

MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, July 7, 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, Commissioner Pearson and Commissioner Fogt.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the June 16, 2020 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting

RES. NO. R-88-20

A Resolution of Appreciation for the Public Service of Robert D. Bateman as a City Employee

Mr. Bateman was presented his resolution prior to tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Pearson moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda; motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was carried unanimously, and Mayor Lee declared the **Consent Agenda approved**

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R-89-20 (Public Hearing)

A Resolution accepting for statutory purposes a budget for the calendar year 2021

Cynthia Holtzapple, Finance Director presented the staff report

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES. NO. R-89-20, motion seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-89-20 adopted

RES. NO. R-90-20

A Resolution requesting the City of Piqua's share of funds from County Coronavirus Relief Distribution Fund and affirming that those funds shall only be expended in accordance with the requirements of Section 5001 of the Cares Act as described in 42 U.S.C. 601 (d)

Cynthia Holtzapple, Finance Director presented the staff report

Mayor Lee asked for questions or comments from the Commission.

Commissioner Fogt stated that this is not a loan, that there would be zero repayment

Commissioner Grissom asked if the \$500,000 is the limit now and could we possibly receive more funds. Cynthia Holtzapple replied that this is our allocation and we expect to expend all the funds, however, we could receive money from other counties in the event they do not use all of their funds.

Mayor Lee again confirmed – this is not a loan – it is a grant.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES. NO. R-90-20, motion seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-90-20 adopted

RES. NO. R-91-20

A Resolution Declaring Racism as a Public Health Crisis in the City of Piqua.

Mayor Lee presented information with regard to this resolution

Mayor Lee asked for questions or comments from the Commission.

Commissioner Pearson stated that when Amy Welker reported on this issue that there was no data and that is what this is about (gathering data on the socio-economic situation).

Commissioner Hinds commented on the emphasis of social racism as cited in paragraph 4 of the Resolution as being the highlight of the resolution.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adopt RES. NO. R-91-20, motion seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-91-20 adopted

RES. NO. R-92-20

A Resolution re-establishing a Committee on Community Diversity and adopting the Committee's Mission and Responsibilities

Mayor Lee presented information with regard to this resolution; Mayor Lee stated he would like to be able to re-focus the Diversity Committee's mission statement and possibly change the name to the Inclusion Committee or something similar. Mayor Lee then stated that in light of everything that has been going on, the previous resolution, and the fact that he would like to add more members and be able to broaden the committee by working with people in the community, Mayor Lee asked if this resolution could be tabled to allow time to "re-tool" and "re-present" the resolution.

Mayor Lee asked for questions or comments from the Commission.

Commissioner Hinds commented she agrees with the "inclusion" wording to make sure this committee represents all the diverse population in the community.

Commissioner Grissom clarified that Mayor Lee basically wanted to take a step back to have time to implement changes to the committee.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to table RES. NO. R-92-20, motion seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-92-20 tabled.

RES. NO. R-93-20

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources, (ODNR) for improvements to the Piqua Water Supply Lakes System

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

Mayor Lee asked for questions or comments from the Commission.

Commissioner Grissom asked if the city is looking at all the lakes and that this dollar amount was budgeted.

Amy Havenar commented that he was correct; however, the City is looking at Swift Run first.

Commissioner Pearson inquired how long the study will take to which Ms. Havenar stated through the year 2021.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adopt RES. NO. R-93-20, motion seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-93-20 adopted

RES. NO. R-94-20

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into the LPA Federal ODOT-LET Project Agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the Safe Routes to School Project

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

Mayor Lee asked for questions or comments from the Commission.

Commissioner Pearson commented that the sidewalk has already been created from 25A to Indian Ridge and asked about lighting.

Amy Havenar replied that the lighting will be installed at a later date as there is currently no funding.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adopt RES. NO. R-94-20, motion seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-94-20 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Lee explained the process being followed at this time. We have received no questions/comments

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Huff announced that Brian Brookhart, Public Works Director would be introducing representatives from Brandstetter Carroll Inc. (BCI) for the Pool Consultant Presentation

Mr. Brookhart stated that the Park Board Members reviewed qualifications and interviewed three consulting firms who submitted proposals to conduct a Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study for the city pool. Park Board members unanimously chose BCI to conduct this study.

Lawrence Brandstetter, AIA Project Manager gave a brief synopsis of the company. Mr. Brandstetter than introduced Philip Schillfarth, Project Manager to present a more detailed report.

Mr. Schillfarth then discussed BCI's qualifications and operating philosophy. He presented facts with regard to Piqua's population, household income, projected attendance per day and projected annual income. He explained the scope of services BCI will provide.

Lawrence Brandstetter then presented information as to how they work to meet the citizen's wants and needs and how grants and funds are acquired.

Mayor Lee stated that he would like the advisory committee to be able to meet with Mr. Brandstetter via zoom.

Commissioner Fogt asked about the accuracy of the forecast.

Mr. Brandstetter replied that numbers typically come from the first year of operation.

Lloyd Shoemaker then spoke with regard to how the Park Board Members came to the decision to have BCI conduct the study.

Mayor Lee commented that our pool was not really that bad.

City Manager Huff stated that if there were no objections, he would like to enter into the contract.

Mayor Lee replied that would be OK and he will send notice to the Advisory Committee and he is excited to get the pool up and running.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER HINDS

The graduation ceremony for Piqua High School was held this past Friday. Congratulations to the students, parents and teachers of the class of 2020.

COMMISSIONER GRISSOM

Congratulations to Robert Bateman in his retirement.

Commissioner Grissom also asked about the rumor that the Piqua City School mascot was going to be changed.

Mayor Lee confirmed to Commissioner Grissom that it is just a rumor.

COMMISSIONER PEARSON

Congratulations to the 2020 graduates.

Thank you to Crane Pump's employees for the improvements made to Mote Park with regard to the basketball court and the painted concession stand.

COMMISSIONER FOGT

Congratulations to the 2020 graduates

Medical Marijuana Board Discussion – a yes or no survey will go out on the City forum starting Wednesday, July 8 to run for 2 weeks with regard to the medical marijuana issue to gain feedback from the citizens

Commissioner Fogt stated that he is still gathering information (good and bad facts) with regard to the topic of Urban chickens.

Commission Fogt then asked about the study on the monies for the paving projects.

City Manager Huff provided information with regard to the dollar amount spent on alley paving for prior years, with the average being \$84,800 over the last five years.

Commissioner Fogt then inquired as to what percentage that amount was out of the total budget.

Brian Brookhart stated that \$300,000 is budgeted yearly for asphalt.

Commissioner Fogt stated that the trash collection trucks sparked the conversation with regard to the need to repave alleys.

Commissioner Fogt asked if the City would see a decline in dollars spent on alleys with the removal of the trash trucks

Brian Brookhart replied that the alleys would last years longer and the City could concentrate most of the assets on the roadways.

Commissioner Fogt then inquired how the Riverfront Development project was going

City Manager Huff replied that there has been a tremendous amount of discussion with new businesses and developers. The City hopes to have some announcements in the near future.

MAYOR LEE

Congratulations to the 2020 graduates of Piqua High School and Lehman High School. Hopefully these graduates will return to Piqua.

Last year the City received 19 complaints with regard to fireworks. This year the City has received 55 complaints. Fireworks are illegal being an M1 offense. Persons suffering from PTSD and animals are affected by fireworks. Be respectful.

Mayor Lee offered thanks to the Commission for passing the racism resolution. This resolution is the starting point to having larger discussions with regard to racism. Citizens are urged to call with suggestions or to be included in the Diversity Committee.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Commissioner Hinds moved to go into executive session, seconded by Commissioner Fogt. The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adjourn from the Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. seconded by Commissioner Pearson, motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 7:51 p.m. motion seconded by Commissioner Pearson, motion carried unanimously.



KRIS LEE, MAYOR

PASSED: August 18, 2020

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