

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Tuesday, August 3, 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

**OATH OF OFFICE – PIQUA POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**POLICE LIEUTENANT – MILES GEARING**

City Manager Paul Oberdorfer issued the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Miles Gearing

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the Minutes from the July 20, 2021 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting and July 23, 2021 Special Piqua City Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Pearson moved for approval of the Consent Agenda; motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared the Consent Agenda approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-65-21**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ANNEXATION OF 0.663 ACRES OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 1801 ECHO LAKE DRIVE**

Chris Schmiesing, Community and Economic Development Director presented the staff report. Mr. Schmiesing noted he has not received any comments for or against the annexation. There were no further questions or comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES NO. R-65-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-65-21 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-66-21**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ANNEXATION OF 0.455 ACRES OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 1502 S. MAIN STREET**

Chris Schmiesing, Community and Economic Development Director presented the staff report. Mr. Schmiesing noted he has not received any comments for or against the annexation.

Commissioner Fogt stated he was glad to hear the business is proceeding with the expansion to get a parking lot.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adopt RES NO. R-66-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-66-21 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-67-21**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ANNEXATION OF 7.298 ACRES OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 8665 STATE ROUTE 66**

Chris Schmiesing, Community and Economic Development Director presented the staff report. Mr. Schmiesing noted he has not received any comments for or against the annexation.

Commissioner Pearson stated this is just one of many steps the cemetery is taking to have funds necessary for a new maintenance building.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adopt RES NO. R-67-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-67-21 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-68-21**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO ZONING MAP TO ASSIGN THE R1-AA (ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONING DESIGNATION TO PARCEL M40-048100 UPON ANNEXATION OF THE PROPERTY**

Chris Schmiesing, Community and Economic Development Director presented the staff report. Mr. Schmiesing noted he has not received any comments for or against the annexation.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES NO. R-68-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-68-21 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-69-21**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO ZONING MAP TO ASSIGN THE I2 (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL) ZONING DESIGNATION TO PARCEL M40-042440 UPON ANNEXATION OF THE PROPERTY**

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 Pearson to adopt RES NO. R-69-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-69-21 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-70-21**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO ZONING MAP TO ASSIGN THE R1-AA (ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONING DESIGNATION TO PARCEL M40-250090 and M40-048150 UPON ANNEXATION OF THE PROPERTY**

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 Fogt to adopt RES NO. R-70-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-70-21 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-71-21**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF PIQUA'S ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT**

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 Pearson to adopt RES NO. R-71-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-71-21 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-72-21**

**A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA**

City Manager Paul Oberdorfer presented information with regard to this resolution.

Topics discussed were: Land use and zoning, public health and safety, designated cups from licensed establishments that could not be carried into another establishment and businesses having the option to allow someone into their business carrying drinks. Also discussed was the 90-day trial period, limitation of number of businesses that can participate in the DORA program being dependent on liquor licenses available, exemption of events (receptions) being held at the plaza, the concern of "problem drinking", that the City has waited to implement this until everyone had a chance to be informed and that the Commission will be reviewing any issues arising out of the DORA.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(This is an opportunity for citizens to address the City Commission regarding agenda items, issues, or to provide information. Comments are requested to be limited to five (5) minutes and specific questions should be addressed to the City Manager's office.)

Citizens Jordan Knepper, the Executive Director of Piqua Arts Council and Lorna Swisher, Executive Director of Mainstreet Piqua provided information with regard to upcoming events.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Oberdorfer addressed the issue of the increased truck traffic in the downtown area being due partially to a lime contractor that was dredging in the area. He stated the city is working on re-routing oversized delivery trucks and increased targeted enforcement in the downtown areas. He also addressed the issue of people "hanging out" in the downtown area, that the Library is now turning off the public Wi-Fi when they close and that the power to the gazebo is being turned off in the evening in an effort to not draw people to that area who are looking to access the internet and charge cell phones. Mr. Oberdorfer stated the City of Piqua will be receiving \$1,117,275.80 in funds from the American Rescue Plan and programs will be put together to make good use of the money and he will be meeting with the Commission with regard to the funds usage. Commissioner Hinds asked if all this information would be put out to the public on the website, to which Mr. Oberdorfer confirmed. Mr. Oberdorfer then spoke about the reorganization, stating that it will continue through year-end, that we are doing our best to save where we can in expenses and presenting opportunities in programs.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENT**

Commissioner Hinds stated it was good to see Lorna and Jordan and to hear about the upcoming events. She mentioned that a local young man was in the band Cole Ritter & Night Owls which were going to be performing at the Rock Piqua event. She offered congratulations to Lieutenant Gearing in his promotion and that fact that his family was there that we should remember those at home who support our officers and thanked him for his dedication.

Commissioner Grissom thanked everyone for coming in early, tonight is National Night Out and to please go out and enjoy the evening.

Commissioner Pearson stated that tomorrow night is the last open forum and that Miami County Commissioner Wade Westfall would be in attendance. This is an opportunity for citizens to get involved.

Commissioner Fogt informed that he has recently dined at the Scottish Thistle and was impressed. He also stated that he was talking with businesses to address issues, including traffic. He stated that tax free weekend is coming up and that he is looking forward to seeing people at National Night Out.

Mayor Lee offered congratulations to Miles Gearing, that he had the honor of serving with him, that Miles is dedicated, knowledgeable and will do a great job. He thanked Mr. Oberdorfer for the update on the truck traffic and stated that he has spoken with local business owners with regard to truck issues. He stated he is looking forward to seeing people out and about at all the August and September activities. He noted that we still need applications for the Diversity Committee openings and that we have volunteer opportunities and a chance for the citizens who find issues with the City of Piqua to get involved. He recognized Nolan Campbell, candidate for city commission, as an example of how citizens could be. He also informed of various locations participating in National Night Out and asked that we support the police and our communities.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 5:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. The Regular Commission meeting was adjourned.

  
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KRIS LEE, MAYOR

PASSED: 8/17/21

ATTEST: Karen S. Jenkins  
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CLERK OF COMMISSION