

MINUTES
REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022

Piqua City Commission met at 5:30 P.M. in the Municipal Government Complex Commission Chambers located at 201 W. Water Street.

Roll Call as follows: Mayor Pearson, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Hinds and Commissioner Vetter. Commissioner Grissom was absent.

Commissioner Lee made a motion to excuse Commissioner Grissom from the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pearson declared Commissioner Grissom absent.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Lee to enter into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vetter. Motion carried unanimously. The Commissioners entered into Executive Session at 5:32 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. **TO PREPARE FOR AND REVIEW NEGOTIATIONS ON COMPENSATION OR OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR CITY PERSONNEL.**

ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adjourn from Executive Session at 5:54 P.M. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vetter. Motion carried unanimously. The Executive Session was adjourned.

PRESENTATION – Jan Mulder Citizenship Award

Kathy Sherman, president of the Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce, made a presentation for the Jan Mulder Award. Jan Mulder was a Piqua Police Officer killed in the line of duty. The purpose of the award is to recognize a person in the time of crisis or emergency through the disregard of personal safety or through prompt alert action saves or attempts to save the life of an individual or individuals. Officer Chris Walters of the Piqua Police Department sent a letter to Kathy Sherman nominating Blake Nelson for the Jan Mulder Award for his heroic actions assisting the Piqua Police Department and the Piqua Fire Department during a river incident on May 26, 2020. Blake Nelson was able to pull an individual from the river that was struggling and helped him to safety. Blake attends Piqua City Schools as a student. Mr. Nelson was presented the award from Officer Chris Walters. Also present were Superintendent Dwayne Thompson and board member Kelly McMacken.

Mayor Pearson, Commissioner Lee and Commissioner Lee all thanked Blake for his courage.

PRESENTATION – Charter Review Committee

Charter review committee member, Nolan Campbell, presented change recommendations to the City Charter. The committee has been meeting for the past eight (8) with Law Director Frank Patrizio on changes. Recommendations included changing Section 4 which changes the start time of the first meeting to 6:00 P.M. from 7:30 P.M. to coincide with regular commission meetings. Mayor Pearson and Commissioner Lee both thanked the committee for this recommendation. Another recommended change was to Section 31 to change the term of temporary service appointments from 60 days to 90 day and to change masculine based language to be inclusive language. A recommendation for section 46 to change the purchasing requirement to not come before the Commission below \$25,000.00 which would ease the workload of the commission and follow State law for statutory cities. The recommendation of the removal of section 61 would allow for contracts to not have to be presented to the commission unless it meets the purchasing threshold. Mr. Patrizio confirmed that contracts would not have to be presented unless it met the \$50,000.00 threshold. Recommendation for section 67 to remove the language for the threat assessment officers at the Piqua High School and Piqua Middle School that have

to be terminated every six (6) months and rehired. Recommendation for section 94 would allow the City Manager to appoint a designee in the role of City Engineer. A recommendation to remove the form in Section 116 to allow the nonpartisan municipal office nominating petition provided by the Secretary of State. Recommendation for Section 121 would lower the 2,000 signatures needed file a recall petition to 1,250 signatures. The final recommendation was for section 127 for limitations on recall petitions would allow a commissioner in their first term an exemption from recall during the first six (6) months. It would also add an exemption for the last six (6) months of the commissioner's last term. Mr. Patrizio stated the committee would still be meeting to make more recommendations to the commission at a later date. Mayor Pearson and Commissioner Lee thanked the committee for the great recommended changes to the Charter. Commissioner Hinds also thanked the committee for their time in reading the difficult language.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the June 21, 2022 Regular Commission Meeting with Executive Session and Worksession.

Commissioner Hinds moved for approval of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Lee. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pearson declared the Consent Agenda approved.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. O-8-22

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 Bogan, Human Resources Director, presented the staff report.

The discussion included a change to the Clerk of Commission position. This change would include making the full time position a part time position and having a competitive wage for the position.

Commissioner Hinds moved to waive the three (3) reading rule, seconded by Commissioner Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lee moved to adopt Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Vetter. Roll was called. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pearson declared the Ordinance adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-81-22

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, Project Manager, presented the staff report.

The discussion included a request for an additional \$3,000.00 for the budget for the carpeting project on the first floor of the City Building.

Commissioner Hinds moved to adopt Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Vetter. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pearson declared the Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-82-22

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH LOCAL NO. 984 and OHIO COULCIL 8, AFSCME (Blue Collar).

Catherine Bogan, Human Resources Director, presented the staff report.

The discussion included of an internal review of departmental needs, both the City and the Union have agreed to amend the contract to include the Waste Water Maintenance Supervisor.

Commissioner Lee moved to adopt Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Vetter. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pearson declared the Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-83-22

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PIQUA CITY SCHOOLS TO PURCHASE FUEL

Beverly Yount, Purchasing Analyst, presented the staff report.

The discussion included a fuel purchasing partnership between the City and Piqua City Schools. The school district believes they will receive a deeper discount due to an increase in the fuel purchased resulting in a savings to the City as well as the school district. Commissioner Vetter asked if Speedway would still be used in the event of a shortage and Ms. Yount indicated the contract is good till June, 2024.

Commissioner Hinds moved to adopt Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Lee. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pearson declared the Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-84-22

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PIQUA IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION APPLICATION TO THE OHIO BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION PROGRAM FOR THE PIQUA POWER PLANT

Paul Oberdorfer, City Manager, presented the staff report.

The discussion included the City entering into an agreement with PIC to have them act as the agent for the City in applying for the Ohio Brownfield Remediation Program. Commissioner Vetter asked the location of the site. Mr. Oberdorfer indicated the site for this resolution is the power plant with the second being on South Roosevelt. Commissioner Hinds indicated she is excited about this because these old buildings can't be recreated.

Commissioner Hinds moved to adopt Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Vetter. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pearson declared the Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-85-22

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PIQUA IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION APPLICATION TO THE OHIO BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY

Kyrsten French, City Planner, presented the staff report.

The discussion included the South Roosevelt property discussed in the previous Resolution that is currently owned by Hartzell Hardwood.

Commissioner Lee moved to adopt Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Vetter. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pearson declared the Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-86-22

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PIQUA AND THE BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES SPRINGCREEK TOWNSHIP FOR PARCEL J27-055062 ON LOONEY ROAD IN PIQUA, OHIO

Kyrsten French, City Planner, presented the staff report.

The discussion included that the commission approved the front half of the property. There are two (2) parcels that need annexed that will be combined for the construction of a single family house. The property is located in front of the Upper Valley Career Center campus.

Mayor Pearson moved to adopt Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Lee. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pearson declared the Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-87-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF PARCEL N44-000030 FROM R3 – MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO CBD – CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

Kyrsten French, City Planner, presented the staff report.

The discussion included the Piqua Townhomes project across the street from Lock 9 Park. The developer purchased the last lot in the block and would like to add it to the project. The Planning Commission requests approval of the addition. Mayor Pearson asked if the project would move from three (3) units to ten (10) units with two (2) individuals. Ms. French indicated the number has changed several times. She knows there are now ten (10) townhouse units, three (3) single family units and one (1) duplex. Commissioner Vetter asked if it was decided whether or not the things attached to the barricade were signs or not. Ms. French indicated they were temporary signs.

Mayor Pearson moved to adopt Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pearson declared the Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. R-88-22

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ANNEXATION OF 662.035 ACRES AND 1.605 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED IN WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF PIQUA

Frank Patrizio, Law Director, presented the staff report.

The discussion included the annexation of land south of Piqua. The Planning Department and the owner requested this Resolution be tabled for one (1) month.

Commissioner Lee moved to table the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pearson declared the Resolution tabled.

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.)

Roland Sourmail commented on the Piqua Code Enforcement taking him to court for a tenant not cleaning up the property they rent from Mr. Sourmail. He invited the commissioners to his street to see the state of the properties around his home and the property that he rents to see if the issue could be resolved and the tenant could be charged instead of himself.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Oberdorfer provided an update on the new sanitation trucks and the routes changing. New technology will be added in the next nine (9) months to one (1) year that will allow routes to be optimized and allow citizens to go online and view where the trucks are to determine when their trash will be picked up.

The Fireworks display was a huge success and Mr. Oberdorfer thanked the staff for their time and effort in making the Piqua 4th Fest a huge success.

Repairs to the bike path are scheduled for July 20, 2022 due to wash-out.

The agenda for the commission meetings and how it is posted is being adapted. The agenda will be posted by the end of business Friday with the packet being posted Tuesday.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENT

Commissioner Lee commented on how great the 4th of July was. He also thanked the Charter Committee for their time in reviewing the Charter and coming up with some great changes. He congratulated Blake Nelson on his heroic efforts.

Commissioner Vetter’s PNIC tip of the week – when you get up in the middle of the night, look out your windows. The Police want to know if there is anything suspicious going on.

Commissioner Hinds discussed the Citizen Advisory meeting regarding ODNR. She also thanked Blake Nelson.

Mayor Pearson spoke about the upcoming Farmer’s Market and the National Night Out. She thanked Blake Nelson for his efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Lee to adjourn at 6:53 P.M. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinds. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.


CINDY PEARSON, MAYOR

PASSED: August 2, 2022

ATTEST: 
CLERK OF COMMISSION