City of PIQUA

PIQUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING WITH EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and all Commissioners were present.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner DeBrosse made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Seconded by Commissioner Walker. All in favor. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session is to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline or compensation of the City Manager or City Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Wead made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session. Seconded by Commissioner DeBrosse. All in favor. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL

Roll called after adjourning from Executive Session. All Commissioners were present.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Commissioner DeBrosse made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Walker. All in favor. Motion carried.

1) Rules of Conduct

CONSENT AGENDA

Jonathan Wessel asked to be called up to speak on the Minutes from the February 17, 2026, City Commission Meeting. Mr. Wessel requested that the statement read by Mayor Vetter at the start of the meeting on February 17th be added to the minutes as part of the record. There were no additional comments. A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda by Commissioner Walker with an amendment to include the addition of the statement read by Mayor Vetter at the February 17, 2026 City Commission Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Wead. All in favor. Motion carried.

1) Approval of Minutes
Approval of the Minutes from the February 17, 2026, Regular City Commission Meeting

2) Resolution No. R-38-26
A resolution appointing a member to the Piqua Energy and Utility Board

3) Resolution No. R-39-26
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OLD BUSINESS

1) Ordinance No. O-1-26 (Third Reading)
An Amended Ordinance to make appropriations for the City of Piqua, Ohio for the year 2026

This is a third reading. Public comments were heard first. Kim Heisler asked when her previous questions will be answered? What are the figures based on? Is the escrow account only to be used specifically for the Data Center? Who is responsible when the figures go over the cap? Will the city be responsible? Is the city protected? Where is economic development falling into those appropriations?
Jonathan Wessel asked what is going on with the public comments. Between the first and second reading there were changes. What are specific changes to the policy on leave payout?
Commissioner DeBrosse asked what the policy change regarding the leave payout was. Catherine Bogan explained it is the number of weeks an employee can accrue. Catherine went on to explain that employees hired prior to 2010 could cash out three weeks of their vacation time. Those hired after 2010 could not. There are only about 20 employees affected by the change in this policy. Can this payout be something that employees can take advantage of every year? Yes. Back to the escrow account, it is Commissioner DeBrosse understanding that there are no invoices paid until there are funds in the escrow account? Jerry clarified that is correct and that it is in writing.
Commissioner DeBrosse made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Walker.
Commissioner Simmons voted against. Roll was called with Mayor Vetter, Commissioners DeBrosse, Walker and Wead voting to approve and Commissioner Simmons against. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1) **Resolution No. R-37-26**
A resolution authorizing a Purchase Order to Deco dba UUS for the purchase of distribution transformers for the Power System.

RJ Monnier presented. This is to replenish the city's supply of transformers. Bids were received from 10 different vendors. Deco is a company they have done business with before. The bid is for $199,259.00. The Resolution is for a bit more to allow for additional costs such as shipping. There were no public or commission comments. Commissioner Wead made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Simmons. All in favor. Motion carried.

2) **Resolution No. R-40-26**
A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Piqua Firefighters IAFF Local 252

Citizen, Alisha Lange spoke to express that she does not believe that City Manager, Paul Oberdorfer, should be the one entering a bargaining agreement with the firefighters. Catherine Bogan spoke on behalf of this Resolution. Commissioner DeBrosse asked if this is similar in nature to past agreements. Catherine responded that, yes, they approved it last week. A motion was made by Commissioner DeBrosse to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Walker. Commissioner Simmons voted against. Roll was called. Mayor Vetter, Commissioners DeBrosse, Walker and Wead voted in favor. Commissioner Simmons voted against. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The city has launched the bid process for its new comprehensive plan. Proposals are due by March 27, 2026.
The Fire Department recently certified eight new firefighters, bringing the number up to 15.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Walker, please watch out for children on scooters. He has observed a few near misses between scooters and cars.
Commissioner DeBrosse wanted to thank Catherine, the city manager, and city staff for their work in getting the firefighters agreement renewed. Catherine replied, thank you and the firefighters were very cooperative.
Commissioner Wead wanted to comment about the Data Center. He knows that there are a lot of questions that we were concerned about over the Data Center. He had a lot of questions himself, but we are going forward with the Data Center. He hopes that it becomes a benefit to the City of Piqua. He is tired of seeing businesses go to Troy and Sidney rather than coming to Piqua. He hopes this generates more business coming to Piqua.
Mayor Vetter received a thank-you letter from Edna Stiffel. He asked about the Miami County Council. Piqua is about to receive a Tree City USA Award. He attended the first of several meetings for community partners and shared the names of some of those partners. He attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for Hartzell's new building. The building is very impressive and a large investment in the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Walker made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner DeBrosse. Meeting adjourned at 7:27.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

(This is an opportunity for citizens to address the City Commission on Non-agenda items after the adjournment of the Business Agenda. Comments will be limited to seven (7) minutes.)

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JAMES D VETTER, MAYOR

PASSED: ____________________________________

ATTEST: ____________________________________
COMMISSION CLERK