

**REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Piqua City Commission met at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Government Complex Commission Chambers located at 201 W. Water Street, Piqua, Ohio.

ROLL CALL

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

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:31

ROLL CALL

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:00 pm

A motion was made by Commissioner Vetter to adjourn from Executive Session and seconded by Commissioner Grissom. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL

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

PROCLAMATION - Bike Month

Mayor Pearson presented Jim Hemmert with a proclamation for Bike Month.

PRESENTATION - GFOA AWARD

Mayor Pearson presented the GFOA Award to Jennifer Kahle and thanked her and the Finance Staff

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CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the May 4, 2023, Regular City Commission Meeting
Approval of the Minutes from the May 8, 2023, Special City Commission Meeting

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. R-68-23

A resolution authorizing a purchase order to Raftelis for City of Piqua Strategic Plan Services

Introduction: Paul Oberdorfer said this Resolution is to approve the additional activities and to pair how we budget to the Strategic Plan.

Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Grissom said he was impressed with their services so far and we need to move forward.

Public Comment: None

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-69-23

A resolution authorizing the city manager to sign the Program Year (PY) 2023 Chip Program Partnership Agreement by and between the Miami County Board of Commissioners, the City of Piqua, the City of Tipp city, and the City of Troy for the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program

Introduction: Chris Schmiesing – This item is necessary for the City of Piqua to participate in this partnership. This partnership will allow the City of Piqua to provide affordable loans to homeowners. The total grant amount is \$490,600 from which the city will receive \$90,625. This will be combined with our existing fund of \$156,500 and we'll complete 3 targeted homes. The city has operated this program successfully for a number of years. The city will find out in September if the funds are received.

Commissioners Comments: None

Public Comment: None

A motion was made by Mayor Pearson to approve the resolution and Commissioner Vetter seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. R-70-23

A resolution awarding a contract to A to Z Property Maintenance LLC for the 2023 ADA Curb Ramp Program

Introduction: Chris Schmiesing – This item is a companion to the resurfacing program and addresses the curb ramps. The City of Piqua received 2 proposals and A to Z was the lowest at \$227,000 which includes a 10% contingency on top of the bid. This will come out of the Street Income Tax Fund.

Commissioners Comments: None

Mayor Pearson asked if these are all new ADA curb ramps or if we are replacing existing ones. Chris Schmiesing said it will be used for a little of both, but mostly new.

Chris Grissom asked Mr. Schmiesing to explain the total budget of 1.6 m and how this expense fits in. Chris Schmiesing said that the \$1.6 million is for the entire Pavement Preservation Program and the \$227,000 for this contract is just for the curb ramps. Chris Grissom said he wanted to make sure we are looking at the total project.

Public Comment: None

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to approve the resolution and Commissioner Grissom seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. R-71-23

A resolution to authorize a replat of parcels N44-101790 and N44-101788 with dedication of right-of-way along Looney Rd

Introduction: Kyrsten French – Pointed out that the Commissioners have seen this lot before and there is already a house constructed here. The State of Ohio does not allow the combination of lots to go on the same plat as an annexation plat, so this had to be done in two steps. All the homeowner is doing is combining the two parcels they own and putting them together, dedicating right of way, and moving their utilities.

Commissioners Comments: None

Public Comment: None

A motion was made by Mayor Pearson to approve the resolution and Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. R-72-23

A resolution authorizing a purchase order to MTech Company for the purchase of a 2023 Mark 3 Sewer Mainline CCTV Inspection Unit for the Underground Utilities Department

Introduction: Kevin Krejny – The request is to purchase a new sewer camera to replace the 2012 camera currently used. This model has so many more features.

Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Lee asked if we were reselling the old one and Kevin said that we would put it on gov deals but he's not sure anyone will want it since the technology is so old.

Commissioner Grissom asked if this went before the Utility Board for review/approval first. Kevin Krejny said it went before the Utility Board last February and was budgeted for in the 2023 budget.

Commissioner Grissom said it is nice when the Commissioners can see whether the Board recommends something first.

Public Comment: Tom Homan asked if the camera still works. Kevin Krejny said it does work but it is not used a lot. Tom Homan said maybe the schools could use it in one of their robotics classes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vetter to approve the resolution and Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. R-73-23

A resolution awarding a contract to Pohlkat inc. In the amount not to exceed \$150,000 for 2023 for removal and disposal of lime residual from the City of Piqua water plant lime lagoon with the option to renew for 2025 and 2027

Introduction: Kevin Krejny – This is the by-product of our water softening and it gets sent over to the quarry. Last year we did not dispose of the lime because we think we can do this every other year now. For the past 16 years we have used Pohlkat, and they won again this year out of the two bids which were received. This will come out of the water fund. The pricing has really shot up from 2016 when we went out to bid. In 2016 it was \$32 a dry ton, in 2019 it was \$61 a dry ton and now it is \$85 a dry ton.

Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Grissom said just for comparison Wing Environmental was \$130 a dry tone so it still looks like a much better bid. Kevin Krejny agreed.

Public Comment: None

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee to approve the resolution and Commissioner Vetter seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kyrsten French – Introduced herself as this years Bike Piqua’s president. The Spring social was on 4/20/2023 and the membership increased from 26 to 74 so she feels like the message is starting to get out. People love biking and that is due to the Commission support. Kyrsten said the Commissioners should be very proud of all that is happening in Piqua including the investment into the biking infrastructure. The mural contest winner was displayed, and she explained the background of the painting and said it is fitting for our community.

Jim Hemmert – Thanked Commission for proclamation. Mr. Hemmert talked about Piqua having 14 miles of paved path and tree roots are starting to break through. Amy confirmed repaving is in process. Jim has ridden over 2000 miles and has met people from Sidney, Troy, Minster, and Brownsburg IN. Last Sunday he met a man that had rode from Columbus. The path is used a lot. Jim noted some of the bike safety training happening.

Larry Hamilton – Endorses the naming of the bridge at Goodrich Giles Park to Goodrich Giles bridge. He also spoke about the Mills Brothers and recited verses from their songs.

Tom Homan – Recently talked to the Miami County Sheriffs department about sex offenders in Piqua. They offered to do a short presentation at a commission meeting and Mr. Homan thinks it would be a good idea in light of citizens who spoke with concerns about a sex offender a couple of months ago. Kris Lee said he would call them.

Jim Hemmert – Spoke of an encounter with a man who rode his bike from Kettering and said Piqua is his turn around spot. This is a 75-mile ride and Jim wanted to point out how much the bike path is used.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Paul Oberdorfer reminded citizens to please keep their grass mowed and to make sure junk cars have up-to-date plates.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENT

Commissioner Lee – No Comment

Commissioner Vetter – No Comment

Commissioner Hinds – Watch out for kids on bikes. Congratulations to the graduates. Reminded citizens that Piqua Show Choir still has tickets for the Just Us show this Friday.

Commissioner Grissom – Has seen a lot more positivity and hopes it continues.

Mayor Pearson – June 17th is the 6th annual Rock and Roll car show downtown and there will be food trucks too. Town Hall at 7:00 pm this Thursday at the Gazebo.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:43

A motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.