

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, February 18, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

Piqua City Commission met at 6:03 P.M. in the Municipal Government Complex Commission Chambers located at 201 W. Water Street. Mayor Lee called the meeting to order.

Call as follows: Present: Mayor Lee, Commissioner Hinds, Commissioner Grissom, and Commissioner Pearson. Commissioner Fogt was absent.

Commissioner Hinds moved to excuse Commissioner Fogt from the meeting, motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously and Mayor Lee declared Commissioner Fogt excused.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the February 4, 2020 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting

RES. NO. R-25-20

A Resolution of Appreciation for the Public Service of William J. Harding as a City Employee

RES. NO. R-26-20

A Resolution authorizing a three year lease with Piqua Youth Football Association

RES. NO. R-27-20

A Resolution authorizing a three year lease with Piqua Adult Softball League

RES. NO. R-28-20

A Resolution authorizing a three year lease with Piqua Junior Baseball and Softball League, Inc.

RES. NO. R-29-20

A Resolution authorizing a three year lease with Piqua Braves Youth Baseball

RES. NO. R-30-20

A Resolution authorizing a three year lease with Piqua Youth Soccer Association (PYSA)

RES. NO. R-31-20

A Resolution appointing a member to the Housing Council as the Planning Commission Representative

RES. NO. R-32-20

A Resolution appointing a member to the Board of Zoning Appeals as the Planning Commission Representative

RES. NO. R-33-20

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Energy Board

Mayor Lee presented William J. Harding with his Resolution of Appreciation.

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

Mayor Lee asked for any comments from the Public. There were none.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was carried unanimously, and Mayor Lee declared the **Consent Agenda approved**

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R-34-20

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Horton Emergency Vehicles Company for the purchase of a Medic for the Fire Department

Brent Pohlschneider, Fire Chief presented the staff report

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

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William Jaqua, 607 N. Sunset Drive, inquired about the cost of the Medic.

Commissioner Hinds stated that the budgeted amount was \$295,000.00, the expenditure is \$276,795.09. Expenditure is less than budgeted amount. Mayor Lee confirmed this information was in the published agenda packet.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES. NO. R-34-20, motion seconded by Commissioner Hinds, motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-34-20 adopted.

RES. NO. R-35-20

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Baker Vehicle Systems Inc. for the purchase of two greens mowers for Echo Hill Golf Course

Cynthia Holtzapple, Asst. City Manager/Finance Director presented the staff report.

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

Mayor Lee inquired if there was any debt service on the golf course at this time. Ms. Holtzapple confirmed there was not, we have this capital item and some scheduled repairs for later on in the season. Commissioner Hinds stated that this quote is \$10,000 less than the other quotes. Commissioner Pearson and Ms. Holtzapple commented on the excellence of Kurt Huemmer in serving the equipment that has prolonged the life value of the equipment for over 9+ years

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adopt RES. NO. R-35-20, motion seconded by Commissioner Hinds, motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-35-20 adopted.

RES. NO. R-36-20

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Ohio CAT for the purchase of a Skid Steer Loader with multiple attachments at the Wastewater Department

Chris Melvin – Superintendent presented the staff report.

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

Commissioner Pearson stated that the \$89,120.00 expenditure is substantially less than the budgeted amount.

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

Bill Jaqua questioned the model of the steer loader and why we did not buy a John Deere.

Chris Melvin stated that the loader was competitively bid through Sourcewell.

City Manager Huff explained the types of national purchasing programs that are utilized by the City.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES. NO.R-36-20, motion seconded by Commissioner Grissom, motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-36-20 adopted.

RES. NO. R-37-20

A Resolution requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with Hull & Associates Inc. for Professional Engineering Services as related to the Fountain Boulevard/Canal Sanitary and Manhole Replacement Project

Shane Johnson, Underground Utilities presented the staff report

City Manager Huff explained the importance of having utility reserve funds for these type of emergencies.

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

Commissioner Grissom inquired if there were any other parts of the canal that we should have the same concerns

Mr. Johnson reported that there were none to his current knowledge.

Mayor Lee asked how we settled on Hull and Associates for the services

City Manager Huff stated that the company submitted RFQs and were evaluated to decide who has the best expertise.

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

Bill Jaqua asked where the money is coming from and inquired about the status of our bond rating?

City Manager Huff advised the money was coming from the utility reserve funds maintained for unexpected emergencies vs. borrowing funds. City Manager Huff explained our status as far as any bond ratings are concerned.

Jay Roman, 406 W. High Street inquired if using these funds could affect rates in the future

City Manager Huff replied that it depends on the types of emergencies and capital projects/emergencies that could be happening in the future. This project has no immediate affect on rates.

Joe Drapp, 1127 N. Sunset commented that it is wise and prudent to continue on the reserve program and made positive comments with regard to the City of Piqua employees

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES. NO.R-37-20, motion seconded by Commissioner Pearson, motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-37-20 adopted.

RES. NO. R-40-20

A Resolution declaring the City's intention to appropriate 1.871 acres of land located in the Northeast and Southeast quarters of Section 1, Town 8, Range 5E, located in Washington Township, Miami County, Ohio

Law Director Patrizio provided the informational report with regard to the negotiation with the present property owners.

Mayor Lee inquired if the owners would sell for fair market value

Law Director Patrizio responded that the owners were asking \$110,000.

City Manager Huff commented on the property vacancy and habitability.

Commissioner Grissom inquired about the importance of acquiring the property.

City Manager Huff replied that this property location causes issues with dam expansion in order to provide protection for housing located close to the dam which could cost the City millions of dollars.

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

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

Jey Roman inquired about the process for obtaining the property.

Law Director Patrizio responded with an explanation of the process of imminent domain.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adopt RES. NO.R-40-20, motion seconded by Commissioner Grissom, motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-40-20 adopted

Law Director Patrizio was unable to attend the rest of the meeting due to a previous commitment and left the meeting at this time.

RES. NO. R-38-20

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

Dean Burch, Information Technology Director presented the staff report.

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

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Bill Jaqua stepped forward to confirm we were on R-38-20

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES. NO.R-38-20, motion seconded by Commissioner Pearson, motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-38-20 adopted

RES. NO. R-39-20

A Resolution requesting the replat of Inlots 8686 and 8687 in the Indian Ridge Subdivision and the vacation of an unused storm sewer easement

Chris Schmiesing, Community and Economic Development Director presented the Staff Report.

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

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Bill Jaqua commented on the amount of new housing permits requested in 2019 and questioned if these plats in Indian Ridge were on the reported list and asked if the lots were being rezoned.

City Manager Huff advised this was just a replat to eliminate the storm drain and confirmed number of new housing units under construction.

Rob Alexander, President of Indian Ridge Developers reported on the easement abandonment and the improvements occurring on the properties over the last five years, and current property value increases on the properties. Mr. Alexander positively commented on his ward and their pride in Mayor Chris Lee and reported on the various public activities occurring in Indian Ridge.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES. NO.R-39-20, motion seconded by Commissioner Pearson, motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-39-20 adopted

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jay Roman commented on a post from Steve Baker five years ago with regard to electric rates and spikes in utility bills and subsequent letter to Mr. Baker with regard to the same issues. Jay reported that he has been contacted by a colleague of Steve Baker and will be informing him

that the citizens and the City are working toward a resolution. Mr. Roman inquired about the amp voltage meters that the city was going to provide citizens to check utility usage.

Mayor Lee commented with regard to utility rates and scheduled increases in water and sewage

City Manager Huff stated that if the city makes an error in billing, we will correct it, but have no way to determine individual house usage. City Manager Huff also reported on the status of the amp voltage meters.

Commissioner Hinds commented on the original resolution with regard to the utilities issues/resolutions.

Paul Bubeck, 921 Camp Street questioned the estimation of his utility bill and inquired about the status of the Poling's Building on Wayne Street

City Manager Huff replied that the Poling's building issue has something in the works and should be resolved soon.

Bil Jaqua commented on economic development, household income and statistical comparisons to surrounding cities, the change from charter to statutory government and the process for the appointment of Mayor for the City of Piqua.

Commissioner Hinds explained the process that changed the charter with regard to the appointment of the Mayor and positively commented on the qualifications of the present Commissioner members

Joe Drapp, 1366 Park Avenue commented on the process for choosing the Mayor and his admiration for the commision members. Mr. Drapp also asked for clarification of the address for the property that was in dispute and asking price of \$110,000.

City Manager Huff confirmed the information for Mr. Drapp.

Greg Dixon, Newton Township, announced that he is a candidate for county commission and stated his qualifications and intentions.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Candi Etter is retiring from the Finance Department after 30 years of service
Recent Chamber ribbon cuttings –Queen Exhibits, Employee Direct Care, Alley & Bradl LLC and Piquant Spa
2 new business announced – Brightview Drug Treatment Center on High Street and the Blue Violet Shop on West Water Street
Chambner has 2 ribbon cuttings in coming weeks

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER HINDS

Offered congratulations to William Harding for his service to the City of Piqua

COMMISSIONER GRISSOM

Congratulation to William Harding
Announcement of the recent birth of a daughter
Comment on the statistics of children returning to their home towns
Work Session for pool

COMMISSIONER PEARSON

Comment on the statistics with regard to children returning to the area they were raised to start their families.
Spirit Newsletter announcements

COMMISSIONER FOGT - ABSENT

MAYOR LEE

Congratulations to William Harding
Congratulations to Commissioner Grissom on the birth of his daughter
Congratulation to Commissioner Fogt on his recent marriage
Worksession for Swimming pool on the 27th at 6:00 p.m.
Masyor Lee will be delivering the Key Note speech for Black History Month at Edison College on Monday, February 24th at 6:0 p.m.
Citizens please feel free to call with any questions or issues

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Pearson to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 7:20 p.m. motion seconded by Commissioner Hinds, motion carried unanimously.



KRIS LEE, MAYOR

PASSED: March 3, 2020

ATTEST: Karen S. Jenkins
KAREN S. JENKINS
CLERK OF COMMISSION