

**MINUTES  
REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021**

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. To prepare for and review negotiations on compensation or other terms and conditions of employment for City personnel.
- b. To consider confidential information related to economic development as further defined by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(8) or as amended

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adjourn from Executive Session at 5:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. The Executive Session was adjourned.

RECOGNITION OF GOVERNMENT ACADEMY GRADUATES

Rebecca Stanford	Susan DeBrosse
Steven Stanford	Reganne Tate
Jerry Eiting	Paul Doak
Donald Wion	Rebecca Doak
Yvonne Wion	

Mayor Lee presented the Government Academy Graduates that were present with their certificates.

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CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the November 2, 2021 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting

RESOLUTION NO. R-101-21

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING (NOLAN CAMPBELL) AS A MEMBER TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. R-102-21

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING (ROGER BATEMAN) AS A MEMBER TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. R-103-21

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING (CAROL AUSTIN) AS A MEMBER TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. R-104-21

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING (DAVID ROTH) AS A MEMBER TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. R-105-21

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING (LISA FOGT) AS A MEMBER TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

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. 0-5-21 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SCHEDULE A OF CHAPTER 33 OF THE PIQUA CODE AND ADOPTING A NEW SCHEDULE A OF CHAPTER 33 OF THE PIQUA CODE, RELATING TO WAGES OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

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

The Ordinance will move to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 0-6-21 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SCHEDULE A-1 OF CHAPTER 33 OF THE PIQUA CODE AND ADOPTING A NEW SCHEDULE A-1 OF CHAPTER 33 OF THE PIQUA CODE, RELATING TO WAGES OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

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

The Ordinance will move to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

ORDINANCE NO. O-7-21 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING EXISTING CHAPTER 33.08 AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 33.08 OF THE PIQUA CODE RELATING TO EMPLOYEE INSURANCE.

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

The Ordinance will move to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

ORDINANCE O-8-21 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO FOR THE YEAR 2022

Ben Goodin, Acting Finance Director presented the staff report

The Ordinance will move to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

RESOLUTION NO. R-106-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE ORDERS TO CHEMICAL SERVICES, INC., SAL CHEMICAL, GREER LIME COMPANY, UNIVAR SOLUTIONS USA INC., AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS, INC., WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED, INC., MIAMI PRODUCTS & CHEMICAL CO. AND THE CITY OF DAYTON FOR THE 2022 PURCHASE OF VARIOUS WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS

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

Commissioner Fogt inquired if these prices were inflated from last year.

City Manager Oberdorfer stated that depending upon what chemical it was, the inflation was from 10-30%, which cost was factored into the budget.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adopt RES. NO. R-106-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-106-21 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-107-21

A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO VACATE UNIMPROVED SCUDDER STREET AND ADJACENT ALLEY RIGHT OF WAY

Chris Schmiesing, Development Department Director presented the staff report.

Commissioner Grissom asked for confirmation that this was at no cost to the city and that there were no neighbor issues.

Mr. Schmiesing stated that was correct and then explained the intent to vacate process.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES. NO. R-107-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-107-21 adopted

RESOLUTION NO. R-108-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEASE PART OF INLOT 9053 FOR DOWNTOWN PARKING

Chris Schmiesing, Development Department Director presented the staff report.

Steven Smitley asked if the city would have the first option to purchase the property.

City Manager Oberdorfer stated that would be looked into.

Commissioner Fogt inquired about the property maintenance in the winter, if it was the city's responsibility to keep it clean.

City Manager Oberdorfer stated that provision was factored into the agreement.

Mayor Lee stated the commission would move forward in adopting the resolution, but would look into the option to purchase.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fogt to adopt RES. NO. R-108-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lee declared RES. NO. R-108-21 adopted

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steven Smitley commented on the DORA and cited statistics with regard to the negative effects of alcohol on the community.

Mayor Lee asked City Manager Oberdorfer if there had been any police reports filed as result of the DORA, to which Mr. Oberdorfer replied to date there have been none.

Ruth Koon announced the Friends of the Piqua Library eighth annual Holiday Cabaret will be held on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 p.m. at the Piqua Plaza, featuring the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, with Piqua's Dan Rosenbaum as vocalist.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Oberdorfer informed the Commission that Amy Welker would provide an update on the Sanitary Automation Project. At this time, Ms. Welker presented her report.

The discussion between Ms. Welker and the commissioners included the following topics – no trash bags to be placed on top of the new containers as they will fall off upon the lifting of the container. Extra containers may be requested for disposal of extra boxes/trash with regard to Christmas. There would be very little percentage of alley trash pickup with the

new vehicles. If the containers are too close to the curb for pickup, in the beginning the city will be very lenient and will still be running the rear loader trucks where needed. Bulk items are still to be placed on the curb, not to block access to the trash container, and will be picked up by the rear loader trucks.

Yvonne Wion asked if there was a cost savings and if the trash pickup days would remain the same.

Ms. Welker responded that there would be a savings in fuel cost and reduction of temporary personnel that fewer vehicles would be needed after the switchover, and the trash pick-up day would remain the same.

Mayor Lee stated there will be a learning curve, but a cost savings in the long run.

Commissioner Fogt stated the city will save in alley infrastructure repair that it is a wise choice to switch to these trucks.

Commissioner Hinds stated that the new trucks will take better care of the city employees with less injury due to the repetitive heavy lifting.

City Manager Oberdorfer then commented on the following:

The City of Piqua is the last locality in the county to become automated as far as trash pickup.

City website update – hoping to launch in January, 2022.

GIS Manager position is in the process of closing out – we have received some good applicants

Stormwater Department is having a hydraulic canal and dam improvement public meeting on December 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the Piqua Plaza – not to be confused with the low head dam project on the Great Miami River. This is a separate project. This project is the canals and old waterways that are in our system. Looking to get some governmental agencies to show up like they did at the last presentation in Troy last month. This is all preliminary discussion, no decisions have been rendered – a work in progress and seeking citizen input.

#### COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

All of the Commissioners commented on the successful season of the Piqua football team and offered congratulations and gratitude to the Government Academy Graduates.

Commissioner Pearson announced the following events:

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

Christmas parade will be Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. followed by the Sounds of the Season at St. James Episcopal Church at 5:00 p.m.

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

Commissioner Grissom commented on the following:

The horse parade was a nice event and stated his appreciation to Main Street Piqua and the City of Piqua for their assistance with the event.

Thanks to the volunteers for the Charter Review Committee

Medical marijuana dispensary application deadline update

Commissioner Fogt commented on the following:

Holiday season is here – reach out to your neighbors who may need some assistance.

Today was the kick-off of the first business meeting with Winans. This company is a flagship of our community.

Support the small businesses in downtown

Commissioner Hinds commented on the following:

Encouragement of the Government Academy graduates to get involved with the city, watch for openings on boards and committees and apply for these positions.

Quarter auctions are coming up – Optimist Club coming up this Friday, Show Choir – full virtual quarter auction which can be watched on Indian Nation.

Congratulations to the Piqua Show Choir – Grand Champion at the recent competition.

The Piqua band has received numerous superior ratings.

Happy Thanksgiving – reach out to neighbors over the holidays.

Mayor Lee Commented on the following:

Reiteration of Commissioner Hinds' comment - encouragement of the Government Academy graduates to get involved with the city

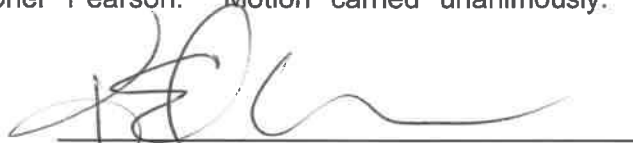
Very proud of football team, show choir and band.

City auction to be held Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – auction items can be viewed on-line.

Thank you to the citizens who voted for him. Their faith in him is appreciated and he will work hard to continue to serve the citizens of Piqua for the next four years.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 6:40 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. The Regular Commission meeting was adjourned



KRIS LEE, MAYOR

PASSED: 12/7/21

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