

**REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
MARCH 1, 2022, 6:00 PM  
COMMISSION CHAMBER-2ND FLOOR  
201 WEST WATER STREET  
PIQUA, OHIO 45356**

Piqua City Commission met at 600 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, Commissioner Lee and Commissioner Hinds

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Approval of the Minutes from the January 25, 2022 Regular Piqua City Commission Executive Session Meeting, February 1, 2022 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting and February 15, 2022 Piqua Commission Meeting.**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-10-22**

**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF MICHAEL W. ALLEN AS A CITY EMPLOYEE**

Mayor Fogt recited the Resolution. Mr. Allen was not present to accept the resolution.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE NO. O-1-22**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF PIQUA**

Law Director Patrizio provided information with regard to this Ordinance.

Commissioner Lee asked if there was an electronic version. Mr. Patrizio stated the ordinances were updated online.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to waive the three reading rule. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Roll was called. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared the three reading rule waived.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt ORDINANCE NO. O-1-22; motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared ORDINANCE NO. O-1-22 adopted

**RESOLUTION NO. R-11-22 – PUBLIC HEARING**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT FILED BY BRENDA K. ALLENBAUGH, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF STEVEN H. ALLENBAUGH FOR PARCELS N44-100640 and N44-100740 IN THE CITY OF PIQUA**

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

Mayor Fogt asked Mr. Schmiesing how often the renewal applications are filed. Mr. Schmiesing stated he believed it ran with the appraisal years making it every three years.

There were no further questions or comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lee to adopt RES. NO. R-11-22; motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-11-22 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-12-22 – PUBLIC HEARING**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT FILED BY PAUL R. CROMES FOR PARCELS N44-076845, AND N44-099300 IN THE CITY OF PIQUA**

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

There were no questions or comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adopt RES. NO. R-12-22; motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-12-22 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-13-22**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT**

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

The discussion included the following: The city could evaluate if this is an optimal area for a trash compactor unit... There will not be any additional dumpsters, the two existing dumpsters would be upsized. The city needs to be sure that there is enough trash capacity for existing users and that conversations had been had with the tenants to be mindful of the space in the dumpsters, the dumpsters would not be locked, this was part of the reason for wanting to explore a dumpster enclosure to manage access to the dumpster.

There were no questions or comments from the citizens.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES. NO. R-13-22; motion was seconded by Commisisoner Hinds.. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-13-22 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-14-22**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO BARRETT PAVING MATERIALS INC. AS THE PRIMARY SUPPLIER, AND VALLEY ASPHALT CORP. AS THE SECONDARY SUPPLIER OF 402 & 404 ASPHALT FOR THE 2022 STREET AND ALLEY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

Brian Brookhart, Public Works Director presented the staff report.

The discussion included the following: 60 tons of cold patch have been used, any extra is stored in cold storage. A list of areas needing attention has been started and a paver is still available for use. "Pop up" areas will be attended to. The list will be made available to citizens on the website. The city is still utilizing the paver as necessary due to the fact that the paver is paid for and still has the capability to use. However, it is being looked at to move the paver out of inventory.

There were no questions or comments from the citizens.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adopt RES. NO. R-14-22; motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-14-22 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-15-22**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO GREENTECH CORPORATION AKA GREENTECH LAWN & IRRIGATION FOR THE 2022 PROGRAM OF MOWING AND TRIMMING OF LARGE CITY PARKS AND RIGHT OF WAYS**

Brian Brookhart, Public Works Director presented the staff report.

The discussion included the following: comparison of cost of hiring outside help, freeing up our employees to invest more time and effort in other projects and maintenance of our parks, vs. breakdown of city labor and time costs. There is not enough staff, equipment maintenance cost. The city staff will now have time to do maintenance vs. mowing – cost should even out pretty closely. The cost expenditure is not a set price, but dependent upon when we need the services.

City Manager Oberdorfer commented that there are a lot of mowing areas in the right-of-way and those areas will become the responsibility of property owners.

There were no questions or comments from the citizens.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lee to adopt RES. NO. R-15-22; motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-15-22 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-16-22**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE E. ASH STREET (US 36) RESURFACING PROJECT**

Amy Havenar, City Engineer presented the staff report

Mayor Fogt asked if this would include the area where the ripples are. Ms. Havenar confirmed that it was. Mayor Fogt asked if there had been any GPR studies done on the concrete infrastructure. Ms. Havenar replied the concrete is solid on locations from the core samples. Mayor Fogt asked if there were contingencies built in. Ms. Havenar said there will be when the final legislation is presented to the Commission.

There were no questions or comments from the citizens.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adopt RES. NO. R-16-22; motion was seconded by Mayor Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-16-22 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-17-22**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINAL LEGISLATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS) PROJECT**

Amy Havenar, City Engineer presented the staff report

Mayor Fogt asked if we could put speed bumps on Looney Road to slow down the traffic. Ms. Havenar responded no.

There were no questions or comments from the citizens.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES. NO. R-17-22; motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-17-22 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-18-22**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ACCESS ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR THE ENGINEERING DESIGN OF THE LINCOLN STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

Amy Havenar, City Engineer presented the staff report

Commissioner Grissom thanked Ms. Havenar stating that was good work with regard to the water line. Commissioner Hinds commented that the citizens will be thrilled. Mayor Fogt commented that this should provide decent water pressure.

There were no questions or comments from the citizens.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES. NO. R-18-22; motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-18-22 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-19-22**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO KINNISON EXCAVATING, INC. FOR THE FOUNTAIN BLVD./CANAL SANITARY REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

The discussion included the following: the project will take 2 or 3 months at the most and the inability to replace the trees that are being removed due to the location of the sewer line. The possibility of tree replacement could be addressed after the project. The engineer's estimate being high due to economic uncertainty but pricing seemed pretty fair in relation to prior years. This project would not affect Hance Pavilion. It will affect the picnic pavilion on the south end of the park. The aesthetic issue will be addressed possibly by planting daffodil bulbs if we can't replant trees to enhance the area. The Street Department could help determine what would be best to plant in that area due to sunlight exposure.

There were no questions or comments from the citizens.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lee to adopt RES. NO. R-19-22; motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-19-22 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-20-22**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WESSLER ENGINEERING INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AS RELATED TO THE UNDERGROUND UTILITIES MANHOLE INSPECTION PROJECT**

Kevin Krejny, Director of Utilities presented the staff report.

Commissioner Hinds asked if this would stop things like what happened on Lincoln Avenue.

Mr. Krejny confirmed, yes. This was for planning purposes to start with the worst ones and develop projects down the line.

Commissioner Lee asked if the GIS Director was involved with this project. Mr. Krejny confirmed, yes. She has been in direct contact with Wessler giving them the specs and figuring out how we will import the GIS data.

Mayor Fogt asked if the GIS Director is pretty busy to which City Manager Oberdorfer stated she (the GIS Manager) has been a great addition and her services will assist with asset management.

There were no questions or comments from the citizens.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES. NO. R-20-22; motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-20-22 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-21-22**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH VERDANTAS LLC (FORMERLY HULL & ASSOCIATES INC.) FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO ASSIST THE CITY OF PIQUA WITH CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND FIELD OVERSIGHT.**

Kevin Krejny, Director of Utilities presented the staff report.

There were no questions or comments from the commissions or citizens.

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt RES. NO. R-21-22; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-21-22 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.)

Jeff Lange – provided information with regard to the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Clean Sweep of the Great Miami River and the spring and fall cleanup of the hydraulic canal. Mr. Lange spoke in favor of the low head dam removal in our waterways and cited advantages of having these dams removed.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Oberdorfer stated that a lot of footage is being posted on social media from the city-wide traffic cams. Mr. Oberdorfer noted that general traffic misbehavior is up all over town. The city is working with a consultant with regard to the planters/delineators downtown, that there will be several more months of this temporary situation until the new plan is in place. Public Works has put the new no-thru traffic signs up on Main Street and police enforcement will continue to occur in that area. Mr. Oberdorfer then discussed the cost and total amount of salt used for each of the 3 February snow events

Mayor Fogt commented that Piqua rocks in their Public Works Department. We are more proactive vs. being reactive.

Commission Lee asked Mr. Oberdorfer when the ARC money update will be posted.

Mr. Oberdorfer stated that we are completing the final program for the Downtown District in terms of what those resources are going to look like and once that is finalized it will be brought before the Commission for approval.

Commissioner Lee asked if there was information with regard to the opening of the golf course.

Mr. Oberdorfer stated that we are still doing improvements and cleaning and there is no specific date set yet. What it costs us to run the course and how much we make factors into when the golf course is opened and we will be evaluating that.

Commissioner Lee then asked when the next Economic Development Update would occur.

Mr. Oberdorfer stated it would be in April. We like to do those quarterly.

## **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

### Commissioner Lee

Thank you to Michael Allen for his service to the City of Piqua.

### Commissioner Pearson

Congratulations to Michael Allen for 38 years of service to the City of Piqua.

Kiwanis Pancake Day – Saturday, 3/12 from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Career Center.

State of the City Meeting – March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Plaza. from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

### Commissioner Grissom

Thank you to Michael Allen for his service to the City of Piqua. Thirty-eight years of service is something to be proud of. When is the next low dam meeting?

City Manager Oberdorfer stated the meeting schedule for this week was postponed until next week. We will get with U.S. Fish and Wildlife and firm up the schedule. Hoping to bring something before the commission in the next month.

### Commissioner Hinds

Thank you to Michael Allen for his service to the City. We have great employees here at the city and we are lucky to have them.

Commissioners will be flipping pancakes at the Kiwanis pancake breakfast

Piqua Community Foundation hosting an event Thursday – Pitch Piqua at the Fort Piqua Plaza.

Piqua Show Choir had a very successful year this year Three Grand Champions and 2 first runner up.

High school spring sports are starting.

### Mayor Fogt

Board/committee openings - Energy Board and Civil Service Board.

Upcoming projects – money was provided to the city through the county for demolition of properties. The city has done its due diligence on all these properties and needs to move forward with the demolitions and get the blight out of our town.

Support your city and their efforts. Be cognizant of workers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 7:15 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. The Regular Commission meeting was adjourned

  
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THOMAS FOGT, MAYOR

PASSED: 4-5-22

ATTEST: Karen S. Jenkins  
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CLERK OF COMMISSION