

**MINUTES
REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, October 20, 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. This meeting was broadcast via U-Tube. Mayor Lee called the meeting to order.

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

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME MONTH

Mayor Lee issued a Proclamation establishing the month of October National Down Syndrome month.

PROCLAMATION – KAREN WENDELN

Mayor Lee issued a Proclamation recognizing the retirement of Karen Wendeln from the Piqua Community Foundation.

PRESENTATION – FREIGHT FARM - BRIT DECKER / LAURA JACKSON

Mr. Decker and Ms. Jackson provided information with regard to "fifthseason FARM", being a new indoor hydroponic "container" in which leafy greens will be cultivated.

FALL RESIDENCE PRIDE AWARDS

Mayor Lee recognized the following property owners which have received the Fall Residence Pride Award. No recipient was in attendance at the Commission meeting to receive the award.

Logan & Abby Peepels	919 Lincoln Street
Amy Walker	600 Cottage Avenue
Ron & Debra Anthony	117 Riverside Drive
Michael & Angela Yager	1621 W. High Street
Chuck & Peggy Hoke	209 S. Downing Street

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the September 1, 2020 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting and the minutes from the September 9, 2020, the September 18, 2020, September 24, 2020 and the October 5, 2020 Piqua City Commission-Special Meeting-Executive Sessions

RES. NO. R-110-20

A Resolution of Appreciation for the Public Service of Toni A. Daniel as a City Employee

Toni Daniel was present to accept her Resolution of Appreciation

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

NEW BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 8-20 (1st Reading)

An Emergency Ordinance enacting and adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Piqua

This is the first reading – City Manager Huff presented information with regard to this Ordinance.

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

There were no questions or comments submitted from the citizens with regard to this Ordinance.

City Manager Huff requested waiver of the three reading rule.

Motion to waive the three reading rule was made by Commissioner Pearson, motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Motion carried unanimously and Mayor Lee declared the three reading rule waived.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt ORD. NO. 8-20, motion was seconded by Commissioner Grisson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared ORD. NO. 8-20 adopted.

ORD. NO. 9-20 (1st Reading)

An Ordinance amending Chapter 154 Zoning of the Piqua Code of Ordinances and allowing a Dispensary Use in the B-General Business and CBD-Central Business Zoning Districts

This is the first reading - Chris Schmiesing, Community and Economic Development Director presented the staff report.

Mayor Lee asked for any questions or comments from the Commission

City Manager Huff noted that the City had previously chosen to opt out with regard to the 2017 Ordinance due to the lack of regulations.

Commissioner Fogt stated that there had been public polls with a wide variety of weigh in and review and approval of the Planning Commission. Commissioner Fogt requested waiver of the three reading rule. City Manager Huff stated that we need more time for citizen input. No Motion was made to waive the three reading rule.

Mayor Lee asked the citizens to offer more input into the matter.

There were no questions or comments submitted from the citizens with regard to this Ordinance.

The Ordinance will move forward to the second reading.

RES. NO. R-111-20

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for Federal Fast Act Funds through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission

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

Mayor Lee asked for questions or comments from the Commission.

Commissioner Hinds stated that this has been on the docket for a long time and she is thrilled about the installation of the roundabout in relation to the location of the schools.

Commissioner Grissom commented that the roundabout will prove to be more efficient and confirmed that this Resolution is only to authorize application for the funds.

Amy Havenar confirmed that this is just the application for the funds, that we should receive notification by March, 2021 if we were successful in obtaining the grant funds. Ms. Havenar then explained the next steps in moving forward with the project if the grant funds are obtained and that the City will make application for a grant through the Ohio Public Works Commission to help offset the local share of the project.

There were no questions or comments submitted from the citizens with regard to this Resolution.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES. NO. R-111-20, motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-111-20 adopted.

RES. NO. R-112-20

A Resolution awarding a contract to Kinnison Excavating Inc. for the South Main Street transmission main relocation project

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

Mayor Lee asked for questions or comments from the Commission.

Commissioner Grissom asked if these funds had already been budgeted.

Amy Havenar stated that was correct. The funds were in the Water Department budget for this year.

There were no questions or comments submitted from the citizens with regard to this Resolution.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adopt RES. NO. R-112-20, motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-112-20 adopted.

RES. NO. R-113-20

A Resolution supporting the Fiscal Year 2021 United States Environmental Protection Agency Brownfield Assessment Grant Program Application

Chris Schmiesing, Community and Economic Development Director presented the staff report

Mayor Lee asked for questions or comments from the Commission.

Mayor Lee stated there would be no matching funds to which Mr. Schmiesing stated that is correct, it is a reimbursement so the City would spend the dollars and get reimbursed, which is pretty typical.

Commissioner Grissom stated he was clearing up his confusion with regard to paying initially and then getting reimbursement. Mr. Schmiesing stated this is pretty typical for most grant programs.

Commissioner Grissom commented that the City would not move forward with the project until we knew we had the funds.

Mr. Schmiesing stated the City would not know until late Spring if the funds would be awarded and the funds would be received in late summer. Mr. Schmiesing explained that once the City has received the money there would be steps to go through to establish the work plan as part of the EPA requirements.

There were no questions or comments submitted from the citizens with regard to this Resolution.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES. NO. R-113-20, motion was seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-113-20 adopted.

RES. NO. R-114-20

A Resolution approving the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Application for program year 2020 and authorizing the City Manager to submit the application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Chris Schmiesing, Community and Economic Development Director presented the staff report

Mayor Lee asked for questions or comments from the Commission

Mayor Lee asked if the \$240,478 is the amount the City would have to contribute; and there are mechanisms that may be able to help cover that cost?

Mr. Schmiesing replied that amount is correct and that the City will be applying for additional funds. The City has already had conversations with some of the contributors possibly in the range of \$150,000.

Commissioner Grissom stated this would encourage investment in the City.

Mr. Schmiesing stated there are three active projects waiting to commit when the City can commit to them with regard to the Lock Nine project.

Commissioner Hinds stated that this project is the kingpin for other development in the area and inquired if the private contribution was from UVMC/Premier Health?

Mr. Schmiesing stated that \$280,000 has already been committed from Premier Health and he is hopeful for a fair amount of contribution to come from the private sector.

Commissioner Hinds stated that the City has a great track record with private investment with the Fort Piqua Plaza.

Commissioner Fogt asked if we could do up to 100% in kind from the private sector?

Mr. Schmiesing responded that in-kind doesn't necessarily fit here due to the shift in the resources. The expenditures we have already incurred in the initial phase of the project can count toward the contribution. That does not help to pay for any remaining costs.

There were no questions or comments submitted from the citizens with regard to this Resolution.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adopt RES. NO. R-114-20, motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-114-20 adopted.

RES. NO. R-115-20

A Resolution amending the City of Piqua's Miami County Hazard Mitigation Plan in conjunction with the Miami County Emergency Management Agency

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

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

There were no questions or comments submitted from the citizens with regard to this Resolution.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES. NO. R-115-20, motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-115-20 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no questions or comments received from the citizens and there was no one in the audience.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – ANNOUNCEMENTS

No report

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER FOGT

Commissioner Fogt offered congratulations to the Fall Residence Pride Award recipients and commented on his enjoyment of the numerous holiday decorations.

COMMISSIONER PEARSON

Commissioner Pearson informed that the Shared Harvest Food Bank will be located at the Upper Valley Career Center this Saturday, October 24th, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Commissioner Pearson also stated that we should support our local businesses.

COMMISSIONER GRISSOM

Commissioner Grissom asked for confirmation of the trick-or-treat date and time designation of next Thursday, October 29.

City Manager Huff stated that date was correct and the hours for trick or treat will be from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The Governor has put out guidelines with regard to trick-or-treat and asked that everyone participating in trick-or-treat should try to abide by the guidelines the best they can.

Commissioner Grissom commented that the City staff is doing amazing work and the City is continuing to make progress.

Congratulations to the Fall Pride Residence Award recipients, he is enjoying the improvements and decoration to the neighborhoods.

COMMISSIONER HINDS

Commissioner Hinds offered congratulations to the Fall Residence Price Award recipients and noted that she is also enjoying the improvements and/or decorations in her ward.

Shout out to the schools, thanks to all employees and staff with regard to their dedication and how these individuals have handled the COVID situation.

Well done Piqua football team in having a great year with no losses.

Congratulations to Toni Daniel on her retirement after many years of service in the Utility Department

Vote – get out and exercise your right to vote.

MAYOR LEE

Mayor Lee offered congratulations to Toni Daniel on her retirement, noting Toni's hard work of 17 years in the Utility Department and that she did a great job.


Thank you to the schools, the Piqua football team is undefeated and Friday night football is exciting to watch.

Be safe on Halloween and please follow the governor's recommendations.

November 3 is election day. If you are of voting age then vote – take advantage of your constitutional right.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 6:45 p.m. motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds, motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.



KRIS LEE, MAYOR

PASSED: Nov 3 2020

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