

**MINUTES
REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the October 19, 2021 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting

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

NEW BUSINESS

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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.)

Walda Reeves commented on the code violations for her property located at 519 Boone Street. Ms. Reeves also commented on Law Director Patrizio's comments made at the recent Open Forum/Town Hall with regard to the quality of the workmanship of the contractors that were doing the work on the residence.

John Reeves of Savage Construction commented on his qualifications as a contractor and provided copies of blue prints of previous works projects to the Commissioners for their review.

Eva Silvers commented on Mrs. Reeve's situation and inquired if the reason the house had been condemned had anything to do with the church being torn down and if the city has plans for the surrounding area. She also commented on a property on Park Avenue.

Law Director Patrizio responded that the situation with the Boone Street property has been ongoing for over four years and listed examples from the recent inspection of the property of the faulty workmanship that had been done to the house, including but not limited to, the work done on the front porch, as well as the interior of the house being unsanitary and unsafe therefore causing the house to be condemned. The house can be brought up to code, or it can be torn down.

There was also conversation with regard to the cease and desist order.

Law Director Patrizio reiterated that the city has been trying to get these property maintenance issues resolved over the past 4 years. Mr. Patrizio stated he has no knowledge of any project which would affect the Boone Street residence. Mr. Patrizio clarified the situation with the house on Park Avenue.

Mayor Lee stated that he has no knowledge of any project with regard to that area. He also suggested that Ms. Silvers come in to talk with the City Manager and Law Director

There was a brief discussion between Ms. Silvers and Mr. Patrizio with regard to the Ed Liette property maintenance cases. Mr. Patrizio provided information with regard to timelines and fines and Mr. Liette's current compliance in fixing up his properties.

Larry Herzog commented on the work being done on Mrs. Reeve's property. He also made comments with regard to his own property having possible code violation citations in the future. He inquired if there were plans to build an apartment complex on the block.

Commissioner Hinds asked Mr. Herzog who told him about the apartment complex.

Mr. Herzog could not identify anyone specific, only stating that it was someone from the city. Mr. Herzog then commented about other properties in the area in need of repair and asked how code enforcement chose the properties to cite for violations. He also mentioned a violation with regard to a gravel issue.

Mayor Lee stated that most of the cases were complaint driven.

Mr. Herzog stated he would provide a list of code violations of area properties

Mayor Lee advised Mr. Herzog to schedule an appointment to meet with the City Manager to discuss any issues he had with regard to property maintenance. He also stated that groups are being developed to help citizens with repairs to their homes. Mayor Lee then stated there was an Ordinance with regard to pre-existing gravel and grass control.

Mr. Herzog then asked what could be done about the drug dealing being done in that area. Mayor Lee told him to keep calling the police.

Roland Sourmail inquired if there were grants to help citizens pay for the repair and fix up of their houses.

Mayor Lee stated we would check to see what grants are available.

City Manager Oberdorfer commented that the CDBG funding has been reduced over the years and what could be done with the program is very limited. He stated that that city has lost substantial local government funding, providing basically abatement, maintenance only and demolition – not enough funding to get a property up to code compliance.

Mayor Lee stated that maybe other grants could be looked into.

Commissioner Fogt inquired about CDBG block grants funding through the state level, not so much through the Federal level.

City Manager Oberdorfer stated these were "trickle down" funds, that the state actually administers the program. He stated that the city has lost the coordinator in the Planning Department. We hope to have another employee in place that will have the ability to pursue these kinds of grants.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Oberdorfer announced that the 2021 leaf collection will be from October 25th through December 17th. Leaves only please. No other items such as sticks, limbs and debris as it is hard on our equipment to grind up those types of items.

The St. Rt. 66 storm water project will be completed by the end of the week and the detour will be taken down. The city will start on restoration and damage in the right of way and in the spring, turf restoration.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Hinds commented that the Piqua Indians keep winning. There is a home game Friday night.

Commissioner Grissom commented that today is election day and that hopefully everyone voted.

Commissioner Pearson commented on the following:

Holiday Horse Parade – November 13 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in downtown Piqua.

Christmas on the Green will be Friday, December 3rd from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Christmas parade will be Saturday December 4th at 2:00 p.m.

Holly Jolly 5k/10k will be held on December 11th.

Thanks to the citizens for putting up with the weather for trick or treat

Remember to set your clocks back this weekend.

Commissioner Fogt commented on the following:

Thanks you to the citizens for their support of the change of the date and time for trick or treat. Got a lot of good comments

The Piqua Indians are on w inning role, please support the Indians as much as possible.

Thank you to the citizens for coming out tonight with no business on the docket. It is a step toward the positive as the citizens have a right to voice concerns whether we have business or not.

The small business meeting is coming up soon and hoping to get more scheduled.

Mayor Lee commented on the following:

Thank you to the citizens for coming tonight. Thank you to Mrs. Reeves for providing information with regard to her property. We need to look for additional grants to help our citizens.

Boone Street Lofts – this is just a rumor.

With regard to code enforcement, there needs to be equal treatment. If citizens see something that appears to be inappropriate they need to bring it to the City Manager's attention. The city does work with people as expressed by Law Director Patrizio. Both sides need to work together. The Code Enforcement Department has to do their job and abide by the laws and ordinances

Halloween – positive comments with regard to the move to Saturday.

The Piqua Indians continue to impress and win.

He voted today, hopefully everyone has voted, if not, go out and vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. The Regular Commission meeting was adjourned



KRIS LEE, MAYOR

PASSED: 11/16/21

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