

**REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021, 6:00 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBER-2nd FLOOR
201 WEST WATER STREET, PIQUA, OHIO 45356**

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, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Fogt, and Commissioner Hinds

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the October 5, 2021 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting and October 11, 2021 Work Session.

RESOLUTION NO. R-92-21

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF ROBIN E. HUNGERFORD AS A CITY EMPLOYEE

Mayor Lee recited the resolution. Ms. Hungerford was not present to accept the resolution.

Commissioner Grissom 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-93-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUSINESS ATTRACTION INCENTIVE

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

Commissioner Hinds commented on her excitement to see Piqua's vision coming to reality that this new brewery will bring employment opportunities, and help for Piqua to become a destination spot.

Chris Schmiesing confirmed that the brewery will offer about 20 job opportunities.

There were no questions or comments from the citizens.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES. NO. R-93-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-93-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-94-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OR SALE OF CITY OWNED REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 839 S. MAIN STREET

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

Commissioner Fogt expressed concern with regard to the Stormwater drain between this property and the city owned property, with regard to the trees and asked if there was any talk about tree cleanout and wall repair.

Mr. Schmiesing stated that there would be demolition of the addition to the sign shop, demolition of the existing rusty chain link fence, with a new fence to be put up on the boundary line, a new safety guardrail and clean up, but not necessarily removal of the trees.

Commissioner Hinds commented that this facility is already a destination facility and that it is much more than just cross fit, offering other services such as sports physical therapy. She stated it is nice to see that this is a locally owned business.

Commissioner Fogt asked Chad Lawson, the owner of the business, if he would like to comment.

Mr. Lawson gave a brief report on the business, stating they are hoping to add new attractions in the spring to provide recreational activities along the bike path.

Mayor Lee asked if the local businesses could reach out to him for utilization of their services.

Mr. Lawson stated absolutely, he is looking forward to interacting with local businesses.

There were no further questions or comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES. NO. R-94-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-94-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-95-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MODIFY THE BONDING REQUIREMENTS OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OPENING PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE FIBER OPTIC WORK BEING PROPOSED BY METRONET

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

Commissioner Fogt asked if 19 LCPs (Local Conversion Points) were enough or would the city be looking at more down the road.

City Manager Oberdorfer stated there is concern about underground operations that would limit the number of LCPs.

Commissioner Hinds commented that NK Telco was taking a long time and wondered if this is the same type of company.

City Manager Oberdorfer stated this is a completely different operation, comparable to Spectrum. NK Telco will be working next year, and there is work being done on setting up a method to apply to NK Telco.

Commissioner Hinds inquired if the installation of this fiber network would bring in additional businesses.

City Manager Oberdorfer stated that there will be a study to determine, but it is a possibility in the future. There will be more access to capital.

Commissioner Grissom inquired why the city was not utilizing the existing fiber network.

City Manager Oberdorfer replied there are ownership and access issues.

There were no further questions or comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adopt RES. NO. R-95-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-95-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-96-21

A RESOLUTION FOR CONSENT TO ACCEPT A STORMWATER SEWER EASEMENT ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 208 FORD DRIVE

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

Commissioner Grissom asked if some of the following easements would be temporary for only 90 days.

Law Director Patrizio said that some are temporary, but some may be permanent.

There were no further questions or comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES. NO. R-96-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-96-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-97-21

A RESOLUTION FOR CONSENT TO ACCEPT A STORMWATER SEWER EASEMENT ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 299 LINDEN AVENUE

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

There were no questions or comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adopt RES. NO. R-97-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-97-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-98-21

A RESOLUTION FOR CONSENT TO ACCEPT A STORMWATER SEWER EASEMENT ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 902 COVINGTON AVENUE

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-98-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-98-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-99-21

A RESOLUTION FOR CONSENT TO ACCEPT A STORMWATER SEWER EASEMENT ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 904 COVINGTON AVENUE

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

There were no questions or comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES. NO. R-99-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-99-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-100-21

A RESOLUTION FOR CONSENT TO ACCEPT A STORMWATER SEWER EASEMENT ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON MIAMI COUNTY PARCEL N44-096485

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

There were no questions or comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adopt RES. NO. R-100-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-100-21 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.)

Joe Wilson commented on the project "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" advising that they are working with the Piqua Neighborhood Improvement Corporation. He stated the first event included lots of good yard work and that the resident was very appreciative and made a donation to the project. He noted appreciation for Mayor Lee's participation and the assistance of the city with the street cleanup. Mr. Wilson stated that the hope is to get the project started in May of next year and there is a need for volunteers and identification of properties in need of painting and cleanup. He also stated that he has applied for a grant to help pay for the cost of paint.

Mayor Lee recognized Mr. Wilson's passion and thanked him. He also inquired about donation information.

Mr. Wilson stated this information could be found on the Piqua Neighborhood Improvement Corporation's Facebook page.

There was conversation about getting this information posted to the Piqua website as well.

Eva Silvers commented on the lack of youth oriented business in Piqua, and the safety of children due to the amount of violent crimes occurring in Piqua. She has started a Facebook page – Piqua Compassion Over Politics. The city needs to start focusing on residents and clean parks and activities for kids

Ms. Silvers asked about the 1990-2004 community building grants.

Chris Schmiesing provided information with regard to the Chip Program and the CDBG Program, explaining the differences between the two programs.

Ms. Silvers stated that the city needs to focus on the parks and that her group will be in the parks cleaning them up. She expressed she would like to see new businesses geared toward children, such as Scene 75, being brought into the area.

Mayor Lee commented that Ms. Silvers could make some suggestions to the Economic Development Department.

Ruth Koon thanked Ms. Silvers for the professionalism of her comments. She then reported that she attended the Dayton Walk of Fame Event, in which William Pitsenbarger, among others, was honored. She stated that Piqua had three tables in attendance at the event. She stated that Fred Navarro gave the acceptance speech on behalf of the award to William Pitsenbarger and commented how emotional and heartfelt the acceptance was. She then commented on the Pitsenbarger sports complex, the informational kiosk located on Mr. Pitsenbarger's statue, the Pitsenbarger flag presentation and that many places in the community continue to recognize Mr. Pitsenbarger.

Ms. Koon also mentioned the Local Life Magazine, stating this magazine focuses on Miami County and always has an article about Piqua. She stated the current article was about kayaking on the Piqua canal.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Paul Oberdorfer reported on the following:

Thank you to Robin Hungerford for her many years of service to the City of Piqua Work Session/ODNR Dam Presentation to be held on December 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.
Attendance at the Arbogast Performing Arts Center ribbon cutting in Troy.
Texas Tenors on October 30, 2021.

Public Safety Work Session to be held on October 26 at 4:00 p.m.

Evaluation of traffic control with regard to the detour on St. Rt. 66, mentioning that the Police Department is trying to stop and re-direct incoming trucks in an effort to keep them out of the city. Hopefully the project should wrap up in the next couple of weeks.

Main Street/High/Market Street – He will be speaking with the city engineer and Planning Director for evaluation of the street situation.

Mayor Lee asked about the possibility of a “no through traffic” sign on High Street.

City Manager Oberdorfer replied that this could be considered sign pollution that could cause more driver distraction . The issues is that traffic is not stopping at that intersection.

Mayor Lee stated we should increase traffic enforcement in that area,

City Manager Oberdorfer stated that trucks are being cited.

Mayor Lee stated that he appreciates the citizen's videos that have been sent to him with regard to incidents occurring at that intersection.

City Manager Oberdorfer stated that he has pulled the crash reports and there is actually a low incident of accidents, just lots of near misses.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Hinds commented on the following:

Trick or Treat to be held Thursday night from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Commissioner Grissom commented on the following:

Positive vibes from tonight's meeting. It should be looked into by the Commission to do something for kids now in looking at how to bring in funds to support some of these businesses geared toward kids. He has lots of childhood nostalgia.

Commissioner Pearson commented on the following:

Thank you to Robin Hungerford

Recitation of a quote with regard to the importance of being a good citizen

Commissioner Foqt commented on the following:

Scottish Thistle – huge asset to the city – looking forward to the buffet

Mohler Brew Barn production facility, another great business coming to Piqua, with 20-25 new job opportunities.

Thank you to Chris Schmiesing for bringing two “big hitters” to the city

Town Hall Meeting – good turnout – good discussion with regard to tenant/landlord responsibilities and the new city program in the works.

Small business owner's meeting – first meeting is scheduled for November 16 at Winans. The commissioners are working with Kathy Sherman of the Chamber of Commerce to make arrangements to meet with business owners one on one to see how the city can work with them.

Meeting at Hobart Arena to discuss the Great Miami Restoration Project, Troy plans and citizens' concerns for the Troy area as well as Piqua area.

Community cleanup event – glad that Joe Wilson got this done and apologized for not being there as he was under the weather. Thank you to everyone who showed up.

Congratulations Robin Hungerford on her retirement and thank you for the many years of service to the city. He is charging the city with looking at projects to support our small businesses.

Mayor Lee commented on the following:

Thank you to Joe Wilson. It was a nice event and the resident was so appreciative.

Thank you to Eva Silvers for starting her Facebook page

A card was received from the Sidney Mayor thanking the Piqua Police Department Tactical Team for their assistance, that a Sidney police officer was shot at that incident.

There are Board openings - Utility Board, Energy Board and Diversity Committee.

Charter Review Committee – still waiting on nominees

Thank you to the commissioners who attended the Walk of Fame event, he was sorry that he was not able to attend at the last minute. He is very proud of William Pitsenbarger

Town Hall – fulfilling the idea of the commissioners being open and transparent. Thank you to Cindy Pearson for giving us the format.

Citizen videos – these videos are appreciated and are being shared between the commissioners. There is law enforcement going on. He acknowledged the frustration on Main Street and stated that driver inattention is causing a lot of the near misses.

ADJOURNMENT

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



KRIS LEE, MAYOR

PASSED: 11/2/21

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