

**PIQUA CITY SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Piqua City Commission met at 6 p.m. in the Municipal Government Complex Commission Chambers located at 201 W. Water Street, Piqua, Ohio.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Lee and Commissioners DeBrosse and Vetter were present. Commissioners Hohman and Simmons were absent.

**OATHS OF OFFICE**

- Firefighters Chandler Sampson and Tyler Wise took their Oaths from Paul Oberdorfer
- Fire Chief Lee Adams took his Oath from Paul Oberdorfer

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE NO. O-2-24 (1<sup>ST</sup> Reading)**

An ordinance to make appropriations for the City of Piqua, Ohio for the year 2024

Introduction: Jerry O'Brien said the appropriation is due to unforeseen circumstances that have occurred since the budget was approved. He went over each increase or decrease line by line.

Mayor Lee asked Jerry to explain what the Police Trust fund in section 48 was used for. Rick Byron said \$50,000 is budgeted every year but isn't used unless it is needed. If it is needed, it would come before Commission for approval.

**Commissioner Hohman entered the meeting at 6:15 p.m.**

Public Comment: None

Action taken: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

**RESOLUTION NO. R-58-24**

A resolution authorizing an advance from the general fund to the Scott Drive redevelopment capital projects fund

Introduction: Jerry O'Brien requested authorization to advance \$550,00 to pay for demolition costs until we recover the money from the sale of the property.

Commissioners Comments: Mayor Lee said he understood that we were applying for a grant to help with the cost also. Jerry confirmed that we were, but it is not guaranteed. Commissioner Hohman said he was

the funds. Under the impression that we were getting the funds. Paul Oberdorfer said that the general fund can support the advance. Jerry O'Brien said that we are paying .25 mil in interest and the sooner we can pay off the debt we'll be able to stop paying interest.

Frank DeBrosse asked Paul Oberdorfer to explain the importance of this to the overall project. Paul Oberdorfer responded that the developer has an agreement with a hotel and restaurant. To stay on the timeline, it is critical to get the demo out to bid. The vacant building also increases the calls to our Police Department. Frank DeBrosse stated that it is his understanding that we will recapture the costs and Paul Oberdorfer confirmed. Frank DeBrosse said that the passage of this resolution is key to development. Commissioner DeBrosse asked Rick Byron what interaction his department has had with the Scott Drive property. Rick Byron said they do daily checks with a minimum of 2 officers at a time. Frank DeBrosse asked if it was safe to say it was occupying a significant amount of the officer's time. Rick Byron agreed and added that there are a number of risks also.

Commissioner Hohman asked if the summer months cause more activity out there and Rick Byron said the people trespassing and causing B & E are typically people wanting to scrap materials and doesn't have anything to do with the schools. Commissioner Hohman asked Jerry if we had to realize some loss, would that hit this year or would draw out over a couple of years. Jerry said whatever is available from the sale of the property, will go into the general fund to pay back the advance. Commissioner Hohman asked Jerry O'Brien how much the interest payments were. Jerry said that we already made one interest payment and we will pay \$78,000 in June. Paul Oberdorfer said we are hoping to close on the property mid Jul

Public Comment: None

Action taken: Commissioner Hohman made a motion to approve R-58-24 and Commissioner Vetter seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT at 6:30 p.m.**



KRIS LEE, MAYOR

Passed: 4-9-24

Attest: Doreen Tamplin  
COMMISSION CLERK