



MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022

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.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Pearson, Commissioners Lee, Grissom, and Vetter were present. Commissioner Lee made a motion to excuse Commissioner Hinds absence and Mayor Pearson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:31 p.m. 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee to adjourn to Executive Session and Commissioner Vetter seconded. All approved and the motion carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL

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

ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:16 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee to adjourn from Executive Session and Commissioner Vetter seconded. All approved and the motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION - Mayor Pearson read and presented a Proclamation to April Vanover recognizing Manufacturing Day. The goal is to address senior students and link them with manufacturing right here in Piqua. April Vanover, Chris Schmiesing, and Kathy Sherman worked as a committee to recognize manufacturing day for the whole week. There are plant tours set up October 18-20.

REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of the minutes from the October 4, 2022 regular commission meeting.
- Approval of the Minutes from the October 4, 2022 work session
- Approval of the Minutes from the October 6, 2022 work session
- Approval of Minutes from the October 13, 2022 executive session

A motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to approve the consent agenda and Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. R-109-22 (Withdrawn) A resolution authorizing an amendment to the zoning map to designate a +/- 663 acre tract along N County Rd 25A and Farrington Rd as I2-heavy industrial.

Commissioner Comments: Mayor Pearson asked for a motion to untable Resolution no. R-109-22. A motion was made by Commissioner Lee to untable R-109-22 and Commissioner Grissom seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried unanimously.

Law Attorney Frank Patrizio read a statement saying Resolution R-109-22 needs withdrawn from the agenda. Attorney Patrizio explained that the code allows for a property owner to request zoning and special use before land is annexed into the city. City Commission does not vote on the zoning for this land and does not have any authority whether a special use permit is granted. Zoning and special use requests go before the Planning Commission. The Commissioners were also advised not to discuss this matter any further as there is pending litigation.

Commissioner Comments: A motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to withdraw R-109-22 from the agenda and Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried unanimously.

Action Taken: R-109-22 Withdrawn from Agenda

RESOLUTION NO. R-110-22 (Tabled) A resolution authorizing the city manager to execute an economic development agreement pertaining to the 663.64-acre Piqua Materials, Hohman Farms, Schaurer, J3 Development annexation territory.

Commissioner Comments: Mayor Pearson noted that R-110-22 was Tabled before and would remain Tabled.

Action Taken: R-110-22 Tabled

ORDINANCE NO. O-9-22 (2nd Reading) An ordinance amending chapter 50 of the Piqua code, relating to garbage and refuse.

Introduction: Amy Welker went over the summary of modified language that is being proposed in Chapter 50.

Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Grissom said he appreciated the further discussion during the 10/4/2022 work session and clarified that bulk items remain the same.

Public Comment: Eva Silver commented on missed trash.

Action Taken: 2nd Reading

ORDINANCE NO. O-10-22 (2nd Reading) An ordinance amending chapter 51 of the Piqua code, relating to sewers

Introduction: Kevin Krejny pointed out that he added a summary of the changes for the Commissioners to review but there have been no verbiage changes since the 1st reading. He also repeated that there would be no rate changes and the only changes proposed are to fees.

Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Grissom asked Kevin to clarify the afterhours fee.

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: 2nd Reading

ORDINANCE NO. O-11-22 (2nd Reading) An ordinance amending chapter 53 of the Piqua code, relating to water

Introduction: Kevin Krejny said no rates are being changed. Kevin went over fees and new services the Water Department will be offering.

Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Grissom asked what the water was being tested for when a sample is brought in. Commissioner Grissom also asked if you have to be a resident of the city to have your water tested. Kevin Krejny replied that they'll test water for anyone regardless of their location. The Ohio EPA is happy that the city is offering this service too.

Commissioner Vetter commented that we may be able to brag a little about our rates not going up. Kevin Krejny responded that he hoped this is a result of the rates being set right when the new plant was built.

Commissioner Lee questioned if he's right in saying the more usage we have the rates could possibly go down. Kevin said that's true if we could get a big company to locate here.

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: 2nd Reading

ORDINANCE NO. O-12-22 (2nd Reading) An ordinance amending chapter 56 of the Piqua code, relating to Stormwater management

Introduction: Kevin Krejny provided the Commissioners with a Stormwater comparison of surrounding communities. Kevin said that we are under the average, with rates only going up .30.

Commissioners Comments: None

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: 2nd Reading

ORDINANCE NO. O-13-22 (2nd Reading) An ordinance amending chapter 94 of the Piqua code, relating to the municipal golf course and city parks

Introduction: Amy Welker gave a summary of the changes to Chapter 95 which covers the golf course and parks.

Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Lee and Commissioner Grissom both asked for clarification on park rentals.

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: 2nd Reading

ORDINANCE NO. O-14-22 (2nd Reading) An ordinance amending chapter 150 of the Piqua code, relating to building regulations appendix table a: fee schedule

Introduction: Chris Schmiesing said this section is contractual with the Miami County Building Department.

Commissioners Comments: None

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: 2nd Reading

ORDINANCE NO. O-15-22 (2nd Reading) An ordinance amending chapter 151 of the Piqua code, relating to subdivision regulations appendix table a: fee schedule

Introduction: Chris Schmiesing said changes were based on a fee analysis that was done.

Commissioners Comments: None

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: 2nd Reading

ORDINANCE NO. O-16-22 (2nd Reading) An ordinance amending chapter 154 of the Piqua code, relating to zoning regulations appendix c: fee schedule

Introduction: Chris Schmiesing said the revisions to this section result in minor adjustments.

Commissioners Comments: None

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: 2nd Reading

RESOLUTION NO. R-117-22 A resolution appointing Melissa Ann Kinney as shared clerk of commission for the City of Piqua

Introduction: Mayor Pearson said this Resolution would be tabled.

Commissioners Comments:

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: Tabled

RESOLUTION NO. R-118-22

A resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract or contracts, for the sale of municipal-owned transmission assets to Amp Transmission, Llc, a subsidiary of American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP)

Introduction: Ed Krieger gave a presentation on the benefits of selling a portion of the Municipal owned transmission assets to AMP. Ed said the Energy Board has already approved this this item.

Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Lee asked if we would have to buy equipment back, would we have to pay current value. Ed Krieger said currently we are maintaining assets at our cost and the customers are absorbing the cost.

Commissioner Grissom confirmed that there would be no loss in service and services may improve.

Commissioner Vetter mentioned that this may benefit smaller surrounding communities also. Ed Krieger said it will bring a lot of benefit to Ohio.

Commissioner Grissom said it seems to be a win win but asked what the negatives are. Ed Krieger he said he sees no downside. Ed Krieger said there is a benefit because the members own AMP.

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: A motion was made by Commissioner Lee to adopt R-118-22 and Commissioner Vetter seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT - This is a summary of the public comments:

Deb Hogstead - Volunteer for Move to Amend Miami County Ohio introduced the organization and invited the community to attend the meetings of Move to Amend Miami County Ohio.

Tom Homan - Discussed Planning Commission members comment on Facebook.

Mike Sherry - Referenced staff report given with resolution regarding annexation.

Roland Sourmail - Discussed code enforcement of his rentals.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Paul Oberdorfer:

- Ash Street resurfacing has been completed
- Leaf Pick up has started

Public follow up from last meeting: None

Commissioners Questions: Commissioner Lee asked for update on Main Street and Paul said the consultants on working on drawings. The work will begin sometime in 2023 after the weather breaks.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Grissom -

- Meeting to discuss the Wilder site on Nicklin.
- Online payment of permits. Paul Oberdorfer said that ideally the city will be able to accept online payment of permits but some extra modules may need to be purchased. The utility payment system will be the November timeframe.
- Urban chickens.
- Asked that citizens be careful not to drive through leaf piles as children like to play in them.

Commissioner Lee -

- Urban chickens should go before planning commission in January
- Commissioners care about citizens' concerns
- Lehman will go to tournament
- Guest bartender at Scottish Thistle for good cause.

Commissioner Vetter -

- Thanked Ed Krieger for his AMP presentation. Served on Energy Board for 11 years.
- Would like to see all parts of Piqua which are restricted from having chickens
Frank Patrizio said this was a good point because some subdivisions prevent residents from having chickens even if Commission passed an Ordinance allowing chickens in city limits.
- Suggested that valuables are removed from your vehicle and taken inside to prevent crime.

Mayor Pearson -

- Announced events happening: Trunk or Treat at Bethany Center, Halloween Parade, Holiday Horse Parade, Piqua Trick or Treat and Town Hall where RJ Monnier will present new utility billing app.

ADJOURNMENT FROM COMMISSION MEETING at 7:49 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee to adjourn from the regular commission meeting and Commissioner Vetter seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried unanimously.

Approved: _____

Attest: _____

Diana Tamplin
Clerk of Commission

Cindy Pearson, Mayor