

**MINUTES
REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021
5:00 PM**

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION (1)

- a. TO PREPARE FOR AND REVIEW NEGOTIATIONS ON COMPENSATION OR OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR CITY PERSONNEL.

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ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Fogt moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Pearson. The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 5:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adjourn from the Executive Session at 6:02 p.m. seconded by Commissioner Hinds, motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the August 3, 2021 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting

RESOLUTION NO. R-64-21

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF JERRY L. FOGT AS A CITY EMPLOYEE

Mayor Lee presented Jerry Fogt with his Resolution.

Commissioner Hinds 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-3-21 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING EXISTING CHAPTER 33.03 AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 33.03 OF THE PIQUA CODE, RELATING TO EMPLOYEE HOLIDAYS

Catherine M. Bogan, Human Resources Director presented the staff report.

There were no questions or comments. The Ordinance will move to the 2nd reading.

RESOLUTION NO. R-59-21 (AMENDED)

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

Amy Welker, Director of Health and Sanitation presented the staff report.

Mayor Lee inquired as to the reason for the increase of the cost of golf carts from \$76,000 to \$95,000. Ms. Welker stated that the golf carts are now in higher demand due to the unavailability of parts and the production ability so the company modified the quote since the carts were now worth more.

Commissioner Grissom stated that the golf carts were still a savings even at the increased price.

There were no further questions or comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt AMENDED RES NO. R-59-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared AMENDED RES NO. R-59-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-73-21

A RESOLUTION TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS TO PAY FOR THE COST OF NUISANCE ABATEMENTS

Commissioner Fogt asked if there was any way to publish this list in the newspaper? Ms. Welker replied that the list is published on the website after commission approval. Mayor Lee asked if it would be possible to post the names on a billboard. Ms. Welker stated she would check on it.

There were no further questions or comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES NO. R-73-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-73-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-74-21

A RESOLUTION FOR CONSENT TO APPLY TO THE OHIO RIVER BASIN H2OHIO WETLAND GRANT PROGRAM

Kevin Krejney, Utilities Director presented the staff report.

Commissioner Fogt asked if this grant has been previously applied for? Mr. Krejney stated that this was a new grant.

There were no further questions or comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adopt RES NO. R-74-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-74-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-75-21

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONEOHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Frank Patrizio, Law Director provided information with regard to this resolution.

Mayor Lee asked what the funds would be used for. Mr. Patrizio said that he is not sure at this point that he would assume the funds would be used to help pay for part of the city's cost for opioid use. The funds would be deposited into the General Fund.

There were no further questions or comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adopt RES NO. R-75-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-75-21 adopted.

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.)

There were no public questions or comments.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Oberdorfer requested that Chris Schmiesing, Community and Economic Development Director present an Economic Development Update.

Mr. Schmiesing reported on the following topics: Business Retention and Expansion, Real Estate Development and Reuse, Business Attraction and Site Selection, Entrepreneurial and Small Business Development, Workforce Development and Talent Attraction, Development Finance Incentives, and Placemaking and Urban Revitalization. The full report is posted to the Piqua website.

Commissioner Fogt commented on the potential jobs coming into the area and the possible end-users of the Sherry properties.

Mayor Lee stated that this was important news about Lock 9 getting started in October and the benefits that it would bring to the Main Street area. He also asked if this update report could be posted to the website to which Mr. Schmiesing stated he would be able to do.

Following the Update, Mr. Oberdorfer commented on the following:

This past Friday at 1:08 p.m. the city experienced a 69,000 volt transmission interruption. Power system personnel were able to restore power to the majority of Piqua customers within one hour. The cause of the outage was determined to be a turkey buzzard that had landed on the lines.

RJ Monnier will start in his new position as Utility Business Office Manager on Monday. We look forward to RJ bringing a new customer service model with him to the Utilities Business Office.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENT

Commissioner Fogt – No news or comments tonight.


Commissioner Pearson – Congratulations to Jerry Fogt on his retirement and new job. Citizens, please mow your grass and weeds and help your neighbors if they need it. Thank you to Chris Schmiesing for the update report.

Commissioner Grissom – Welcome aboard Mr. Monnier. Thanks to Jerry Fogt for his years of service. Thanks to Wade Westfall for his attendance at the last Town Hall meeting. Medical marijuana update that there is still a wait for application licenses to become available.

Commissioner Hinds – Down a River Down a Beer had a great turnout. Thank you to Chris Schmiesing in his efforts to bring the Crooked Handle Brewing Company to downtown. The Piqua football team will have their first game this Friday night. Rock Piqua will be held on August 21st, Dancing with the Piqua Stars to support the Piqua Arts Council will be held on August 28th. Thank you Officer Fogt for the good work he did with the Piqua City Schools and thanks to his family for their support of Jerry.

Mayor Lee - Thank you to the audience for coming to the meeting. Citizens need to be part of the solution and part of the change. Thank you to Jerry Fogt for 25 years of service to the Piqua Police Department. Mayor Lee is looking forward to working with Jerry in his new teaching position at the Miami Valley Career and Technology Center. Thanks to the utilities department for getting the power back on as quickly as they did. Usually the issues are squirrels, not turkey buzzards. He also mentioned that we were assisted by a retired city worker with this problem. This speaks volumes for the past and present workers of the city. He is looking forward to the new jobs being created in the community and that the Lock 9 area is going to be a destination spot when finished. The Piqua football team is expected to be a good team this year. Lehman High School has their first football game this Friday in Sidney. He is looking forward to lots of positive changes and the city is well positioned by the great work of city employees and the City Manager to get the city where it needs to be.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom 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.



KRIS LEE, MAYOR

PASSED: 9/7/21

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