

MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, March 3, 2020
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 Lee called the meeting to order.

Roll 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 Pearson. Motion carried unanimously and Mayor Lee declared Commissioner Fogt excused.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To consider the purchase or sale of property for public purposes

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

Commissioner Grissom moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Pearson. The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adjourn from the Executive Session at 6:32 p.m., seconded by Mayor Lee, Motion carried unanimously and the Commissioners continued the regular meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the February 18, 2020 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R-41-20

A Resolution requesting authorization to apply for Safe Route to School Funding for certain infrastructure and non-infrastructure improvements

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

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

Commissioner Hinds commented on the consideration of refiguring of the intersection at Indian Trail and Tomahawk Trail.

Commissioner Grissom commented on how many people live in walkable distance and parental concerns and input.

Mayor Lee commented on the inclusion of Piqua Catholic schools in the program, Mr. Schmiesing responded that the criteria for ODOT makes it difficult for those schools to participate.

Commissioner Pearson commented on parental surveys with regard to walking distance, time, safety at intersections and violence of crime in the area.

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

Bill Jaqua, 607 N. Sunset Drive commented on the number of bicycle crashes he witnesses in the school zone on Sunset Drive.

Paul Bubeck, 921 Camp Street commented on the need to replace the 4 way stop sign at the intersection of Sunset and Park with a stop light.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES. NO. R- 41-20 , motion seconded by Commissioner Hinds, motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-41-20 adopted.

RES. NO. R-42-20

A Resolution authorizing the sale of City owned Real Estate

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.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES. NO. R-42-20, motion seconded by Commissioner Grissom, motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-42 -20 adopted.

RES. NO. R-43-20

A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of Real Estate into the Land Reutilization Program

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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Joe Drapp, 1366 Park Avenue questioned the location of the properties and the probability of re-development of the properties.

Mr. Schmiesing identified the location of the five properties and noted that the city is facilitating conveyance of the properties to an entity that puts them into a productive use to maintain school and property taxes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES. NO. R-43 -20 , motion seconded by Commissioner Pearson, motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-43-20 adopted.

RES. NO. R-44-20

A Resolution authorizing the purchase of 2-acres of land from Parcel No. M40-003100

City Manager Huff presented the report.

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

Commissioner Grissom asked if the City would be leasing the property to which City Manager Huff stated that we would be leasing the property to Kettering Health Network who would develop all the facilities on the property.

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

Bill Jaqua asked about the recoupmnt of money invested and property valuation.

City Manager Huff responded that the City is still negotiating and that this is a worthwhile service to the community.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adopt RES. NO. R-44-20 , motion seconded by Commissioner Grissom, motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-44-20 adopted.

RES. NO. R-45-20

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Workers, Inc. (AFSCME), Council 8, Local 984

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

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

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-45-20 , motion seconded by Commissioner Hinds, motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-45-20 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Jaqua, 607 N. Sunset Drive commented on the town hall meetings with regard to the utilities and pool. Mr. Jaqua also commented on the petition for change from a charter to statutory city form of government.

Amy Hickey, 1335 Covington Avenue spoke with regard to the youth group program "Aiming High with Youth, the Riffel Effect" and visions for youth involvement in the community, announcement of fund raising events and the possible kick-off of the program in Downtown Piqua.

Commissioner Hinds asked if this program was already created or if Ms. Hickey has created and recommended that Ms. Hickey approach the school board with regard to this program

Ms. Hickey stated that she has created this program.

Mayor Lee comments that this would be perfect to get kids involved and that this is fulfilling a need.

Commissioner Pearson inquired as to meeting locations.. Ms. Hickey responded possibly the Bethany Center or public parks weather permitting.

Alisha Barton and Aimee Shannon gave a presentation and information with regard to Shared Harvest Food Bank and pop-up pantries, statistics with regard to households being serviced by these programs and the issue of food insecurity in Miami County.

Commissioner Pearson inquired as to what identification information is collected from persons obtaining assistance. Ms. Barton provided the information that they just need to provide proof they are a Miami County citizen.

Commissioner Hinds inquired about the funding source. Ms. Barton advised that the food comes from the Federal government and is distributed through Harvest Pantry.

Debbie Thompson, 1026 S. Roosevelt Avenue expressed appreciation to Commissioner Hinds for her service to the City as Mayor and spoke on the importance and duty of the citizens to be able to vote for the Mayor.

Law Director Patrizio stated that the City could change the charter with regard to citizen election of the Mayor and clarified the commission roles with regard to the Mayor position

Jey Roman, 406 W. High Street commented on Amy Hickey's program, the town hall pool meeting and the importance of holding town hall meetings on a regular basis.

Commissioner Grissom commented on better timing and/or location for town hall meetings.

Mr. Roman responded that the Commission Chambers is fine but added the possibility of holding the meetings on weekends for better participation.

Mayor Lee stated that the City wants to reach out to everyone.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Huff requested Chris Schmiesing to present an update on economic development at this time.

City Manager Huff presented a Coronavirus statement from the Piqua Health Department, and informed citizens that further information is provided on the City of Piqua website.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER HINDS

Developmental Development Disabilities Awareness Month, Riverside open house held on Monday. Thank you to Riverside and Miami County Board of Disabilities for those citizens that live and work in our community.

High School Musical – Tarzan – to be presented on March 11, 12, 13 and 14th. Tickets available on website or at the High School.

Bike Piqua membership Social to be held on April 2 at 311 Draffhouse. More information to be provided at a later date.

COMMISSIONER GRISSOM

Facebook posts with regard to City of Piqua trash collection employees interaction with neighborhood children.

COMMISSIONER PEARSON

Received 2 calls about pool workshops and encouraging citizens to stay involved.

COMMISSIONER FOGT

Absent

MAYOR LEE

Pool work session, RFQ's and ideas for rejuvenation of pool/splash pad combination
Appreciation for citizens participation in Commission meetings
Coronavirus update
Thank you to Chris Schmiesing for all his hard work with regard to economic development
Piqua High School musical

ADJOURNMENT

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


KRIS LEE, MAYOR

PASSED: 4/7/20

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