

**MINUTES  
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION  
Tuesday, January 19, 2021  
7:30 P.M.**

Piqua City Commission met at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Government Complex Commission Chambers located at 201 W. Water Street. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and Piqua's YouTube channel.

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 called for a motion to adjourn to enter into a meeting of the Piqua Health Board.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 7:35 p.m.

PROCLAMATION

PIQUA SCHOOL DISTRICT CHOICE WEEK – Mayor Lee recited the proclamation declaring January 24 through January 30, 2021 as Piqua School District Choice Week

RESIDENCE PRIDE AWARDS – HOLIDAY LIGHT DISPLAYS

Barry & Cynthia Gertner	1019 Westview Drive
Jeremy & Kelli Laughman	520 Spotted Doe
Joseph & Catherine Bundy	1809 Carlyle Drive
Dustin & Hannah Wenrick	1220 Nicklin Avenue
Adam & Elizabeth DeBrosse	1009 Laura Drive

There were no recipients in attendance to accept their rewards

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the December 15, 2020 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting

Approval of the Minutes from the December 21, 2020 Special Commission Meeting

RES. NO. R-1-21

A Resolution of Appreciation for the Public Service of Chris Melvin – Mayor Lee recited the Resolution and stated his personal appreciation for Mr. Melvin's hard work.

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

NEW BUSINESS

RES NO. R-2-21

A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO BARRETT PAVING MATERIALS, INC. FOR THE E. ASH STREET PAVEMENT REPAIR PROJECT

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

Commissioner Grissom asked for clarification of the contingency amount and the reason for the discrepancy in the amount budgeted and the expenditure amount.

Ms. Havenar responded that the project has been scaled back. This is just a temporary patch and pavement will need to be torn back up for the final project of completely resurfacing the street.

There were no public comments or questions submitted to the Commission with regard to this resolution.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES NO. R-2-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-2-21 adopted.

RES NO. R-3-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS) INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

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

Mayor Lee asked if there was a plan to address the Washington School traffic area hazard as he has received multiple citizen complaints.

Ms. Havenar responded that a statement was released today in conjunction with the school district prohibiting left turns off of Sunset Avenue into the school parking lot.

There were no public comments or questions submitted to the Commission with regard to this resolution.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES NO. R-3-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES R-3-21 adopted.

RES NO. R-4-21

A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO J & J SCHLAEGEL, INC. FOR THE SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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

Commissioner Grissom inquired if there would be any tearing up of the roads.

Ms. Havenar stated that the affected alleys would need to be torn up but explained the process to lead toward re-pavement next year.

Commissioner Fogt asked if this would affect trash collection.

Ms. Havenar stated that it will but they will be working with the Health Department and contractor to make arrangements for pickup of the trash.

There were no public comments or questions submitted to the Commission with regard to this resolution.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adopt RES NO. R-4-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-4-21 adopted.

RES NO. R-5-21

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR PIQUA'S COMBUSTION TURBINES

Cynthia Holtzaple, Finance Director presented the staff report.

Commissioner Grissom asked if there was a cost increase over last year.

Ms. Holtzaple replied that the cost is up about 25% which includes an overall market increase and an extension to contain "terrorist" clauses. Ms. Holtzaple explained that the coverage was offset by amounts received monthly from the AMP bill.

Commissioner Grissom inquired if there were other companies that could provide the coverage. Ms. Holtzapple stated that the City works with a broker to get the best deal and coverage.

There were no public comments or questions submitted to the Commission with regard to this resolution.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adopt RES NO. R-5-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-5-21 adopted.

RES NO. R-6-21

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF EXCESS LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Cynthia Holtzapple, Finance Director presented the staff report.

Commissioner Grissom asked if this coverage included dam removal.

Ms. Holtzapple responded that it would not cover the removal of the dam, but offers coverage until the dams are removed.

Commissioner Fogt asked what would be considered an act of terrorism that would affect the coverage.

Ms. Holtzapple replied cyberterrorism or physical acts of terrorism to the facility.

There were no public comments or questions submitted to the Commission with regard to this resolution.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES NO. R-6-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-6-21 adopted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments or questions submitted to the Commission.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Update on CARES funding presented by Cynthia Holtzapple, Finance Director.**

Total COVID Grant funding received - \$2,064,142.02

Expenditures – PPE - \$7,326.04; Improvements to telework capabilities - \$29,584.56; Public health expenses - \$130,019.50; Payroll for public health employees - \$222,133.00; Payroll for safety employees - \$1,675,078.92.

The City has received all of the grant funding that was expected and all grant funds have been exhausted.

Commissioner Pearson asked how we would pay for Covid expenses incurred in the upcoming year(s). Is there any funding available?

Ms. Holtzapple replied that the departments are curtailing their needs in terms of equipment, cleaning supplies, etc., some items such as IT are a one-time cost and departments are sharing equipment. If other grants are not available, expenditures would have to be scrutinized.

**Update on COVID 19 vaccine presented by Amy Welker, Health and Sanitation Director, via Zoom.**

Map of State of Ohio showing levels of case incidents per county

Graph of COVID-19 cases per week in Piqua

Graph of COVID-19 Miami County resident deaths from March – December, 2020

Explanation of the phases of Ohio's Vaccination Program and vaccination start dates for each phase

Vaccination Locations in Miami County

Resource websites for additional information

Commissioner Grissom stated this is a two part immunization and it will take some time to build up immunity. Keep up precautions.

Mayor Lee inquired how long the vaccine is effective.

Ms. Welker stated the most recent information she has seen reflects the vaccine should be effective for about one year – possibly similar to the other flu shots.

Commissioner Fogt inquired if the City has seen any data with regard to the B1-17 strand (morphed virus of COVID-19)

There are a lot of variant strains in the U.S. The CDC has a page dedicated to where the variance has been found. There are not a lot of variance strains in Ohio that we know of yet. All indications are that the vaccine will be effective against the variant strains.

Mayor Lee stated he is a big proponent of the vaccine and will take the vaccine when it becomes offered to him, the more people vaccinated the quicker we get to “herd immunity”.

### **COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS**

#### **Commissioner Hinds**

Commendation of the community for the Residence Light Displays

Thank you and appreciation to Chris Melvin for his service to the City, especially with regard to the renovation of the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Hopeful for the vaccines and thankful for the ability to start to feel a level of relief from isolation

There was a wonderful recognition of incoming President and Vice President of those who have lost their lives due to COVID-19. Our hearts are with those of you who have lost loved ones and we mourn with you as well.

Recitation of a quote in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

#### **Commissioner Grissom**

New Year’s Eve fireworks – has received lots of positive comments

Thanks to Chris Melvin for all the years of service

Welcome to Paul Oberdorfer

#### **Commissioner Pearson**

Recitation of quote about unity by John F. Kennedy

Dogs running at large – please license your dogs

#### **Commissioner Fogt**

Chris Melvin – thank you for 30 years of dedicated service.

Covid senior shopping hours – request to citizens to observe and renew the early hours for senior and most at-risk shoppers.

#### **Mayor Lee commented on the following:**

Happy New Year, welcome Paul, looking forward to the future, thank you to the Residence Pride recipients – light is hope for a brighter tomorrow. Thank you to Chris Melvin for his service to the City. Thank you to the school staff members for their service to get set back up and stay open to educate our children. With regard to the inauguration, please respect the peaceful transition of power and come together. Recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – it is a time to reflect, he wanted all people to come together. Take the vaccine if you can get it.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

To discuss the sale or purchase of property

Commissioner Fogt moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Hinds. The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adjourn from the Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. The Executive Session was adjourned.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 9:02 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously.



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KRIS LEE, MAYOR

PASSED: 2/2/21

ATTEST: Karen S. Jenkins  
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CLERK OF COMMISSION