

**REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 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 Simmons, DeBrosse, Hohman, and Vetter were present.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hohman to excuse Mayor Lee at 7:15 p.m. due to another obligation and seconded by Commissioner Simmons. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

REGULAR PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MOTION TO APPROVE BUSINESS AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Hohman to approve the Business Agenda and seconded by Commissioner Vetter. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the August 14, 2024, Piqua City Special Commission Meeting

RESOLUTION NO. R-101-24

A resolution establishing "Trick or Treat/Beggars' Night" in the City of Piqua

Mayor Lee announced that this event will occur on Thursday, October 31, 2024, from 6 to 8 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hohman to approve the Consent Agenda, and Mayor Lee seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. O-14-24 (2nd Reading)

An ordinance to amend Title XV: Land Usage, Piqua Development Code

Introduction: Community Services Director Kyle Hinkelman reminded the Commission that this ordinance relates to Section 4.7.5.D of the Development Code regarding flags that do not require a permit. He said there are no changes to the ordinance from the previous meeting.

Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Simmons made a motion to waive the 3-Reading Rule for Ordinance No. O-14-24, and Commissioner Hohman seconded the motion. Mayor Lee and Commissioners Simmons, Hohman, and DeBrosse were in favor of the motion. Commissioner Vetter was not in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Kim Heisler wanted to confirm that 3, not 2, flags are permitted at each non-residential lot, and she expressed her concern in the event of a business wanting to display 4 flags for each branch of the U.S. Military. Mr. Hinkelman responded that businesses are permitted to display 3 flags, and the city does not regulate the content of those flags. Commissioner Hohman added that the military flag scenario was considered for personal residences, and that he and Commissioner DeBrosse have requested a thorough review of Code Piqua.

Jim Sheats asked Commissioner Vetter why he voted no on the previous motion to waive the 3-Reading Rule, to which Commissioner Vetter replied that he did not believe it was an emergency to justify the waiver.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hohman to approve the ordinance, and Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. R-102-24

A resolution awarding a contract to Skylift, Inc., for purchase of a Mini Derrick for the Power System

Introduction: Power System Director Ed Krieger explained that this resolution would allow the Power Department to replace a 15-year old unit with a new one that has greater maneuverability in smaller spaces. He said that this "backyard machine" is used for electric line maintenance in "difficult to access" areas, such as fenced-in yards. Mr. Krieger and his crew have been very satisfied with the Skylift, Inc. unit, and the Energy Board approved this purchase at their recent June 25th, 2024, meeting.

Commissioners Comments: Commissioner DeBrosse inquired about what would happen with the old unit, to which Mr. Krieger answered that it would be depend on the trade-in value or sold on GovDeals.

Mayor Lee asked how much the city would get for the old unit, and Mr. Krieger said he hopes to get \$25,000. Mayor Lee also commended Mr. Krieger for a job well done on researching this product.

Commissioner Simmons wanted to know the life expectancy of the new mini derrick; Mr. Krieger said with the rigorous maintenance process his department utilizes, he expects to stretch the 10-year life expectancy into 15 years.

Commissioner Hohman commented that Piqua Power has the most stable grid in the region, is invaluable to the area, and that this purchase would be a good use of tax dollars.

Commissioner Vetter noted that payment for the new equipment will come from the Power fund, not the General fund.

Public Comment: None

A motion was made by Commissioner Vetter to approve the resolution, and Commissioner Hohman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. R-103-24

A resolution authorizing the lease extension of Ash St. Water Tower Space to New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC

Introduction: Utilities Director Kevin Krejny said this resolution refers to an existing 19-year old lease regarding the roof of the water tower on the east side of Piqua across from Walmart. The city is renegotiating the lease with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, with little changes to the existing lease except for the addition of language to maintain the integrity of the tower. It includes a 3 percent rate increase each year for inflation and would begin November 2025 with an option to renew every 5 years thereafter.

Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Simmons expressed appreciation that the city provides emergency communication response services for Amateur radio participants.

Commissioner DeBrosse asked how the amount of the fee was figured, to which Mr. Krejny said that it was an extension of the current fee from 20 years ago with a 3 percent increase annually.

Commissioner Hohman asked if the city received any interest from other providers; Mr. Krejny responded that the city has been offered \$200,000 to buy the space, but the guaranteed income over a long period of time is worth more than that one-time fee.

Public Comment: Kim Heisler asked what kind of equipment is on the water tower space. Mr. Krejny said that there are cell phone receivers and other 5G equipment. Ms. Heisler then asked if the city has investigated how this equipment affects the water inside the tank. Mr. Krejny responded that he has never heard of any issues with this common practice and has not researched it.

Mayor Lee asked if there was a contingency in the contract in case of harmful effects to the water in the tower due to cellular equipment. He also said that the city should conduct some research on this subject. Law Director Frank Patrizio said that this is regulated by the federal government, and Commissioner Hohman added that the FCC regulates it. Commissioner Simmons commented that, based on his 30 years of experience, it is not harmful radiation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hohman to approve the resolution, and Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. Commissioners Hohman, DeBrosse, Vetter, and Simmons were in favor of the motion, while Mayor Lee was not in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. R-104-24

A resolution authorizing a purchase order to Graybar for the purchase of the Uninterrupted Power Supply System at the Fort Piqua Plaza

Introduction: Assistant City Manager Amy Welker explained that this purchase would allow the replacement of a critical piece of infrastructure at the Plaza. The Uninterrupted Power Supply System provides emergency lighting during a power failure and is required by the Fire Code. The current equipment is at the end of its useful life, as it was installed during the remodel of the Plaza in 2008. Ms.

Welker stated that the city will use a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Carey Electric Company, with a 3-week install time.

Commissioners Comments: Mayor Lee asked if this was required by the Fire Code, to which Ms. Welker replied yes. He also wanted to know what would be done with the old equipment, and Ms. Welker said it would either be sold via GovDeals if possible or scrapped.

Public Comment: None

A motion was made by Commissioner Vetter to approve the resolution, and Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Oberdorfer was absent from the meeting, so there was no City Manager's Report.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vetter expressed gratitude to Finance Director Jerry O'Brien for his willingness to help him review city financial documents and to the Police Department for coordination of the recent National Night Out event. He also said he favors a stakeholder review of the Community Building at Mote Park to discuss future uses and the asbestos issue. He commented that the large stray cat problem cannot be ignored. He said there is a beautification project in the works for the future.

Commissioner Simmons had no comment.

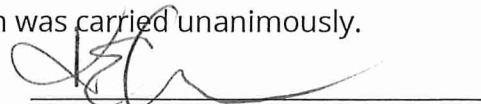
Commissioner DeBrosse thanked Utilities Director Kevin Krejny for explaining why there are low water levels at Swift Run Lake currently. He also thanked Police Chief Byron and the Piqua Caldwell Historical District for their hospitality at National Night Out.

Commissioner Hohman expressed his thanks to Police Chief Byron for the National Night Out event and thanked Mr. Krejny for a recent, insightful tour of the water treatment plant.

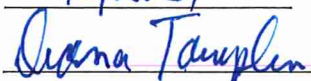
Mayor Lee reminded citizens to be vigilant as school is starting soon. He thanked Mr. O'Brien for being very thorough and understanding while going through the budget with him. He cited a good time at the National Night Out riding with Police Chief Byron and mentioned several recent social events happening in Piqua.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vetter to adjourn the Business Agenda, and Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. All approved and the motion was carried unanimously.


KRIS LEE, MAYOR

Passed: 9/3/2024

Attest: 
COMMISSION CLERK