

**REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Piqua City Commission met at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Government Complex Commission Chambers located at 201 W. Water Street, Piqua, Ohio.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Pearson and Commissioners Grissom, Hinds, Lee, and Vetter were present.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:31 pm

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee to adjourn to Executive Session and seconded by Commissioner Hinds.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Pearson and Commissioners Grissom, Hinds, Lee, and Vetter were present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The purpose of the Executive Session is to prepare for and review negotiations on compensation or other terms and conditions of employment for City personnel.

ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:15.

PROCLAMATION

St James Episcopal Church members gathered as Mayor Pearson read the proclamation.

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CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the December 13, 2022, regular Commission Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee to approve the Consent Agenda and Commissioner Hinds seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. O-19-22 (2nd Reading)

An ordinance repealing existing Chapter 33 and enacting a new Chapter 33 of the Piqua code

Introduction: Catherine Bogan requested to un-table this ordinance. Catherine explained that, like other departments, a review of Chapter 33 was made. Catherine read the proposed summary of changes, which hasn't had a thorough review since the late 1990s.

Commissioners Comments: None

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: A motion was made by Commissioner Lee to un-table O-19-22 and Commissioner Hinds seconded the motion. All were in favor and O-19-22 was un-tabled.

Second Reading

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. R-1-23

A resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with Local Union 252, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO-CIC (Firefighters)

Introduction: Catherine Bogan requested to table this ordinance until the membership has had a chance to ratify.

Commissioners Comments: None

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: A motion was made by Commissioner Lee to table R-1-23 and Commissioner Vetter seconded the motion. All were in favor and R-1-23 was tabled.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2-23

A resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association

Introduction: Catherine Bogan noted that the membership did ratify the agreement. The OPBA contract expired 12/31/2022.

Commissioners Comments: None

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: A motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to approve R-2-23 and Mayor Pearson seconded the motion. All were in favor and R-2-23 was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. R-3-23

A resolution approving the purchase of excess liability insurance.

Introduction: Ed Krieger explained that this resolution is for insurance beyond what we have with our consortium, Miami Valley Risk Management. Ed mentioned that the dam was removed from ODNR because there was no longer a risk. AEGIS offered coverage with an 8.3% rate increase. Their coverage also includes coverage for electric employees doing mutual aide.

Commissioners Comments:

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: A motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to approve R-3-23 and Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. R-4-23

A resolution approving the purchase of liability insurance for Piqua's combustion turbines.

Introduction: Ed Krieger gave a history of previous coverage for the city's turbines. To keep the new rate competitive the deductible was increased. There is a low risk of ever needing it, but it is recommended to have coverage.

Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Vetter asked how often we use the turbines to which Ed answered it's less than 40 hours per year. Ed said that the turbines on 25A may have been heard on the hottest day of the year. Ed Krieger said that one unit was bought new in the 70's and the other was bought used in the 80's. Commissioner Vetter said it has been a good use of funds.

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: A motion was made by Mayor Pearson to approve R-4-23 and Commissioner Vetter seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. R-5-23

A resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into a management agreement with Hampton Golf for Echo Hills Golf Course

Introduction: None

Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Lee proposed to Table this resolution.

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: A motion was made by Commissioner Lee to table R-5-23 and Commissioner Grissom seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

During the City Manager's report Amy Welker read all the Board Openings. Amy encouraged citizens to apply.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Grissom – Praised St James for 200 years and the wonderful things they do. Thanked Police, Fire and snowplow drivers for working over the holidays in the tough conditions. Encouraged citizens to apply for the long list of board openings.

Commissioner Hinds – Wished everyone a Happy New Year. Congratulated St James Church for long history and encouraged everyone to visit.

Mayor Pearson – Wanted to make sure everyone was aware of the new business, Crooked Handle, which is opening. Also mentioned other shops downtown. Encouraged everyone to serve on boards. Congratulated St. James Church.

Commissioner Vetter – Gave a special thank you to the Electric Utility Department. Commissioner Vetter mentioned that a friend's electric went off 3 times in another community and the City of Piqua's didn't even flicker. He'd like to put effort into first time home buyers project and Fair Housing. Commissioner Vetter hoped that Commissioners can receive engineers report on Hance Pavilion. Commissioner Vetter

received a sex offender notification with an address of the Bethany Center. Lastly, he'd like to initiate a new plan with Vetter's advice. Chapter 1, Be Nice.

Commissioner Lee – Wished everyone a Happy New Year's. Congratulated St James on 200 years. Asked citizens to participate on boards and commented on the list of openings being big. Commissioner Lee said it could be a gateway to a position up here (Commissioner).

ADJOURNMENT at 8:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee to adjourn, and Commissioner Grissom seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried unanimously.