

**MINUTES
REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022**

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 Pearson, Commissioner Lee and Commissioner Hinds. Commissioner Grissom was absent.

Commissioner Lee moved to excuse Commissioner Grissom from the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Mayor Fogt declared Commissioner Grissom excused.

PRESENTATION; MAIN STREET PIQUA UPDATE – LORNA SWISHER

Lorna Swisher gave a presentation on the events in the downtown area in the upcoming months.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the March 1, 2022 and March 15, 2022 Piqua City Commission Meetings.

RES NO. R-23-22

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF KENT B. FOX AS A CITY EMPLOYEE

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-24-22

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER (DAVE FISHBACK) TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

RESOLUTION NO. R-25-22

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER (BRIAN DEAL) TO THE GOLF ADVISORY BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. R-26-22

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER (JAMES DENSON) TO THE GOLF ADVISORY BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. R-27-22

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER (BILLIE JO SIMMONS) TO THE PARK BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. R-28-22

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER CATHY ODA) TO THE PARK BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. R-29-22

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER (BRADLEY BUBP) TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

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-2-22 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TREES, WEEDS AND VINES SECTIONS 91.35 – 91.38 OF CHAPTER 91, NUISANCES OF THE PIQUA CODE OF ORDINANCES

Chris Schmiesing, Community and Economic Development Director provided information for this Ordinance, asking there be an amendment to the Ordinance be included. Commissioner Lee asked Mr. Schmiesing how much the City spent on maintenance of lawns last year. Mr. Schmiesing stated it was approximately \$10,000.00 with the prior year being closer to \$14,000.00. Mayor Fogt asked Mr. Schmiesing if payment was billed through taxes. Mr. Schmiesing stated if citizens do not remit payment, the monies are assessed on the property every August. There were no further questions

Mr. Schmiesing asked for waiver of the 3 reading rule

Commissioner Hinds moved for to waive the 3 reading rule; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared the 3 Reading Rule waived.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lee to adopt ORDINANCE NO. O-2-22; motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared ORDINANCE NO. O-2-22 adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. O-3-22 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING DISCHARGE PROHIBITIONS SECTION 51.17 AND WASTEWATER SERVICE FEES SECTION 51.81 OF CHAPTER 51 SEWERS OF THE PIQUA CODE OF ORDINANCES

Kevin Krejny, Utilities Director provided information for this Ordinance. Commissioner Lee asked Mr. Krejny if base rates would change. Mr. Krejny stated it would be done electronically based on a key card system. There were no further questions

Mr. Krejny asked for waiver of the 3 reading rule

Commissioner Hinds moved for to waive the 3 reading rule; motion was seconded by Mayor Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared the 3 Reading Rule waived

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt ORDINANCE NO. O-3-22; motion was seconded by Mayor Fogt Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared ORDINANCE NO. O-3-22 adopted

ORDINANCE NO. O-4-22 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING EXISTING CHAPTER 33 AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 33 OF THE PIQUA CODE, RELATING TO EMPLOYEE POLICY

Catherine Bogan, Human Resources Director provided information for this Ordinance. Commissioner Lee asked how out of comparison the City is with regard to surrounding cities. Ms. Bogan indicated it was a two week difference. Commissioner Lee asked about the comparison with bargaining units and Ms. Bogan stated it was the same two week difference. There were no further questions

Ms. Bogan asked for waiver of the 3 reading rule.

Commissioner Lee moved for to waive the 3 reading rule; motion was seconded by Mayor Fogt Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared the 3 Reading Rule waived.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-30-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF CITY FUNDS AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY SPECIAL EVENTS

Brittany Van Horn, Public Relations and Special Events Coordinator presented the staff report. Mayor Fogt asked if there was a contingency built into the resolution. Ms. Van Horn stated the numbers came from the department heads and she

was assuming there was a contingency in place. Commissioner Lee asked if the report would be reviewed yearly and Ms. Van Horn indicated it was the goal to have the report available before the end of each year. There were no further questions

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES. NO. R-30-22; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-30-22 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-31-22 – PUBLIC HEARING

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT FILED BY JAMES A. HIEGEL FOR PARCEL #N44-095820 IN THE CITY OF PIQUA

Chris Schmiesing, Community and Economic Development Director presented the staff report. Commissioner Hinds asked Mr. Schmiesing if the land was a farm before. Mr. Schmiesing indicated the land was for a much smaller tract of land. There were no further questions

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES. NO. R-31-22; motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-31-22 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-32-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO ENGINEERED FLOORS, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW CARPET ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING

Bob Graeser, Engineering Project Manager presented the staff report. Commissioner Lee asked the project was budgeted. Mr. Graeser stated that it was. Mayor Fogt asked how much stock the City would keep of the carpet tiles. Mr. Graeser stated there would be approximately eight (8) boxes retained. There were no further questions.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adopt RES. NO. R-32-22; motion was seconded by Mayor Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-33-22 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-33-22

A RESOLUTION RETAINING THE SERVICES OF USI TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF PIQUA

Catherine Bogan, Human Resources Director presented the staff report. Representatives from USI were present for questions and comments. Commissioner Lee asked if there was information from the other businesses that provided quotes. Ms. Bogan did not have the information but will provide it to the commission for review. There were no further questions

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES. NO. R-33-22; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-33-22 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-34-22

A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF LED STREET LIGHTS FOR THE POWER SYSTEM

Ed Krieger, Power System Director presented the staff report.

There were no questions or comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lee to adopt RES. NO. R-34-22; motion was seconded by Mayor Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-34-22 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-35-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE RIVER CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT SUBDISTRICT OF THE MIAMI CONSERVANCY DISTRICT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GREAT MIAMI RIVERWAY COALITION

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

A representative from The Great Miami Riverway Coalition was present for questions and comments. There were no questions.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES. NO. R-35-22; motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-35-22 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-36-22

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE PIQUA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

Chris Schmiesing, Community and Economic Development Director presented the staff report. Commissioner Lee asked why there would only be two (2) At Large committee members. Mr. Schmiesing indicated he had looked at the surrounding communities and that was in line with what they were doing with their committees. There were no further questions.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lee to adopt RES. NO. R-36-22; motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-36-22 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-37-22

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

Chris Schmiesing, Community and Economic Development Director presented the staff report. Commissioner Lee asked if there was a list of what the funds would be allocated for. Mr. Schmiesing stated the funds would be used for the delivery of government services. There were no further questions.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to adopt RES. NO. R-37-22; motion was seconded by Mayor Fogt. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-37-22 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-38-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PASS THROUGH GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE PIQUA DOWNTOWN RIVERFRONT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Chris Schmiesing, Community and Economic Development Director presented the staff report. Citizen Wayne Pope commented that he was happy with the great things that were happening in downtown Piqua. Mindy Greggerson commented that there is no foot traffic downtown to support the businesses located there. There were no further questions or comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt RES. NO. R-38-22; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fogt declared RES. NO. R-38-22 adopted.

Public Comment –Wayne Pope commented about the lack of parking in the downtown area. Mindy Greggerson also commented on the lack of parking for shoppers in the downtown area and the large amount of tenant parking for the apartments located above the downtown businesses that prevents people from coming downtown to shop.

City Manager’s Report – City Manager Oberdorfer had Mr. Krieger give thanks to the people that worked on the AMI system. Mr. Oberdorfer talked about the April 2nd Resident Appreciation Day at Echo Hills Golf Course and what a huge success it was. He discussed the improvements that have been made in the Echo Hills Club House and the upcoming improvements for next year. Mr. Oberdorfer also thanked the interim manager at the golf course. There was a work session April 19th to discuss rates and fees but is has been postponed. It will be done at the May 17th work session.

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Lee thanked Chip Fox for his many years of service at Echo Hills Golf course. He also wished for a swift recovery of Commissioner Grissom.

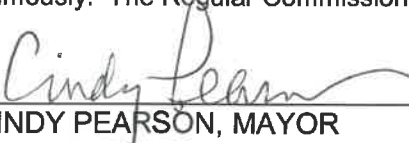
Commissioner Pearson echoed Commissioner Lee’s comments.

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Mayor Fogt echoed Commissioner Lee’s comments. He also stated due to changes in employment, he would be stepping down as mayor and commissioner effective May 1, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Lee to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion carried unanimously. The Regular Commission meeting was adjourned


CINDY PEARSON, MAYOR

PASSED: May 3, 2022

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