

MINUTES
REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, June 15, 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 Grissom, and Commissioner Pearson.
Absent: Commissioner Fogt, Commissioner Hinds

Commissioner Grissom moved to excuse Commission Fogt and Commissioner Hinds from the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Mayor Lee declared Commissioner Fogt and Commissioner Hinds excused.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the June 1, 2021 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. R-53-21

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF ROBERT R. BOWMAN JR. AS A CITY EMPLOYEE

Mayor Lee recited the resolution of appreciation. Mr. Bowman was not present to accept his resolution.

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-54-21 – PUBLIC HEARING

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FOR STATUTORY PURPOSES A BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022

Cynthia Holtzapple, Finance Director presented information with regard to the resolution and clarified that this is not a tax increase.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES NO. R-54-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-54-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-55-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CITY OWNED REAL ESTATE

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

There was a brief conversation with regard to the transfer of the canal land to remaining properties where there was an encroachment.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adopt RES NO. R-55-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-55-21 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Hamilton stated this was the golden anniversary of his marriage. He also informed that Saturday, June 19, 2021 was the date of the Juneteenth Freedom Day celebration to be held in Troy. He stated that in June of 1846, the former slaves of John Randolph left Virginia to begin their trek toward Mercer County, Ohio.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Oberdorfer was not present. Amy Welker was appointed as acting City Manager.

Ms. Welker provided information with regard to the 4th Fest and expressed thanks to Brittany Van Horn for all her time and effort in lining up the bands and event sponsors for the celebration.

Commissioner Grissom noted that the citizens should check the website for a list of activities.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Each Commissioner and Mayor Lee expressed thank you to Robert Bowman for his 31 years of faithful dedication and service to the City of Piqua.

Commissioner Pearson:

Town Hall, July 7 at 7:00 p.m.

The library is busy with summer reading and music programs

The Farmer's Market is held on Thursday evenings

Commissioner Grissom:

Medical marijuana dispensary – there is a Medical Marijuana Advisory Committee Meeting scheduled in July that he plans to attend.

Mayor Lee:

Announcement of 7 openings on the Diversity Committee

Juneteenth event in Troy – Mayor Lee will be at the event to speak and share what it is like to be a descendant of the freed individuals. This is the 175th anniversary of the start of the trek from Virginia to Mercer County. There is a book being written on this topic. Hopefully the event will rotate to Piqua next year.

Voter Registration Drive –the event was very well attended, Mayor Lee talked to a lot of people and made a lot of contacts. Thank you to Jey Roman for his hard work on this event.

Come out to the 4th of July event.

Watch out for motorcycles and please keep grass clippings out of the street.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. The Regular Commission meeting was adjourned.

KRIS LEE, MAYOR

PASSED: July 20, 2021

ATTEST: Karen S. Jenkins

KAREN S. JENKINS
CLERK OF COMMISSION