

MINUTES
REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, July 20, 2021
5:00 P.M.

Piqua City Commission met at 5:00 P.M. in the Municipal Government Complex Commission Chambers located at 201 W. Water Street.

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

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Fogt moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Grissom. The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 5:02 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds, seconded by Commissioner Pearson to adjourn from Executive Session at 5:48 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the June 15, 2021 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting. Approval of the Minutes from the July 8, 2021 Piqua City Commission Executive Session.

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-1-21 (1st Reading-Emergency)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF PIQUA

Mayor Lee asked for waiver of the three reading rule.

Commissioner Hinds moved to waive the three reading rule. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Roll was called. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared the three reading rule waived.

Law Director Patrizio provided information with regard to this Ordinance.

There were no questions or comments with regard to the Ordinance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt Ord. No. O-1-21, motion was seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Roll was called. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared ORD. NO. O-1-21 adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. O-2-21 (1st Reading)

ORDINANCE REPEALING SCHEDULE A OF CHAPTER 33 OF THE PIQUA CODE AND ADOPTING A NEW SCHEDULE A OF CHAPTER 33 OF THE PIQUA CODE, RELATING TO WAGES OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Catherine Bogan, Human Resources Director presented the staff report.

There were no questions or comments with regard to the Ordinance.

Mayor Lee stated this was the first reading, it will move forward to the second reading.

RESOLUTION NO. R-56-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A JOINT USE AGREEMENT WITH BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE PIQUA PUBLIC SAFETY REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER

Amy Havenar, City Engineer presented the staff report

Commissioner Hinds stated we have been working on this for quite a few years and are excited about it and it is a great use of some facilities as well.

Mayor Lee stated he liked the repurposing of the facilities in collaboration with the college.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES. NO. R-56-21, motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-56-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-57-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED FOR THE LINCOLN STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Amy Havenar, City Engineer presented the staff report

Commissioner Grissom asked for confirmation that this resolution is just for the purpose of submitting an application for the grant.

Commissioner Pearson asked that if the budget was \$802,000 and the grant was \$400,000, what budget the additional funds would come out of. Ms. Havenar responded the street fund as well as the water department fund.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES. NO. R-57-21, motion was seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-57-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-58-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TRANSMAP CORPORATION FOR THE GIS DATA COLLECTION AND SOFTWARE CREATION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF PIQUA

Amy Havenar, City Engineer presented the staff report

City Manager Oberdorfer pointed out the usefulness to the city, that it creates an inventory and condition of assets and cost to maintain – long term program will be laid out to address issues. The creation of transparency since citizens will be able to look on-line to see what projects are going on and submit any issues. Basically providing real time information.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adopt RES. NO. R-58-21, motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-58-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-59-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO CENTURY EQUIPMENT, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF 36 GOLF CARTS FOR ECHO HILLS GOLF COURSE

Paul Oberdorfer, City Manager presented the staff report

Commissioner Grissom inquired if we could extend the lease. Mr. Oberdorfer stated that it is better to purchase these golf carts now with a two year option to sell them back, and more than likely make money, or use the carts for something else.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adopt RES. NO. R-59-21, motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-59-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-60-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO CARGILL, INCORPORATED FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Brian Brookhart, Public Works Director presented the staff report

The discussion included prior year's salt usage, delivery and demand issues, and the amount of storage capacity. Mr. Brookhart mentioned that once the order is placed, the city is put in line – first come-first serve. He looks at the forecast to help him plan for salt needs. There was further discussion with regard to the process for the liquid sprayed and the roads prior to the salt and that salt usage was estimated at 2,500 tons, but that the city was not required to purchase that whole amount.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES. NO. R-60-21, motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-60-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-61-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO LEADER MACHINERY CO. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DURACO DURAPATCHER FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Brian Brookhart, Public Works Director presented the staff report

Mr. Brookhart stated that this pothole patcher plays a key role in the program to extend the life of our roads. The process keeps water from getting under the roadway and should help get rid of the potholes. The funds are available now and the cost in the future could be significantly higher. The Durapatcher is very effective and is recognized as the leading pothole patcher in the industry.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES. NO. R-61-21, motion was seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-61-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-62-21

A RESOLUTION FOR CONSENT TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO STRAND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR DESIGN OF THE FRANZ DITCH SWALE

Sky Schelle, Stormwater Manager presented the staff report

The Commissioners and Mr. Schelle discussed the problem of algae being address by the swale. The sediment that has settled into the pond over 120 years – the pond is 50% full of sediment. The purpose of the swale to head off sediment, and the amount of swale maintenance.

Jeff Lange offered thanks to the volunteers who helped with the Miami River sweep and thanked the Police Department, the Street Department and the Fire Department for their assistance and Cargill for their sponsorship. Mr. Lange went on to discuss the history on the three local ponds, the effects of silt on the ponds and the diminished property values due to the condition of Franz pond.

Dick Brandewie stated he owns property located on Franz Pond and that he was pleased to see City Manager Oberdorfer on his property to look at the pond. He shared a binder of pictures and some background on Franz Pond with the City Manager and the Commissioners.

Randy Kirchner commented on the \$50,000 grant from a non-profit organization and talked about other programs to help fund the swale project. He stated that there are products that can be incorporated into the swale to draw nutrients.

The next topics of discussion were that property development causes issues for the ponds. Water erosion is caused partially from heavy weeds. The Commissioners understand the frustration as they have spoken with many home owners. The silt issue and the possible dredging of the pond vs. the swale. Mayor Lee stated he is supportive of taking care of our ponds.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES. NO. R-62-21, motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-62-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-63-21

A RESOLUTION FOR CONSENT TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO OUTDOOR ENTERPRISE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE 2021 STORM SEWER REPAIR PROJECT

Sky Schelle, Stormwater Manager presented the staff report.

Commissioner Hinds asked for clarification of the lower bid rejection. Mr. Schelle explained that this company had used the wrong price for two bid items and that the bid was unable to be changed after submission. He further clarified that these repairs need to be made ASAP and that the funds are available.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adopt RES. NO. R-63-21, motion was seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-63-21 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Christy stated he was a member of the Committee for the Veteran's Memorial Park Banner Program, honoring veterans of the City of Piqua. He inquired about the replacement of missing banners, banners that have been purchased and not received and that if the Chamber of Commerce did not want to continue with the program that possibly the American Legion, VFW, and AMVETS could come together as a group to sponsor the program.

Mr. Christy was informed that the City is engaged in a partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, That Kathy Sherman informs that there are issues getting the banners. The city will be utilizing their bucket trucks to assist with the hanging of banners that have been received since the COVID outbreak. The Chamber is not equipped to handle such a program and we are looking at a new banner program; that Mr. Christy could sit in on the meeting between the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Piqua. to look at programs.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Oberdorfer presented a follow-up to Schedule A, the reorganization of various departments, changes of titles and the evaluation of the operation as a whole.

Commissioner Hinds commented that the citizens are pleased with Mr. Oberdorfer's efforts as these changes will save the citizens money.

Mr. Oberdorfer expressed thanks to Catherine Bogan as Human Resources Department for all her hard work.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Hinds:

The Scottish Thistle had a soft opening with the official opening to occur tomorrow evening. The Down a River Down a Beer event is August 14th. Rock Piqua and the duck drop will be held August 21st.

Commissioner Grissom:

Community event in his ward was phenomenal – he was able to engage with the citizens of his ward.

Mayor Lee stated he was also impressed by the event.

Commissioner Pearson:

The Piqua Farm to Table Dinner event is August 8th. This is a take-out meal to be picked up at Pitsenbarger Park and it supports many causes.

The next town hall meeting will be held August 4th at 7:00 p.m. and that the county commissioners are coming to the meeting to talk about the K-Mart building, McDonalds and the State Route 66 property across from the cemetery.

Commissioner Fogt

Thank you to the Code Compliance Coordinator and that he is working very hard for the City of Piqua to get our properties turned around as much as possible. Just understand he is out doing his job on the ordinances that the city has in place, please respect his position. He could use some help and thank you to the Law Director.

Law Director Patrizio stated that Aaron does a fantastic job for the city in providing information to him, he is very detailed and concise.


Commissioner Fogt also talked about getting something in front of Economic Development with regard to the cultivation and processing of medical marijuana. Data collection and processing could take some time, however, he would like to see if Mr. Oberdorfer could meet with Economic Development to see if this is something we would like to look at with regard to the city. He would like to look into additional storage spots for salt.

Mayor Lee:

The Thursday events downtown are fantastic, the vendors are doing a great job. The 4th of July event went very well and he has received positive comments about the fireworks. He addressed the issues of the water in the fountain in front of the City Building. The fountain was vandalized (again), someone broke a part on the fountain that had just been repaired the previous Friday. He is looking into possibly putting up a camera to see who is vandalizing the fountain.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adjourn from the Regular Commission Meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.



KRIS LEE, MAYOR

PASSED: 8/3/21

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