



REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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, Hinds and Vetter were present.

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

ROLL CALL

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ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the October 18, 2022 regular commission meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS

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.

Action Taken: Mayor Pearson asked for a motion to untable Resolution no. R-110-22. A motion was made by Commissioner Lee to untable R-110-22 and Commissioner Grissom seconded the motion. All approved and the Resolution was untabled.

Introduction: Chris Schmiesing explained the development agreement described in this Resolution and the benefits it will have, such as facilitating commercial and industrial land development.

Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Hinds said it will add to our tax base and noted that it expands to the other side of I75, Commissioner Hinds said it is a high commodity and is a win win. Chris Schmiesing agreed and said it is an exceptional location and this type of agreement is pretty common. Commissioner Pearson said this is a great opportunity for the city and we need to support the development with the infrastructure needed.

Action Taken: A motion was made by Commissioner Lee to adopt R-110-22 and Mayor Pearson seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Mayor Pearson, Commissioners Grissom, Hinds and Lee voting in favor of adopting resolution R-110-22. Commissioner Vetter voted Nay. The Resolution to adopt R-110-22 was passed.

RESOLUTION NO. R-117-22 (Tabled)

A resolution appointing Melissa Ann Kinney as shared Clerk of Commission for the City of Piqua

Action Taken: Mayor Pearson asked for a motion to untable Resolution no. R-117-22. A motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to untable R-117-22 and Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. All approved and the Resolution was untabled.

Introduction: Frank Patrizio read the Resolution to appoint Melissa A. Kinney clerk. Mayor Pearson read the job duties of the Clerk of Commission.

Commissioner Comments: The Commissioners discussed their approval of this arrangement as Diana and Melissa have knowledge of the city departments supplying the agenda items. Diana and Melissa also work closely with the City Manager who has a key role in the agenda items. Commissioners thanked Diana Tamplin and Melissa Kinney for agreeing to take on the Commission Clerk duties along with their regular job duties.

Action Taken: A motion was made by Commissioner Vetter to adopt R-117-22 and Commissioner Hinds seconded the motion. All approved and the Resolution was approved.

#### REQUEST TO ADD RESOLUTION TO AGENDA

Frank Patrizio, City Attorney, asked the commission to add a Resolution to the agenda. The Resolution number will be R-120-22.

Action Taken: A motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to add R-120-22 and Commissioner Grissom seconded the motion. Resolution R-120-22 was added to the agenda.

#### ORDINANCE NO. O-9-22 (3rd Reading)

An ordinance amending chapter 50 of the Piqua code, relating to garbage and refuse

Introduction: Amy Welker noted that this ordinance will take effect January 1, 2023 if passed tonight. Amy said that her department is getting calls from customers asking how to change their level of service. Amy plans to put together information to educate the community.

Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Lee asked if trash and recycling are taken to the same place. Amy Welker responded that both trash and recycling are taken to the transfer station but then the recycling is transferred from there to a Rumke Recycling Center in Cincinnati. Commissioner Vetter asked why other cities don't do it that way and Amy Welker said that some cities outsource the recycling to Rumke.

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: A motion was made by Commissioner Vetter to adopt O-9-22 and Mayor Pearson seconded the motion. Roll call: Aye - Grissom, Hinds, Lee, Pearson, Vetter Nay - None. The motion carried unanimously.

#### ORDINANCE NO. O-10-22 (3rd Reading)

An ordinance amending chapter 51 of the Piqua code, relating to sewers

Introduction: Kevin Krejny asked if the Commissioners had any questions as this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.

Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Vetter asked if this will take effect January 1, 2023.

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: A motion was made by Commissioner Vetter to adopt O-10-22 and Commissioner Grissom seconded the motion. Roll call: Aye - Grissom, Hinds, Lee, Pearson, Vetter Nay - None All approved and the motion carried unanimously.

#### ORDINANCE NO. O-11-22 (3rd Reading)

An ordinance amending chapter 53 of the Piqua code, relating to water

Introduction: Kevin Krejny said the effective date of this Ordinance would be 1-1-2023.

Commissioners Comments: None

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: A motion was made by Commissioner Lee to adopt O-11-22 and Commissioner Hinds seconded the motion. Roll call: Aye - Grissom, Hinds, Lee, Pearson, Vetter Nay - None All approved and the motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. O-12-22 (3rd Reading)

An ordinance amending chapter 56 of the Piqua code, relating to Stormwater management

Introduction: Kevin Krejny pointed out this will result in a rate change for 2023, 2024, and 2025. Kevin said there has been no increase in the Stormwater rate for 6 years.

Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Lee asked if the Stormwater account was just used for Stormwater expenses. Kevin Krejny said the fund is used for only Stormwater expenses or those expenses deemed Stormwater. Commissioner Lee said there's a problem if the account is being used for expenses unrelated to Stormwater. Commissioner Lee doesn't want the citizens to be penalized, by raising fees, if it's not being used for Stormwater. Kevin Krejny said he has monitored the account very closely since he's been here to make sure that nothing is coming out of the account unless it is related to Stormwater. Commissioner Vetter there could be a penalty from the EPA if we failed to maintain our Stormwater system.

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: A motion was made by Commissioner Vetter to adopt O-12-22 and Commissioner Grissom seconded the motion. Roll call: Aye - Grissom, Hinds, Pearson, Vetter Nay - Lee The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. O-13-22 (3rd Reading)

An ordinance amending chapter 94 of the Piqua code, relating to the municipal golf course and city parks

Introduction: Amy Welker said not only has this ordinance been introduced before to commission, it has also gone before the Park Board and Utility Board.

Commissioners Comments: None

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: A motion was made by Commissioner Grissom to adopt O-13-22 and Commissioner Hinds seconded the motion. Roll call: Aye - Grissom, Hinds, Lee, Pearson, Vetter Nay - None All approved and the motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. O-14-22 (3rd Reading)

An ordinance amending chapter 150 of the Piqua code, relating to Building Regulations appendix Table A: fee schedule

Introduction: Chris Schmiesing acknowledged this is third reading.

Commissioners Comments: None

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: A motion was made by Mayor Pearson to adopt O-14-22 and Commissioner Vetter seconded the motion. Roll call: Aye - Grissom, Hinds, Lee, Pearson, Vetter Nay - None All approved and the motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. O-15-22 (3rd Reading)

An ordinance amending chapter 151 of the Piqua code, relating to subdivision regulations Appendix table A: Fee Schedule

Introduction: Chris Schmiesing gave a summary of the Ordinance.

Commissioners Comments: None

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: A motion was made by Commissioner Vetter to adopt O-15-22 and Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. Roll call: Aye - Grissom, Hinds, Lee, Pearson, Vetter Nay - None All approved and the motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. O-16-22 (3rd Reading)**

An ordinance amending chapter 154 of the Piqua code, relating to zoning regulations appendix c: fee schedule

Introduction: Chris Schmiesing mentioned that the revisions to this Ordinance are similar to the previous Ordinance.

Commissioners Comments: None

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: A motion was made by Mayor Pearson to adopt O-16-22 and Commissioner Grissom seconded the motion. Roll call: Aye - Grissom, Hinds, Lee, Pearson, Vetter Nay - None All approved and the motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE NO. O-17-22 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

An ordinance to vacate a portion of public right-of-way

Introduction: Chris Schmiesing said the piece of land under review is undeveloped and even though it's in the right of way it might not even be recognized as such. It is a piece of grass maintained by the adjacent homeowner. The Planning Commission held a public hearing and has no objections to vacating this piece of land.

Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Vetter pointed out that the city will be incurring some fees that were not part of the 2022 budget. Chris Schmiesing said they are nominal fees and are the cost of doing business. Commissioner Vetter said it is noteworthy that the resident has been mowing the property.

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: First Reading

**RESOLUTION NO. R-119-22**

A resolution approving an annexation agreement between the City of Piqua and the board of the township trustees Springcreek township for parcel J-045800 on Looney Road in Piqua, Ohio

Introduction: Chris Schmiesing described the property location. Chris explained that this property is owned by Tettters Investments and they approached the City about annexing into the city limits to gain access to city utilities. The property owner has taken the steps to secure annexation from Springcreek Township. This is a 100 acre tract of land.

Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Vetter asked if the property was North of 25A and Chris Schmiesing said it was and water and sewer is close by.

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: A motion was made by Mayor Pearson to adopt R-119-22 and Commissioner Hinds seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-120-22**

A resolution authorizing purchase orders to Dell Inc. For the purchase of Dell Hardware, licensing, installation & support

Introduction: Paul Oberdorfer said the items requested in this Resolution are necessary for our IT strategy.

Commissioners Comments: None

Public Comment: None

Action Taken: A motion was made by Commissioner Hinds to adopt R-120-22 and Commissioner Pearson seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Eva Silvers - Spoke about a home that had been condemned.

Roland Sourmail - Asked how to go about our code changed to allow car ports. Roland said other towns allow them. Commissioner Vetter said that the City of Piqua is ahead of the game and leading the way by setting standards. Frank Patrizio said this case is in court right now.

Ruth Koon - Announced the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Cabaret will be held on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. This will be in the Grand Ballroom at the Piqua Plaza. Ruth said this event is open to the public and tickets are available at Hallmark.

Ruth also asked that the city look into the lights on the William Pitsenbarger monument.

Melanie Walker - Announced a Piqua Arts Council event called a Bourbon Affair. This will be held November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Gallery Venue and Event Center. Tickets are on sale now.

Troy Resident - Asked the Commission to point them in the right direction to stop the demolition of 603 Covington Avenue. The resident said that she was in the process of getting the title in her name. The Commission advised her to seek legal counsel.

Jordan Taylor - Voiced his concerns about how the process was handled for 603 Covington Avenue.

Jeff Marconette - Asked what the City plans to do with Hance Pavilion. Commissioner Vetter said there was a meeting about it recently. Paul Oberdorfer said that the Hance Pavilion is in the CIP.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Paul Oberdorfer reported that the city did not receive any bids for Lock 9. Although it was disappointing, we will look a design bids. To end on a higher note, RJ Monnier will introduce NISC.

RJ Monnier showed a Power Point presentation of the new Utility billing program that will be launched the first of December. RJ Monnier went over many of the features of the new program.

The Commissioners thanked RJ and said it has been a long time coming. They expressed their excitement.

#### COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER HINDS - Events Holiday Cabaret, PHS Football team in playoffs, Quarter Auctions, Piqua Show Choir  
COMMISSIONER GRISSOM - Weather was amazing for Trick or Treat and appreciated drivers using safety. Nov 8 is Wilder Planning meeting.

COMMISSIONER VETTER - Asked Amy Welker for the expenses and revenue for Hance Pavilion and the Echo Hills Golf Course. Commissioner Vetter also said that residents should turn on their porch lights to help deter crime.

COMMISSIONER LEE - Congratulated PHS for having a winning season. Thanked community for supporting his bar tending fund raiser. He raised \$1,400 for Lehman. Planning Commission meeting next Tuesday. Commissioners are here to listen and the Commissioners do what they can to help. Daylight savings time starts this weekend.

MAYOR PEARSON - Horse Parade will be downtown Piqua Saturday, November 12. Veterans Memorial bricks are on sale at the Chamber office.

#### ADJOURNMENT FROM COMMISSION 7:45 pm

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