

**MINUTES
REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to enter into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Motion carried unanimously. The Commissioners entered into Executive Session at 5:02 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. To consider the purchase or sale of property for public purposes

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adjourn from Executive Session at 5:55 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mayor Lee. Motion carried unanimously. The Executive Session was adjourned.

PROCLAMATION - HONORING ST. PAUL'S CHURCH 175TH ANNIVERSARY

Mayor Lee presented the Proclamation to three members from St. Paul's Church

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the September 7, 2021 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting

RESOLUTION NO. R-81-21

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF M. LORENA LUKICH AS A CITY EMPLOYEE

Mayor Lee recited the Resolution of Appreciation. Ms. Lukich was not present to receive her resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. R-82-21

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING "TRICK OR TREAT/BEGGARS' NIGHT" IN THE CITY OF PIQUA.

Thursday, October 28, 2021 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. was established for Trick or Treat/Beggar's Night

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.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. O-4-21 (Second Reading)

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 32.08 OF THE PIQUA CODE, RELATING TO ESTABLISHING A UTILITY BOARD

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

There were no questions or comments. The Ordinance will move to the 3rd reading.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. R-83-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL FAST ACT FUNDS THROUGH THE MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Amy Havenar, City Engineer presented the staff report.

Commissioner Hinds stated that she sits on the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission Board and she is happy to see that the city will be applying for these funds. Mayor Lee commented that out of the \$750,000 total cost that the city's share would be only \$85,000 and stated the department is doing a good job. Commissioner Grissom inquired if Looney Road would be part of these projects.

Ms. Havenar replied that the city would treat Looney Road with the crack seal process until it could be milled and resurfaced, but it is part of this project.

Citizen Comments

Steve Smitley inquired if we knew what FAST stood for. Ms. Havenar was not sure and stated she would look it up.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adopt RES NO. R-83-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-83-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-84-21

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF PIQUA'S 2022-2024 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Amy Havenar, City Engineer presented the staff report

The discussion included citizen input, the fact that the Planning Commission had a public meeting with only about 6 citizens showing up. A lot of hard work went into preparing the report and it is a foresight and direction of projects that would be fluid to adapt to environmental changes. It was greatly appreciated how all the directors came together to get this report put together in such a short amount of time. The report is posted online for citizen convenience to review, as well as a hard copy will be available for review at the City Building.

There were no questions or comments from the citizens.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES NO. R-84-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-84-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-85-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

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

The discussion included the cost of the current contract with the county being about \$35,000 for medical services and \$9,000/\$10,000 for plumbing and other inspection services. The new contract fees would be based on the city property tax values as figured by the county auditor as called for in the state code. The initial estimate is for less than \$200,000 for the first year. There are no other cities in the county that have their own health department. There are only 25 city health departments left in the state of Ohio. It is hard and expensive to maintain the state mandates. Would the quality of services provided decrease and if the city would have a

say as to how services were provided? If we were to enter into this program a representative from Piqua would have a seat on the County Board of Health. The possibility of keeping birth certificates here for citizen convenience and to provide as much information as possible to the citizens.

Citizen Comments

Steven Smitley inquired about the cost to hire someone full time for the City of Piqua being \$115,000 but the cost of this contract is \$200,000.

Ms. Welker responded that the \$114,000 would be in addition to what the city already pays for the health services which is around \$350,000 for the department.

Mr. Smitley commented on the difference between \$450,000 opposed to \$200,000.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adopt RES NO. R-85-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-85-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-86-21

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE MIAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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

Ms. Welker stated that Brad Petry, Miami County Solid Waste Management Coordinator was here to answer any specific questions about the plan.

Brad Petry then provided general information with regard to the plan and its processes.

There were no further questions or comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES NO. R-86-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-86-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-87-21

A RESOLUTION FOR CONSENT TO ACCEPT A STORMWATER SEWER EASEMENT ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON MIAMI COUNTY PARCEL N44-095560

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

There were no questions or comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES NO. R-87-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-87-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-88-21

A RESOLUTION FOR CONSENT TO ACCEPT A STORMWATER SEWER EASEMENT ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 439 VINE STREET

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

There were no questions or comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adopt RES NO. R-88-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES NO. R-88-21 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.)

Steven Smitley commented with regard to the spiritual/demonic world effect of alcoholism/alcohol consumption in the community in opposition to the DORA.

Bob Bim Merle commented on his property maintenance compliance charges and his experience with the Troy Prosecutor. He gave information with regard to his efforts over 3 years to get the property repaired.

Law Director Patrizio asked Mr. Bim Merle to get a schedule of repairs and make an appointment to meet with him, the City Manager and the Code Compliance Officer to review his case.

Mayor Lee asked Mr. Bim Merle to get the schedule together, to make sure to set up the meeting that Frank has asked for and that the city will work with him.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Underground Utilities began fire hydrant flushing and pumping on Monday September 20th. The hydrant operations are expected to take place Monday through Thursday between 5:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The city will be communicating thru email the anticipated daily locations.

The 2021 Street Resurfacing Program started Monday, September 20. The work will consist of milling the asphalt surface, placement of new asphalt surface course, adjusting manholes and water valves, and the placement of new pavement markings. Please follow the posted signs, remain alert, reduce speed and watch for stopped traffic while passing through the work zone area. All work is weather permitting. Please visit the city website for a list of streets in the program this year.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Hinds commented on the following:

Friday is a home football game - it is Senior Night, hoping for nice weather – the team is 5-0
State of the Schools is scheduled for Tuesday, September 28th at 7:30 p.m. – Please contact the Chamber of Commerce or schools to make reservations.

Commissioner Hinds then commented on the following:

- Lies have been told about her in the recent newspaper
- Negative comments with regard to the upcoming election.
- She recited from the Charter of the City of Piqua with regard to the structure of the commission. She clarified that all commissioners have an equal vote and each ward has equal representation.
- Difficulty in finding people to run for the commission due to negativity
- Being attacked and mis-represented
- Her assistance to the incoming commissioners by providing them with a packet of information of the history of the commission.
- The community events/activities for which she and her family have volunteered
- Her service on local committees and boards. Stating she has given tirelessly of her time to the city that her family adopted upon their move here in 2008.
- Ran for office as she wanted to help the city and has spoken at many events throughout the Miami Valley to promote our community. Stating she did her very best to serve the citizens with energy and integrity.

She then noted the following:

- Lock Nine Project – delayed due to the pandemic. Prior to that work was being done to prepare the site.
- Piqua City Pool – has had issues for years, long before her election to the commission. The city did its best to keep it going.
- Hance Pavilion – she is a huge proponent of the Hance Pavilion and to keep it open. She had a meeting with the City Manager and Tom Westfall this past spring encouraging the city to do something about Hance Pavilion. It is a wonderful landmark for our city. It will take money to bring it up to code and right now money is extremely tight.
- Proud to call Piqua her home town, but not proud of all the negativity.
- Her wish is that we as a community spend more time building one another up and not tearing one another down. The future of Piqua depends on this.

Commissioner Grissom commented on the following:

Update on the medical marijuana dispensary applications, the state of Ohio posted information with regard to the application process. The city of Piqua does not have any restrictions – we will follow the established guidelines. There will only be two licenses available for our area.

DORA update – will go live on October 1st with a 90-day evaluation period. Information will be provided on the city's website with regard to the rules for businesses, signage, and community feedback so the commission can make adjustments as needed and whether or not to continue the DORA.

Commissioner Pearson commented on the following:

Congratulations to Lorena Lukich, very dedicated

Congratulations to St. Paul's Church celebrating 175 years, St. James Episcopal Church will be celebrating 200 years next year.

The next Town Hall will be held Thursday at 7:00 p.m. – Amy Welker will be there to present information.

Commissioner Fogt commented on the following:

Kiwanis Pancake breakfast – great attendance. Thank you to Chief Byron and Chief Pohlschneider

On October 6th Joe Wilson will be hosting "Neighbors Project" starting in Shawnee

Urban chickens – he will continue to pursue this for the City of Piqua

Elimination of the trees in the downtown area to stop issues caused by birds safe harboring.

Paul Oberdorfer stated he is reinstating that conversation with Mainstreet Piqua and will be working with engineers.

Any information with regard to the relocation of the public salt barns?

Paul Oberdorfer responded there are some improvements being done to improve the building but to try to get the salt storage moved by next year.

Mayor Lee commented on the following:

Piqua Indians are at 5-0. This Thursday he will be going to Elite to purchase the Piqua Indian's t-shirt to give the Troy Mayor and then meeting with Mike Ullery for a picture of the mayor in her Piqua Indians t-shirt..

Kiwanis Pancake Day was a success and a good time.

Taste of Piqua – he was able to stop out, food was delicious. Thank you to Kathy Sherman and her staff for their hard work.


Thank you to Lorena Lukich for her 20 years of service to the city.

Congratulations to St. Paul's Church on the anniversary

Halloween will be held on October 28th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – he will be out and about on that evening.

He does not endorse nor recommend negativity in this election. It is hard to get people to run. Don't make negative comments. Thank you to Nolan Campbell who is running against him because he is willing to serve, among other positive comments toward Nolan and stated we need more people to do the exact same thing. He apologized for any slight made to Nolan and that it was not made on Mayor Lee's behalf. Also, negative comments toward former Mayor Hinds are unwelcome as well, he stated she has shown her love and dedication for the city and she is continuing to serve. Mayor Lee will not echo any negativity and he will run a positive campaign and he knows his opponent is doing the exact same thing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. The Regular Commission meeting was adjourned



KRIS LEE, MAYOR

PASSED: 10/5/21

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