

**MINUTES
REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022**

Piqua City Commission met at 5:28 P.M. in the Municipal Government Complex Commission Chambers located at 201 W. Water Street.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to enter into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vetter. Motion carried unanimously. The Commissioners entered into Executive Session at 5:30 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, DISMISSAL, DISCIPLINE OR COMPENSATION OF THE MANAGER OR CITY CLERK**
- **TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OR SALE OF PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES**
- **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

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adjourn from Executive Session at 6:27 P.M. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. The Executive Session was adjourned.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 2, 2022 REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

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

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. R-88-22 (tabled)

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

This Resolution is tabled until September 20, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. R-96-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Brian Brookhart, Public Works Director, presented the staff report.

The discussion included the City belonging to organization Southwest Ohio Purchasers for Government (SWOP4G) which bid out the road salt purchase on behalf of approximately 93 entities this year. The City of Piqua has participated in this joint bid successfully for many years. Last year, the City's price was \$58.32/ton. This 2022-2023 winter season, the City will pay \$77.73/ton and for the 2023-2024 winter season, the cost will be \$84.73/ton. SWOP4G has switched to doing a bid covering a two (2) year period. Usage is estimated at 2,500 tons for the bid. The City is not required to purchase a certain amount, but if the City purchases 2,500 tons during the season it would cost \$194,325.00 from August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023. If the City purchases 2,500 tons during the 2023-2024 season, it would cost the City \$211,825.00 from August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024. Salt can be purchased off this contract from August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2024. Commissioner Grissom asked if this was the maximum the City was budgeted for but not necessarily what would be purchased. Mr. Brookhart indicated that was correct. Commissioner Hinds commented that there is now a two (2) year bid period which will be helpful to lock in rates. Commissioner Vetter asked about other products being used and if that helps with using less salt. Mr. Brookhart indicated that beet juice is used with the salt which helps the salt last longer.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-97-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO BLUESCOPE CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A POLE BARN AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Kevin Krejny, Utilities Director, presented the staff report.

The discussion included the building not being built during the 2017 WTP Expansion due to cost overruns. The building will consolidate all water maintenance and mowing equipment in one location. Centralizing staff allows more efficient operations and maintenance. Also, allowing the old WTP facilities to be fully leased to current or future tenant. Cooperative group with established pricing and bidding procedures will construct. Local vendors will be used if they are qualified and provided competitive pricing. Mayor Pearson asked for clarification as to when this project is budgeted for. Mr. Krejny indicated it is budgeted for next year. Commissioner Vetter asked if the funds used for the building were from the Water System Enterprise fund and if it would be by the new water plant. Mr. Krejny indicated that is correct. Commissioner Grissom asked if it would impede on any other projects this year. Mr. Krejny stated that it would not. Citizen Jeff Lange asked if the harvester would be housed in the building. Mr. Krejny stated it was housed in a building on R.M. Davis Parkway.

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-98-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO PURSUE ALL OPTIONS TO RESOLVE SWIFT RUN, ECHO LAKE AND FRANTZ POND LEVY AND RETENTION ISSUES

Commissioner Kazy Hinds presented the staff report.

The discussion included that Commissioner Hinds and Commissioner Grissom are on the Citizen Advisory Council and the Council has been looking at what ONDR is requiring the City to do with regards to Swift Run, Echo Lake and Frantz Pond. ODNR is challenging the City with a million year flood plan, which is 27 inches of water. The Council is looking at different options politically to speak with State Representatives to help lower the height. The most that has been recorded is 11.9 inches in 48 hours. The company that performed the study did it based on an area in Pennsylvania but the Council is trying to look at locations in our area to get the total lowered. Commissioner Hinds indicated the piquadamstudy2002.com website has all the information related to this Resolution.

Commissioner Hinds moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pearson declared the Resolution 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 announced the results of the 19th year Clean Sweep Great Miami River event. Mr. Lange stated there were 104 volunteers starting from the south of Sidney to the south Piqua. There was 5,150 pounds of trash collected. A few of the notable collections were two (2) shopping carts, two (2) large bags of children's clothes, and a projection TV. Volunteers came from as far as Illinois, Colorado, California, Florida, New York, and Kentucky. Cargill is the main sponsor of the event, with Atlantis Sportswear, Miami Conservancy District, City of Sidney, Butler County Storm Water District, and Bonbright Distributors also sponsoring. Mr. Lange that the volunteers and the City's involvement in making this event a huge success.

Dan French commented on the 9th annual Down a River Down a Beer event was held the past Saturday night. The event started nine (9) years ago by Dr. & Mrs. Burkhart (Dr. Beer). French Oil designed five (5) river fire rings for the event. Due to the river being low, there was difficulty getting fire rings out on the river.

Paige Steman commented about the backyard chickens that was discussed at the previous commission meeting. Ms. Steman indicated she has 42 signatures in support of the chickens.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Oberdorfer indicated the maintenance around City building and apologized for any inconvenience it was causing citizens. Mr. Oberdorfer stated the Utility drop box would not be available this weekend for the repaving of the parking lot behind the City building.

Mr. Oberdorfer indicated the City picnic is this coming weekend out at Echo Hills Golf Course.

City Manager Oberdorfer stated the old McDonald's property on Covington Avenue is currently controlled by the county due to the property being just outside city limits. As of 2020, a study deemed the property was deemed unsafe.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENT

Commissioner Hinds wanted to celebrate the evening of DARDAB. She has been involved in the evening for all nine (9) years of the event and this was a record breaking year. Commissioner Hinds stated Saturday is beginning of soccer season with the Optimis Club hosting and event Saturday. The Piqua Show Choir fundraiser event "Night in White" is coming up. Commissioner Hinds reminded citizens that school is starting soon and to be careful as you drive through neighborhoods.

Commissioner Grissom thanked City Manager Oberdorfer for the update on the old McDonald's location. She thanked Jeff Lange for the river cleaning event.

Commissioner Vetter stated discussions are being had about Mote Park building. He thanked the engineering department for the electronic traffic monitor being installed that he requested. Commissioner Vetter received calls about abandoned cars and concerns about people parking on sidewalks. His PNIC tip of the week – put your trash out on the day of delivery or the night before, don't put your trash out a week before.

Mayor Pearson invited citizens to the Town Hall tomorrow evening at the Gazebo.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adjourn at 7:20 P.M. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Grissom. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

Cindy Pearson
CINDY PEARSON, MAYOR

PASSED: 9-6-2022

ATTEST: Diana L. Tamplin
CLERK OF COMMISSION