

MINUTES
REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, March 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. Mayor Lee called the meeting to order.

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 February 16, 2021 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. R-19-21

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINAL LEGISLATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS ON E. ASH STREET FROM SCOTT DRIVE TO KIENLE DRIVE

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

There was a brief discussion between the commissioners and Ms. Havenar with regard to this being the final part of the project and the time line of the project, barring interruption, being early May with a target completion date of the end of October.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES NO. R-19-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Motion carried unanimously, Mayor Lee declared RES NO. 19-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-20-21

PRELIMINARY CONSENT LEGISLATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE UPGRADE OF SIGNAL TIMING EQUIPMENT ON CR 25A (MAIN STREET) IN THE CITY OF PIQUA

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

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adopt RES NO. R-20-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously, Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-20-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-21-21

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES GRANT APPLICATION FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2021 THROUGH THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP) AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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

There was a discussion between the Commissioners and Mr. Schmiesing about the process for reimbursement of funds, as well as the effect the project would have on the possible closure of the bike path, and alternate routes to maneuver around the area.

There were no citizen questions or comments from the citizens with regard to this resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-22-21

A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TRANSFORMERS FOR THE POWER SYSTEM

Ed Krieger, Power System Director presented the staff report.

There was a discussion between the Commissioners and Mr. Krieger with regard to the amount of transformers that need to be purchased to replenish the inventory, varying from year to year and it was commented that once again this is another project that is coming in under budget.

Jey Roman inquired if there was a set number of transformers that the City keeps in stock or if this was an annual purchase and if there was a shelf life for this inventory. Mr. Krieger explained the inventory process and stated that there is no harm in the transformers sitting in inventory as they have an expected 25 year life.

There were no further questions or comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES NO. R-22-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Motion carried unanimously, Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-22-21 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jey Roman asked for an update on the medical marijuana facility prospects and the need for a ladder truck for the Fire Department.

Commissioner Fogt stated that the city has passed the medical marijuana facility legislation, now it is up to the privatized owners to decide if they want to do business in the City of Piqua. Commissioner Grissom stated that the holdup could be the inability to apply for licenses.

Commissioner Hinds stated that with regard to the ladder truck, the cost for the truck is over \$1.2 million and the problem has been funding.

City Manager Oberdorfer stated that the city is currently working on completing an asset inventory and preparing a vehicle replacement fund to levelize funding. The City is looking at grants but also looking for funds internally.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There were no public comments to respond to from the previous meeting.

Mr. Oberdorfer reported on the total expenditures to the city due to the recent snow event, the tennis court striping to be done at Fountain Park and announced the Parks Committee meeting tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. He provided a brief overview of the meeting and noted that this meeting was open to the public. He further stated that the City is working on a plan with regard to the Main Street pedestrian issues and will possibly have more information to share at the next commission meeting. It was noted that there have been more traffic stops with regard to illegal left hand turns off of Market Street onto Main Street.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENT

Commissioner Fogt

Shop local, the bike path was inaccessible due to not being plowed and he would like to start the conversation again with regard to urban chickens

Commissioner Pearson

Dust off bikes and walking shoes to be able to get out and start enjoying the nice weather. Shout out to Brittany Van Horn, Public Relations, for keeping us informed, and that there were lots of underground repairs being done and to slow down and take your time while driving through those areas.

Commissioner Grissom

The Commission has been working hard over the last six months with regard to transparency and better communication and feedback from the citizens.

Commissioner Hinds

Bike path utilization in inclement weather – looking for ways to clear the bike path. As more citizens are getting the vaccine, they are getting out more.

Mayor Lee

Announcement of board openings, thank you to those who followed his Facebook page over Black History Month and support of the small businesses initiative in featuring one small business per week.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 6:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. The Regular Commission meeting was adjourned.



KRIS LEE, MAYOR

PASSED: 3/16/21

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