribbon cutting in Troy for the Miami United Way (already held)

Christmas on the Green – Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

Holiday parade and concert – Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

Cookie Walk – Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

High School band concert – Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

Mayor Hinds also commented that we should try to take time for family and friends over the holiday season.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Commissioner Vogt to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 6:20 p.m. motion seconded by Commissioner Martin, motion carried unanimously.

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KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

KAREN S. JENKINS  
CLERK OF COMMISSION