

MINUTES
REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, April 6, 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 Zoom and Piqua's YouTube channel. Mayor Lee called the meeting to order.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to excuse Commissioner Fogt; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously, Mayor Lee declared Commissioner Fogt excused.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the March 16, 2021 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting

RESOLUTION NO. R-30-21

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF CHRISTOPHER A. MELVIN AS A CITY EMPLOYEE.

Mayor Lee recited the Resolution of Appreciation. Mr. Melvin was not present to accept the resolution.

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-31-21

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH DLZ FOR CONSULTING SERVICES TO ASSIST THE CITY OF PIQUA WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADA TRANSITION PLAN

Amy Havenar, City Engineer presented the staff report.

Commissioner Grissom confirmed the actual amount of the expenditure out of the budget.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES NO. R-31-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously, Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-31-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-32-21

PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE GREAT MIAMI RIVER TRAIL BRIDGE PROJECT

Amy Havenar, City Engineer presented the staff report.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES NO. R-32-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously, Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-32-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-33-21
**PRELIMINARY CONSENT LEGISLATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT)
FOR ASPHALT CONCRETE OVERLAY ON INTERSTATE ROUTE 75**

Amy Havenar, City Engineer presented the staff report.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES NO. R-33-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously, Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-33-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-34-21
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT)
COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM**

Brian Brookhart, Public Works Director presented the staff report.

There was a brief discussion with regard to this being a nice program that the City has utilized before and that this program came at no cost to the City.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adopt RES NO. R-34-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Motion carried unanimously, Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-34-21 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Hamilton provided information with regard to 655 N. Main Street, the Randolph and McCulloch Freedom Struggle Complex, being a place to educate people of Piqua's history. Mr. Hamilton recited a quote from Frederick Douglas and stated his desire to share perceptions of what could make Piqua a distinctive community and promote Piqua as a desirable community. Mr. Hamilton invited citizens to stop into the complex.

Jey Roman gave an update with regard to the "Be the Change" voter drive. The event will be held on June 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Gazebo on the square. He provided statistics with regard to the percentage of voters registered and the percentage of those registered voters who did not show up at the polls. There was a brief discussion about holding future voter drives at the Randolph Complex.

Jim Oda provided information with regard to the library levy being on the May 4th ballot. He provided information with regard to the yearly cost to each taxpayer, the services and programs the library provides at no charge, and stated this was an economical levy that will help the community.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Oberdorfer stated there were no responses to prior public comments/questions. He addressed the issue of the Main Street island planters stating they will be utilized until the City has installed delineators. He provided information with regard to the material and labor costs stating that the delineators are a temporary solution until we have a capital project at a later date. Mr. Oberdorfer then turned the floor over to Kevin Krejny, Utilities Director.

Kevin Krejny gave a slide show presentation on the Wastewater Treatment Plant, addressing the three funding sources (water, sewer and storm water), new infrastructure, water and sewer budgets, cost controls (Operations and Maintenance budget), WWTP energy usage and Utilities Department goals.

Mayor Lee asked if the departments are sharing vehicles, wouldn't the maintenance cost would go up. Mr. Krejny stated that the vehicles being utilized are not currently being driven on a daily basis.

Commissioner Grissom inquired about the cost associated with the new facilities, can we support additional residents and businesses, and would having more consumers reduce rates.

Mr. Krejny responded the City could definitely support additional residents and business and there is a base cost of providing water associated with more consumers.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENT

Commissioner Pearson stated there will be open forums with all five commissioners once a month at the gazebo on the square. The first forum is May 20 at 7:00 p.m. Watch social media for dates and times of future forums to be held in June, July and August. This is National Library Week – check out the activities going on at the library. Commissioner Pearson provided information with regard to the Sam Pearson 5k run/walk stating that the purpose is to provide scholarship money for Piqua High School students.

Chris Grissom thanked Chris Melvin for his service to the City. Commissioner Grissom is still looking into topics discussed last week, and commented on the Wastewater Treatment Plant report.

Commissioner Hinds thanked Chris Melvin for 30 years of service to the City. Commissioner Hinds also reminded the citizens there are many places in Piqua to go to, bike path, Buckeye Trail, etc., to get active. Be aware of the bicycles, and that May is National Bike Month.

Mayor Lee thanked the citizens for speaking, to please consider the Library tax levy, and go to the voter registration event. Visit/support the Randolph and McCulloch museum – invest in the historical history of Piqua. Be careful – accidents tend to increase this time of year, watch for motorcycles.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. The Regular Commission meeting was adjourned.


KRIS LEE, MAYOR

PASSED: 5/4/21

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