

**MINUTES
REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, October 27, 2020
5:30 p.m.**

Piqua City Commission met at 5:30 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.

Mayor Lee stated that there was no need to hold an Executive Session and moved forward to the regular commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R-116-20

A Resolution hiring L. Paul Oberdorfer as City Manager and setting forth his terms of employment compensation and conditions

Mayor Lee provided information with regard to Mr. Oberdorfer's qualifications and stated that he is a very impressive individual.

Mayor Lee asked the commissioners if there were any comments they would like to make with regard to Mr. Oberdorfer

Commissioner Hinds stated that it was a unanimous vote to hire him – that all the commissioners came to the same conclusion that he was the candidate for us.

Mayor Lee stated that we are lucky to get Mr. Oberdorfer

Commissioner Grissom stated that he was excited to bring him on board and that this was great for the city and operations, that Mr. Oberdorfer "checked all the boxes" with regard to his record and qualifications.

Commissioner Pearson stated that Mr. Oberdorfer will be a great addition that she felt him to be honest and forthcoming and very willing to speak to the commissioners, very anxious to get him here and get started.

Commissioner Fogt stated that we have made a great choice for the city, to allow the city manager and commission some time to start working together collectively to start making leaps and bounds for the City of Piqua in the near future.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES. NO. R-116-20, motion was seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Roll was called with a 5-0 vote, motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-116-20 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was one questions/comment submitted from Jeffrey Cost, 307 Manning Street, with regard to the trucks coming off of Ash Street bridge still using the engine brakes and asking if we could get something done about cars racing up and down Manning Street.

Mayor Lee responded that this issue has been reported to him, the City Manager and the Piqua Police Department, with all coming to the same conclusion being that an officer has to be present to witness any violations. There is a sign posted with regard to engine braking and racing up and down Manning Street is discouraged. An increased presence of officers would be noted in that area; officers will patrol that area as often as they can.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER HINDS

She is excited about the new city manager. He comes very well qualified and he will help lead the vision the city has set forth moving forward.

COMMISSIONER GRISSOM

He is looking forward to working with the new city manager as well.

COMMISSIONER PEARSON

She is thrilled to have a new city manager, anxious for the citizens to become engaged with him and learn all that he has to offer.

COMMISSIONER FOGT

He is anxiously waiting to get the new city manager on board. Thanks to Gary Huff for the great job he has done for the past eight years and the outstanding leadership he has provided. He hates to see him go, but there is always change, and change should always be welcome.

MAYOR LEE

Welcome Mr. Oberdorfer to the City of Piqua. Gary Huff has been an excellent city manager who has been loved by all city employees and lots of groups throughout the City, with lots of open communication and he has done a great job for the city. He will be missed. Mr. Oberdorfer will do a good job. He has a good background and good experience that he will bring to the City of Piqua to help us continue to grow.

There was then a discussion about Halloween and the decision was made to move trick-or-treat from Thursday, October 29th to Saturday, October 31st from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. due to the inclement weather (heavy rain) expected on Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting/Special Meeting at 5:45 p.m., motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom, motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.


KRIS LEE, MAYOR

PASSED: Nov 3, 2020

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