

MINUTES
REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, November 17, 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. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and Utube.

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

PROCLAMATION – KAREN WENDELN

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

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the November 3, 2020 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting

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

OLD BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 9-20 (3rd 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 3rd 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.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adopt ORD. NO. 9-20, motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared ORD. NO. 9-20 adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 10-20 (1st Reading)

An Ordinance repealing existing Chapter 33.08 and enacting a new Chapter 33.08 of the Piqua Code, relating to Employee Insurance

This is the first reading – Catherine M. Bogan, Human Resources Director presented the staff report.

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.

Ordinance No. 10-20 will move to the 2nd reading

ORD. NO. 11-20 (1st Reading)

An Ordinance repealing Schedule A-1 of Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code and adopting a new Schedule A-1 of Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code, relating to wages of certain Municipal Employees

This is the first reading – Catherine M. Bogan, Human Resources Director presented the staff report.

Mayor Lee asked for any questions or comments from the Commission

Commissioner Grissom asked if these wages reflected a cost of living adjustment for all wages.

Ms. Bogan replied there was a change in classification to reflect the new minimum wage. Those above the minimum wage have been given a cost of living adjustment.

Mayor Lee inquired how much of an increase from the previous year?

Ms. Bogan replied the increase was a 2.5% cost of living adjustment. Certain classifications that are not currently being utilized by the City were not adjusted.

Mayor Lee stated there were seasonal/part-time employees that were not utilized this year.

Ms. Bogan stated at some point in time we could possibly abolish some of these classifications but was hesitant to abolish these positions as they may be utilized in the future so for now they were being left on but the wages were not adjusted.

Commissioner Fogt asked if the abolishment of classifications not currently being utilized by the City would be looked at under the Charter review.

Cynthia Holtzapple, Asst. City Manager/Finance Director replied this would be an internal-type procedure and that any changes would be brought before the Commission indicating a particular position and an explanation as to why the position was being abolished.

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

Ordinance No. 11-20 will move to the 2nd reading

ORD. NO. 12-20 (1st Reading)

An Ordinance to make Appropriations for the City of Piqua, Ohio for the Year 2021.

This is the first reading – Cynthia Holtzapple, Assistant City Manager, Finance Director presented the staff report.

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.

Ordinance No. 12-20 will move to the 2nd reading

RES. NO. R-117-20

A Resolution authorizing purchase orders to Chemical Services, Inc., SAL Chemical, Carus LLC, Greer Lime Company, Univar Solutions USA Inc., Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. and the City of Dayton for the 2021 purchase of various Water Treatment chemicals.

Bob Jennings, Asst. Water Plant Superintendent presented the staff report.

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

Commissioner Grissom questioned the cause of the pricing increase

Mr. Jennings stated the trucking industry is a major issue, however, the City has seen a reduction in chemicals we use for the new water plant.

Commissioner Grissom confirmed these are fixed prices for the year.

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-117-20, motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-117-20 adopted.

RES. NO. R-118-20

A Resolution amending the contract to Milligan Construction Company for the Scarbrough Drive extension project

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

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

Commissioner Hinds questioned if the contingency was built in to the budgeted amount.

Ms. Havenar stated yes, but the amount expended went over the budgeted amount by \$1,300.

Commissioner Fogt commented on the ability to not go too far over the contingency amount.

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-118-20, motion was seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-118-20 adopted.

RES. NO. R-119-20

A Resolution authorizing an amendment to the Zoning Map to change the Zoning Designation of N44-052200

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

Mayor Lee asked if there were any comments from the neighbors.

Mr. Schmiesing stated there were none.

Commissioner Hinds commented on her excitement over the entrepreneurs utilizing the facility.

Mayor Lee asked for any further 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 Fogt to adopt RES. NO. R-119-20, motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-119-20 adopted.

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.)

There were no questions submitted from the citizens.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Economic Development Update presentation by Chris Schmiesing, Community and Economic Development Director

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Fogt spoke with regard to the Governor's most recent mandate and stated his support to the citizens to observe what the City of Piqua and the Governor are asking to get ahead of the curve. Citizens did a good job in turning out to vote in the recent election.

Commissioner Pearson commended the Development Department for all their hard work. Be aware at Thanksgiving gatherings to follow the mandate and be safe.

Commissioner Grissom commended the Electric Department with regard to the restoration of electric service outages caused by the recent high winds. Commissioner Grissom inquired of Frank Patrizio, Law Director, if the commission meetings were impacted by the new COVID regulations. Mr. Patrizio replied that he has not seen anything to directly affect the meetings, that the Commission should decide what to do to keep the citizens' safety in mind.

Commissioner Hinds stated that she was attending the meeting via Zoom as she was exposed to COVID and is in self quarantine. She stated that the numbers are spiking and Miami County is the 6th highest in the State of Ohio. Wear a mask to protect ourselves but also out of respect for others. Honor Governor DeWine's mandatory mask mandate. Shout out to those employees who keep the city going in cold and inclement weather. They are much appreciated.

Mayor Lee also expressed his appreciation to the City staff stating that they take care of issues in a timely manner and do a great job. Let's follow the Governor's order – the Governor has done everything except shut businesses down. Masks protect you and me and please comply with the orders. Wearing a mask is not taking freedoms away – we need to give up what little we need to get through this, the virus is spiking.

There will be a D.A.R.E. graduation Thursday at Piqua Central.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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


Commissioner Fogt moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Pearson. The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adjourn from the Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Motion carried unanimously. The Executive Session was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 7:51 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.



KRIS LEE, MAYOR

PASSED: Dec. 15 2020

ATTEST: Karen S. Jenkins, Acting Clerk of Commission
KAREN S. JENKINS
CLERK OF COMMISSION