

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday, November 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.

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 October 16, 2020 and the October 27, 2020 Piqua City Commission Special Meeting-Executive Sessions and the October 20, 2020 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting

Commissioner Grissom moved for 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.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ORD. NO. 9-20 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> reading - 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 Citizens.

Amy Shannon, 1560 Woodbridge Place, Apt. B, Troy, Ohio. Ms. Shannon stated that she has been prescribed (and wears daily on her forearm) a CBD patch as the method of treatment for her medical condition(s) that were not responding well to pharmaceuticals. She stated the side effects cause by the pharmaceuticals were debilitating. Ms. Shannon stated that she has to drive to Dayton as that is the nearest dispensary available to her, and that it would be helpful to have a dispensary closer to her home city.

Commissioner Fogt asked Ms. Shannon if she was experiencing any adverse side effects from the CBD patch, and if she had any run-ins with the law because of the use of CBD

Ms. Shannon stated that the CBD is making such a difference to her health and she is suffering no side effects. Ms. Shannon advised that the dispensaries are comparable to a doctor's office waiting room and that the dispensary she used did not have visible marijuana containers out in the open for public view. The merchandise is professionally labelled and packaged and she has had no instances where her medication has caused any issues with police officers.

The Ordinance will move forward to the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(This is an opportunity for citizens to address the City Commission regarding agenda items, issues, or to provide information. Comments are requested to be limited to five (5) minutes and specific questions should be addressed to the City Manager's office.)

Presentation: Amy Shannon and Alisha Barnett provided information with regard to the Miami County Food and Security Alliance Program; the amount of food being served to the public and the various ways the food is being delivered or picked up. Alisha Barnett stated that they are in need of volunteers.

Mayor Lee asked Ms. Barnett to please provide information with regard to the program that can be put on the City of Piqua website in an effort to help recruit volunteers.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cynthia Holtzapple, Asst. City Manager/Finance Director gave a presentation on the status of the COVID relief funding.

Commissioner Grissom commented that we do not want to "not use" any remaining funds available to the City.

Mayor Lee commented that he is very happy about the resources that have been made available.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

**COMMISSIONER FOGT**

Thanks to the parents and kids for having a safe Halloween and adapting to the change of the date and time of Trick-or-Treat.  
Thanks for voting

**COMMISSIONER PEARSON**

The weather was much better for Trick or Treat on Saturday afternoon vs. holding it on the prior Thursday evening.

There will be a dedication at the Veteran's Memorial on Saturday, September 7 at 1:00 p.m. to raise awareness of 22 suicides per day by veterans.

She has been informed by Amy Welker of the Piqua Health Department that the number of COVID cases is up and that strategies are key to keeping the spread down.

**COMMISSIONER GRISSOM**

The weather for the celebration of Halloween on Saturday was much better than the previous Thursday and he enjoyed the date and time of Trick or Treat as it enabled him to be able to participate.

The Commission meetings are now open to the public and the wearing of masks and social distancing is necessary.

**COMMISSIONER HINDS**

The number of local COVID cases are going up – make sure to make smart decisions.

There is one hour left to vote. Please vote it is your right.


**MAYOR LEE**

Mayor Lee recited a quote from Abraham Lincoln stating that we are not enemies, we are friends. It does not matter who wins the election, we still have to live with each other. Voting is a right, please exercise your right to vote.

Mayor Lee stated that he had received a little citizen "flack" with regard to the change in the date and time for trick or treat, but that he had received compliments from parents during Saturday's trick or treat.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. motion was seconded by Commissioner Fogt, motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

  
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KRIS LEE, MAYOR

PASSED: Nov 17, 2020

ATTEST: Karen S. Jenkins  
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CLERK OF COMMISSION