

MINUTES
REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, June 1, 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.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the May 18, 2021 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting and the May 20, 2021 Piqua City Commission Work session.

RESOLUTION NO. R-48-21

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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.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R-92-20

A RESOLUTION RE-ESTABLISHING A COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DIVERSITY AND ADOPTING THE COMMITTEE'S MISSION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Mayor Lee made a brief statement with regard to expectations and plans for action within the committee and announced that persons interested in being on the committee should submit applications.

Larry Hamilton commended the Commission and leadership of Mayor Lee for re-establishment of the committee and asked for clarification as to when the repeal of the original legislation occurred. Commissioner Hinds responded that it was on April 7, 2019 (Resolution 72-15).

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES NO. R-92-20; motion was seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-92-20 adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. R-50-21

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2021 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

There was a brief conversation with regard to this being a yearly grant, prioritization of funds, association with civil rights to promote equity and national objectives that are established by the program. It was also stated that certain types of projects and repairs are eligible. Mayor Lee inquired if there were any guidelines to receiving funds. Mr. Schmiesing will get Mayor Lee a copy of the guidelines. Commissioner Hinds stated that CDBG

grants are very broad – there are different “pots of money” for different focus areas and there are a variety of ways to support our citizens.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES NO. R-50-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-50-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-51-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CITY OWNED REAL ESTATE

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

Mr. Schmiesing stated that the property transfers remedy the encroachment of canal land. Mayor Lee asked about other properties with encroachments, are these properties receiving equal treatment? Mr. Schmiesing responded that these transfers typically come before the Commission when the property is being sold.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adopt RES NO. R-51-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-51-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-52-21

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Chris Schmiesing, Community and Economic Development Director 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-52-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-52-21 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Hamilton stated that the Randolph & McCulloch Freedom's Struggle Complex was now open, as well as the North Star coffee station. Hours are 5:45 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. if there is a constant flow. It may close early if there is an ebb and flow. Mr. Hamilton commented on the original concept of Memorial Day and that May 31, 1921 was the day of the Tulsa Race Massacre. This year is the 100th anniversary. Mr. Hamilton recited a poem from a book called Footprints.

Jey Roman provided information with regard to the “Be the Change Voter Drive” and stated that he has received lots of community support with regard to immediate family members in the hospital struggling with Covid and wants to thank the community. He stated that people can change based on circumstances and we all need to get involved. Thanks to everyone involved in the voter drive.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Oberdorfer asked that Cynthia Holtzapple, Finance Director provide information with regard to the FY2020 Year-end Financial Statement.

The following topics were discussed:

- Types of funds and departments funded from each fund
- Revenues and expenses
- 2020 overview of City of Piqua operations
- capital purchases
- electric fund loss
- water and wastewater rates
- Golf course debt service
- capital transparency to citizens

City Manager Oberdorfer then announced the following:

The Park Board will be meeting at 6:00 p.m. on June 2nd
The Main Street Corridor Upgrades Meeting will be held June 3rd from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
The June Planning Commission Meeting has been cancelled
The Utilities Billing Office Manager position is open for applications until June 18

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Fogt:

Thank you Cindy for the presentation. Shout out to the Fire Department employees on the 3rd shift for their response to the house fire on Memorial Day. Thank you to the power employees for their early morning work on the replacement of a power pole in his ward.

Commissioner Pearson:

The open forum scheduled for June 2 at 7:00 p.m. may be cancelled if the weather is inclement. If the forum is cancelled, it will be posted to the website by noon. Tillman fire - thank you to the fire department and thank you for the donations to the Tillman family. Please mow lawns, pick up trash and pull weeds.

Commissioner Grissom:

Thank you Cindy – there are still a lot of unknowns and the City needs to be transparent.

Commissioner Hinds:

Congratulations to all graduates, both high school and college. Get out and enjoy the community. The Salvation Army lunch program is starting back up, and thank you to the volunteers of the bookmobile.

Mayor Lee:

Thank you Cindy – the city workers work very hard. As of close of business today the City reverted back to pre-pandemic status. Thank you to those who participated in the Memorial Day Parade, it was nice to be able to get out and see people and to take the time to remember fallen soldiers. Congratulations to Piqua and Lehman High School graduates. Remember the Tulsa massacre, and the Diversity Committee needs to be in the forefront of our minds.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. The Regular Commission meeting was adjourned.



KRIS LEE, MAYOR

PASSED: June 15, 2021

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