

**MINUTES
REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022**

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 Fogt, Commissioner Grissom, Commissioner Pearson, and Commissioner Hinds

Commissioner Lee was absent. Commission Pearson made a motion to excuse Commissioner Lee from the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Mayor Fogt declared Commissioner Lee excused.

Mayor Fogt recited the Proclamation Honoring Catholic Schools Week. Brad Zimmerman was present to accept the Proclamation.

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CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the January 4, 2022 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting

RESOLUTION NO. R-3-22

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE AD HOC-COMMUNITY DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

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

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. O-6-21 - AMENDED

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. Ms. Bogan asked for waiver of the three reading rule.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to waive the three reading rule. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Mayor Fogt declared the three reading rule waived.

Ms. Bogan was then asked for clarification as to job description, to which Ms. Bogan stated the basic job duties of the Power Distribution Store Keeper.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt AMENDED ORD. NO. O-6-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Fogt. Roll was called and Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared ORD. NO. O-6-21 adopted

RESOLUTION NO. R-116-21 (AMENDED)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY LOAN OF CASH FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE OTHER FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 AS AMENDED

Ben Goodin, Acting Finance Director presented the staff report.

There were no questions or comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt AMENDED RES. NO. R-116-21; motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared AMENDED RES. NO. R-116-21 adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. R-4-22

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PIQUA CITY COMMISSION 2022 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

City Manager Oberdorfer provided information with regard to the proposed 2022 Calendar of Meetings.

Mayor Fogt stated he liked the changes made to the calendar, this was the framework utilized by the Miami County Commissioners. There was mention of the Charter stating a start time of 7:30 for the first Commission meeting of the year which was not reflected in the proposed calendar. Law Director Patrizio stated the Charter Review Committee was addressing this issue.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES. NO. R-4-22; motion was seconded by Mayor Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-4-22 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-5-22

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

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

Commissioner Hinds stated it was nice to see the list getting smaller. Mayor Fogt then asked about publishing the list.

Ms. Welker stated that it was published on the city's website. It would be cost prohibitive to publish the list in the newspaper.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES. NO. R-5-22; motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-5-22 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-6-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF POOL EQUIPMENT TO TECUMSEH WOODS SWIM CLUB

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

Commissioner Hinds stated she would like to see the Resolution tabled for further review. Mayor Fogt agreed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to table RES. NO. R-6-22; motion was seconded by Mayor Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-6-22 tabled.

RESOLUTION NO. R-7-22

A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO SCHOCK MANUFACTURING FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN INLET STRUCTURE AND ENCLOSURE DOORS FOR #8 GAS TURBINE

Ed Krieger, Power System Director presented the staff report.

Commissioner Grissom stated that Ed has done a good job on equipment restoration, helping with the cost and keeping our rates steady.

Mr. Krieger stated there was lots of dedicated staff running these units.

There was a citizen question with regard to the cost to which Mr. Krieger replied \$450,000.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adopt RES. NO. R 7-22; motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-7-22 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Oberdorfer asked Brian Brookhart, Public Works Director, to give a report with regard to the Winter Maintenance Operation of the city.

Mr. Brookhart provided information with regard to the city's preparedness for the anticipated weather event, the amount of salt on hand, prioritizing of street clearing stating the city will do its best to get the roads cleared and treated. Mr. Brookhart will keep the commissioners informed of any issues with regard to snow removal.

Commissioner Grissom asked about the effect of rain on the road treatment. Mr. Brookhart stated that the roads cannot be pre-treated with rain coming down as the rain will rinse the salt away.

Mr. Brookhart then provided information with regard to the issue of driveways being buried, and tips to keep both the citizens and the city's snow plow drivers safe, to maintain as much distance as possible when behind a snow plow,

Mayor Fogt spoke of his concerns of the Shawnee hill and the secondary streets. He asked Mr. Brookhart if it would be possible to put more salt on this hill area.

Mr. Brookhart stated that these are tough areas and he certainly would.

Commission Grissom asked about the plowing of alleys.

Mr. Brookhart stated that the city does not have the staff or capability to plow every alley.

Mayor Fogt asked if there would still be trash service in the alleys.

Amy Welker replied that the city does its best, the employees typically want to get their work done.

Mr. Brookhart then stated that the plow routes will be published.

Mayor Fogt brought up the concern of corner lots and senior citizens dealing with the issue of the high piled snow.

Mr. Brookhart stated that the snow must be pushed up on a corner. The city does not have the equipment to clear that snow. The momentum causes snow piles.

Commissioner Pearson asked if the cost of the event could be published on the website for citizen information and how many shifts, men and equipment would be utilized.

Mr. Brookhart stated yes, the cost would be published and that there will be nine trucks working 24 hours a day.

Commissioner Hinds asked Mr. Brookhart to let the department know how much they are appreciated.

City Manager Oberdorfer then commented on the following:

The city has hired a GIS manager to see how the city can improve processes integrating technology.

Downtown truck traffic update - there are more police enforcement efforts during the daytime, presentation with regard to existing signage conditions and improvement/addition of signage to aid truck drivers and police enforcement. These signs are on order however, the city is at the mercy of the vendors. Citizens should call the city to report the trucks going down Main Street.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Pearson commented on the following:

Check on your neighbors to make sure they are OK

The Piqua Library will be hosting free programs for children. February 23 at 6:30 p.m. the library will be presenting a program with regard to black history in America with information on the Randolph slaves being one of the topics.

Low Dam meeting information – please check the website for information with regard to future low dam meetings.

Commissioner Hinds commented on the following:

Check on neighbors; pick up store supplies for the elderly if they need assistance.

Piqua Show Choir and Audio Hype were Grand Champion Award winners, being 69 points ahead of all other choirs.
Who Dey! Bengals going to the Super Bowl.

Commissioner Grissom commented on the following:

Fireworks if Bengals win

Thank you to Brian Brookhart and the city staff – be safe out there

Mayor Focht commented on the following:

Emergency vehicles – the E. Main light not working.

Power Department – conversion to LED lights – Ed Krieger is doing a great job with technology and driving prices down.
2,955 street lights with 28% already being converted to LED.

Trash pickup comments going down.

Mayor Focht announced the following board/committee openings: Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Park Board and Golf Advisory Board. Deadline to apply is March 1, 2022. Citizens need to get involved in the community.

There are now commissioner liaisons to the city departments to enable the commissioners to gain knowledge from departments to provide information to citizens, reach out to your commissioner.

Low Head Dam Removal issue – we need more community engagement with regard to this issue. The same 20 citizens have been showing up to the meetings. Citizens need to come out and share thoughts and feelings so the commission can make the best decisions.


ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee. Motion carried unanimously. The Regular Commission meeting was adjourned



THOMAS FOGT, MAYOR

PASSED: 3/1/22

ATTEST: 
KAREN S. JENKINS
CLERK OF COMMISSION