

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, February 2, 2021
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 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.

PROCLAMATIONS

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – Mayor Lee recited the proclamation declaring January 31, 2021 through February 6, 2021 as celebrating Catholic Schools Week in the City of Piqua.

OPTIMIST DAY – Mayor Lee recited the proclamation proclaiming the first Thursday of every February as Optimist Day.

Roll call for Piqua Health Board as follows: Mayor Lee, Commissioner Hinds, Commissioner Grissom, Commissioner Pearson and Commissioner Fogt.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the January 19, 2021 meeting of the Piqua Health Board

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adjourn from the Piqua Health Board meeting at 6:08 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Motion carried unanimously. The Piqua Health Board Meeting was adjourned.

CONSENT AGENDA – REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the January 19, 2021 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. R-9-21

A RESOLUTION TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS TO PAY FOR THE COST OF NUISANCE ABATEMENTS

Amy Welker, Director of Health & Sanitation presented the staff report.

There was a brief discussion with regard to the amount of recurring names and addresses on the assessment list, particularly the property owned by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES NO. R-9-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Motion carried unanimously, Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-9-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-10-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

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

Mayor Lee questioned if there were ever any loan defaults. Mr. Schmiesing stated that defaults are not common, however, there have been deferrals due to Covid.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adopt RES NO. R-10-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously, Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-10-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-11-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO BARRETT PAVING MATERIALS INC. AS THE PRIMARY SUPPLIER, AND VALLEY ASPHALT CORP. AS THE SECONDARY SUPPLIER OF 402 & 404 ASPHALT FOR THE 2021 STREET AND ALLEY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Cynthia Holtzapple, Finance Director presented the staff report.

There was a brief conversation with regard to the bids and suppliers.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adopt RES NO. R-11-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously, Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-11-21 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

An inquiry was received from Steve Trostel with regard to the possible addition of members to the tree committee. There was a brief discussion with regard to this committee.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Oberdorfer stated there was no response from the citizens from the last meeting so there was nothing to report back. He offered thanks to the Public Works crews and city staff and offered details as to what had been accomplished over the weekend with regard to snow and ice removal. Mr. Oberdorfer also spoke briefly concerning citizen responsibility with regard to removal of snow from their driveways and property.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENT

Each Commissioner and the Mayor expressed thank you to the Public Works crews for their efforts over the weekend with regard to the snow removal.

Commissioner Fogt mentioned that the citizens need to work with the City to keep streets and sidewalks cleaned.

Commissioner Pearson stated to be sure to clear the snow off and away from the fire hydrants. February is heart month and with the very low temperatures expected, to please check on neighbors or persons who live alone to see if they need any type of assistance. The groundhog saw his shadow.

Commissioner Grissom expressed his appreciation for the regular updates from City Manager Oberdorfer which in turn helps him provide citizens with accurate information.

Commissioner Hinds mentioned that as soon as the streets were plowed this weekend, they were covered up again by the way the snow was falling.

Mayor Lee stated that he was contacted on Facebook by a citizen who owns a downtown business with regard to the planters on Main Street getting hit by cars and inquiring what steps the City is taking to correct this problem.

City Manager Oberdorfer stated that the Planning Department and Engineering are looking to create a safer environment for that area. He is looking to put together a schematic plan with some milestones which would be limited by the availability of funds. He mentioned there needs to be involvement of the Police Department with regard to police presence during peak hours and the minimal cost of increasing police presence could be done immediately. He stated he would be glad to speak with the citizen if he would like to set up an appointment.

Mayor Lee mentioned that February is Black History Month and to check his Facebook page as he will be posting daily spotlights on African American individuals.

Mayor Lee spoke about the various ways his father had a positive influence on him as he was growing up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

To consider confidential information related to economic development as further defined by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(8) or as amended.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adjourn from the Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. The Executive Session was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 7:48 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. The Regular Commission meeting was adjourned.



KRIS LEE, MAYOR

PASSED: 2/16/21

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