

**PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020
6:00 PM**

Piqua City Commission met at 6:00 P.M. in the Municipal Government Complex Commission Chambers located at 201 W. Water Street. Mayor Lee called the meeting to order.

Roll Call as follows: Present: Mayor Lee, Commissioner Hinds, Commissioner Grissom, Commissioner Pearson, and Commissioner Fogt

PROCLAMATIONS
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Mayor Lee presented Brad Zimmerman, Principal of Piqua Catholic School, with the Proclamation

“My Kind of Hero” – citizens Darlene and Barton Lewis presented Mayor Lee with a framed proclamation – picture with “Mayor Kris Lee -My Kind of Hero” engraving along the frame.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To prepare for and review negotiations on compensation or other terms and conditions of employment for City personnel

Commissioner Pearson moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Grissom
The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adjourn from the Executive Session at 6:47 p.m. seconded by Commissioner Fogt, motion carried unanimously and the Commissioners continued the regular meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the January 7, 2019 Regular City Commission Meeting

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to approve the Consent Agenda; motion seconded by Commissioner Pearson, motion was carried unanimously, Consent Agenda **adopted**.

OLD BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 1-20 (2nd Reading)

An Ordinance declaring the improvement of certain real property located in the City of Piqua, Ohio to be a public purpose; declaring such property to be exempt from real property taxation; designating public infrastructure improvements to be made that will benefit such property; requiring annual service payments in lieu of taxes; authorizing the execution of a Tax Increment Financing Agreement; and establishing a Municipal Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund

This is the second reading - Chris Schmiesing, Community and Economic Development Director presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Lee asked for any questions or comments from the Commission.
Mayor Lee asked for any questions or comments from the Citizens.

Bill Jaqua, 406 W. High Street asked who pays for the extension

City Manager Huff responded: TIF Financing and state funding.

The Ordinance will move forward to the 3rd reading.

NEW BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 2-20 (1st Reading)

An Emergency Ordinance repealing Schedule A-1 of Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code and adopting a new Schedule A-1 of Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code, relating to wages of certain Municipal Employees

This is the first reading - Catherine M. Bogan, Human Resources Director presented the staff report
Commissioner Hinds commented that this is an emergency ordinance

Motion to waive the 3 reading rule was made by Commissioner Hinds, seconded by Commissioner Grissom, motion carried unanimously and Mayor Lee declared the three reading rule for Ord. No. 2-20 waived.

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

Mayor Lee asked for any questions or comments from the Citizens. There were none.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt ORD. NO. 2-20, motion seconded by Commissioner Fogt; motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared ORD NO 2-20 adopted.

ORD. NO. 3-20 (1st Reading)

An Emergency Ordinance repealing existing Chapter 33.05 and 33.08 and enacting a new Chapter 33.05 and 33.08 of the Piqua Code, relating to Employee Policy

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

City Manager Huff asked for waiver of the 3 reading rule

Motion to waive the 3 reading rule was made by Commissioner Hinds, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, motion carried unanimously and Mayor Lee declared the three reading rule for Ord. No. 3-20 waived.

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

Mayor Lee asked for any questions or comments from the Citizens. There were none.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adopt ORD. NO. 3-20, motion seconded by Commissioner Grissom; motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared ORD. NO. 3-20 adopted

ORD. NO. 4-20 (1st Reading)

An Ordinance requesting the replat of several lots north of Wood Street, the Vacation of a portion of alley right-of-way and the dedication of new public right-of- way

This is the second reading - Chris Schmiesing, Community and Economic Development Director presented the Staff Report.

A representative for St. Mary Developments requested waiver of the 3 reading rule so they would be able to move forward with financing and get the project underway

Motion to waive the 3 reading rule was made by Commissioner Pearson, seconded by Commissioner Grissom, motion carried unanimously and Mayor Lee declared the three reading rule for Ord. No. 3420 waived

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

Commissioner Pearson and Mayor Lee commented on the positive aspects of the Ordinance.

Mayor Lee asked for any questions or comments from the Citizens. There were none.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt ORD. NO. 4-20, motion seconded by Commissioner Grissom; motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared ORD. NO. 4-20 adopted.

RES. NO. R-12-20

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Barrett Paving Materials Inc. as the primary supplier, and Valley Asphalt Corp as the secondary supplier of 404 asphalt for the 2020 Street and Alley Maintenance program

Brian Brookhart, Public Works Director presented the staff report

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

Commissioner Grissom inquired if these were the only two options we had to bid from, and what will happen to the funding if we do not use it all, and if we paid the full amount up front.

Mr. Brookhart reported that the excess funding will roll over into the budget for the next year. We pay for the materials on an as needed basis.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adopt RES. NO. R-12-20, motion seconded by Commissioner Hinds; motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Lee asked for any questions or comments from the Citizens

Bill Jaqua inquired about what we are doing with all the asphalt

City Manager Huff responded that the City paves small area and pot holes, major paving is done by contractors.

Mayor Lee called the roll, motion was carried unanimously, Mayor Lee declared Resolution R-12-20 adopted

RES. NO. R-13-20

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local Union 252, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO-CLC (Fire Officers)

Catherine M. Bogan, Human Resources Director presented the staff report

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES. NO. R-13-20, motion seconded by Commissioner Hinds

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

Mayor Lee asked for any questions or comments from the Citizens. There were none.

Mayor Lee called the roll, motion was carried unanimously, Mayor Lee declared Resolution R-13-20 adopted.

RES. NO. R-14-20

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local Union 252, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO-CLC (Firefighters)

Catherine M. Bogan, Human Resources Director presented the staff report

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES. NO. R-14-20, motion seconded by Commissioner Hinds

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

Mayor Lee asked for any questions or comments from the Citizens. There were none.

Mayor Lee called the roll, motion was carried unanimously, Mayor Lee declared Resolution R-14-20 adopted.

RES. NO. R-15-20

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police

Catherine M. Bogan, Human Resources Director presented the staff report

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES. NO. R-15-20, motion seconded by Commissioner Pearson

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

Mayor Lee asked for any questions or comments from the Citizens. There were none.

Mayor Lee called the roll, motion was carried unanimously, Mayor Lee declared Resolution R-15-20 adopted.

RES. NO. R-16-20

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association

Catherine M. Bogan, Human Resources Director presented the staff report

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES. NO. R-16-20, motion seconded by Commissioner Hinds.

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

Commissioner Hinds stated her appreciation for the police and firefighters, Mayor Lee agreed and offered congratulations on the recent police action taken with regard to drugs and drug related materials..

Mayor Lee asked for any questions or comments from the Citizens. There were none.

Mayor Lee called the roll, motion was carried unanimously, Mayor Lee declared Resolution R-15-20 adopted.

RES. NO. R-17-20

A Resolution authorizing the lease of a portion of Parcel No. N44-250063

Dean Burch, Information Technology Director presented the staff report.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adopt RES. NO. R-17-20, motion seconded by Commissioner Fogt.

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

Commissioner Grissom asked for explanation of a hub and clarification of the lease and if this is the only option for fiber network..

Mr. Burch provided the responses.

Mayor Lee commented that the fiber is offered to businesses first, availability to citizens, and the speed of fiber vs. cable City Manager Huff and Dean Burch provided the responses.

Mayor Lee asked for any questions or comments from the Citizens

Bill Jaqua commented on the cost of the expenditure and return on the investment.
City Manager Huff stated this information is not available at this time.

Commissioner Grissom inquired of Mr, Jaqua if he was alluding to another option to fiber optics.
Mr. Jaqua replied no, he was just questionable about this provider.

Commissioner Grissom and City Manager Huff commented on the importance of having the infrastructure ready for incoming businesses

Commissioner Hinds commented on the Mock Site visit with Jobs Ohio, that we are doing what we need to do to attract businesses to the city and Jobs Ohio was very impressed with what the city has to offer.

Commissioner Pearson commented on the importance of the infrastructure.

Mayor Lee called the roll, motion was carried unanimously, Mayor Lee declared Resolution R-17-20 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Jaqua, 607 N. Sunset commented that he would like better communication reported to the citizens with regard to growth in the city.

Joe Drapp commented on the process for paving the roads, the fiber optic cables project, the updated water, sewer and electrical systems and the benefits of good groundwork going forward.

Jay Roman, 405 W. High Street expressed thanks to the Piqua Police Department for the latest raid on the meth house, issue of mis-information, citizens' rights and freedom of speech and that he would like to see more engagement between the commission and the public.

Wade Westfall 116 ½ S. Market Street, Troy, Ohio - made the announcement that he is seeking a seat on the Miami County Commission and his purpose for seeking the office.

Dan French, 1127 N. Sunset Drive congratulated the new Mayor and commissioners and talked about the developments in the City of Piqua and to focus on the positive things.

Mike Gutmann, 21 Marymont Drive, commented on what the city is doing, laying groundwork, best professional people working very hard, constructive ideas and working better to solve issues.

Dave Hitchings, 803 Camp Street asked for an update on the Lock Nine project

City Manager Huff stated that the first phase has been completed. Movement into the second phase will depend on funding from grants and donations.

Natalie Young, 1234 Marwood, asked about updates on the ownership of the new mall, utility rate increases, utility studies, economic strategic plan, and to keep in mind that a recession is predicted.

City Manager Huff stated that we will be looking into the mall plans this year.

Mayor Lee stated that documents are available to the public

Commissioner Hinds stated that there are dozens of meetings where citizens are included, giving them the ability to learn what is happening with city planning.

Leah Berry, 406 W. High Street asked when the planters would be placed on Main Street and responded to comments made by PPP with regard to negative comments

City Manager Huff responded that there are currently issues with reflective materials but the planters will be put down in warmer weather.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Huff reported that receptions will be held for two retirees, Bill Harding and Fred Langston

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Hinds – Retirees and longevity of staff, the MLK gathering at the YWCA and the performance by Daria Lee, Jobs Ohio Mock Site Visit, Last Full Measure movie premiere and open reception at the Miami Valley Center Mall. Meeting with regard to green initiatives, congratulations to Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce Order of George recipient, Mimi Crawford, Lorna Swisher for the Cheryl Stiefel-Francis Non for Profit Award, Ryan and Amanda King, business persons of the year. The recent fire at Piqua Village and that their families are in our thoughts and prayers, and condolences to Dean Burch on the loss of his mother.

Commissioner Grissom –gratitude towards the emergency personnel – reflections over the last 6 months and that it's ok to disagree.

Commissioner Pearson –congratulations to recipients of the Chamber of Commerce presentations/awards. Congratulations to Daria Lee to winning the spelling bee, and don't be daunted, there are more solutions than problems.

Commissioner Fogt –offered thanks to the City of Piqua public for cleaning up Piqua and that citizens can get involved in boards and committees that we share a common goal – town growth and everyone to be successful.

Mayor Lee - thanks for input, we are moving forward to make Piqua the best it can be and we are headed in the right direction. He questioned the rate studies and the availability to citizens.

City Manager Huff stated we have received those recently and will get those out.

Mayor Lee also commented on the Last Full Measure movie, congratulations to retirees Bill Harding and Fred Langston, the MLK celebration, his new duties as Mayor in attending special/public events, Mayors meeting and lots of community support.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Pearson to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 8:00 p.m. motion seconded by Commissioner Hinds, motion carried unanimously.

KRIS LEE, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
KAREN S. JENKINS
CLERK OF COMMISSION