

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Tuesday, May 4, 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 Fogt, Commissioner Grissom, and Commissioner Pearson. Absent: Commissioner Hinds.

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

**PROCLAMATION – BIKE MONTH** – Mayor Lee presented Jim Hemmert from Bike Piqua with the Proclamation. Mr. Hemmert expressed his appreciation to the City of Piqua for recognizing the month of May as "Bike Month". He also provided information with regard to upcoming "slow roll" events.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the April 6, 2021 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting

**RESOLUTION NO. R-35-21**

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE PARK BOARD

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**RESOLUTION NO. R-37-21**

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE ENERGY BOARD

**RESOLUTION NO. R-38-21**

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

**RESOLUTION NO. R-39-21**

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

**RESOLUTION NO. R-40-21**

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Commissioner Grissom stated that there were a lot of applicants and thanked everyone for their interest in the committees.

There were no further questions or comments.

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-41-21**

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT TO EMPLOY FRANK J. PATRIZIO AS LAW DIRECTOR AND McCULLOCH, FELGER, FITE & GUTMANN CO., L.P.A. AS LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE CITY OF PIQUA

City Manager Oberdorfder presented information to the Commission with regard to this resolution.

Commissioner Pearson noted thanks for supporting the Cemetery Board.

Larry Hamilton asked for clarification of the City's relationship with McCulloch, Felger, Fite & Gutmann. Mr. Patrizio provided the response.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adopt RES NO. R-41-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Roll was called, the motion carried unanimously, Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-41-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-42-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO ENGINEERED FLOORS, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW CARPET ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING

Bob Graeser, Engineering Project Manager presented the staff report.

Mayor Lee inquired as to the age of the carpet being replaced. Mr. Graeser informed him it was about 20 years old.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adopt RES NO. R-42-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously, Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-42-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-43-21

A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO SCHOCK MANUFACTURING FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN EXHAUST SYSTEM AND ENCLOSURE DOORS FOR #8 GAS TURBINE

Ed Krieger, Power System Director presented the staff report.

There was a brief discussion regarding vetting of Schock Manufacturing (being a unanimous decision) by the Energy Board, maintenance going forward, insurance coverage on the units, long term savings and the availability of a backup turbine.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES NO. R-43-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Motion carried unanimously, Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-43-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-44-21

A RESOLUTION RETAINING THE SERVICES OF UIS-POWER SERVICES TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ELECTRICAL TESTING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE POWER SYSTEM

Ed Krieger, Power System Director presented the staff report.

It was noted that UIS Services was also vetted by the Energy Board.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adopt RES NO. R-44-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously, Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-44-21 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Hamilton commented on the former students he sees occasionally on the streets, he mentioned a video which he will be putting on U-Tube, and the issue of racism.

Kyrsten French provided information with regard to the bike path trails throughout the city, the economic impact of bicyclers on the City of Piqua and the Down a River Down a Beer event.

Jim Hemmert spoke about the identifying signage/color coding posted on the bike paths.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Oberdorfer provided information on the Ash Street paving project, the internal reorganization of the Utilities Office and the Piqua 4<sup>th</sup> Fest.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENT**

Commissioner Grissom provided information with regard to the DORA committee, medical marijuana dispensary, transparency and utility software.

City Manager Oberdorfer provided information with regard to the testing and custom coding of the utility software.

Commissioner Grissom asked about the Main Street controversy.

City Manager Oberdorfer stated that he has spoken to the police department about traffic enforcement, driver error and blatant violations of going the wrong way occurring in the area. The planters will be re-planted this summer, and the city is looking at improvements in the future and the possibility of changing the direction of the traffic on the one-way street.


Commissioner Pearson commented on the open forum to be held at the gazebo on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., the Sam Pearson Memorial Day 5K, Cross fit, run/walk on the bike path, the award given to Clete Thobe (90 yoa) from the Community Foundation for his service working at the cemetery gardening, planning and pulling weeds, with a \$2,000 grant awarded to the cemetery

Commissioner Fogt commented on the Bike Month Proclamation, stating there is a bike museum in New Bremen; his meeting with the City Manager, Health and Sanitation Department and Public Works Director regarding the chicken co-op, stating he would like to poll the citizens to see how many citizens are interested, the medical marijuana dispensary and that more licenses have become available and the possibility of having the conversation with regard to cultivation at a later.

Mayor Lee expressed thanks to the bike riders who continue to use the bike paths. Mayor Lee stated that with regard to the racism issue, the City is working to re-activate the Diversity Committee to focus on health and racial disparities, health screenings, etc. With regard to a citizen comment with regard to trash/recyclables pickup, they should not be picked up by the same truck. More conversation will be held with regard to Juneteenth.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. The Regular Commission meeting was adjourned.

  
KRISTY LEE, MAYOR

PASSED: 5/18/21

ATTEST: Karen S. Jenkins  
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CLERK OF COMMISSION