City of PIQUA

PIQUA CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Hohman made a motion to excuse Mayor Lee. Commissioner Simmons seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Commissioner Vetter stepped in to lead the meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE BUSINESS AGENDA

Commissioner Hohman made motion. Commissioner Simmons seconded. Motion carried.

1) Rules of Conduct

CONSENT AGENDA

1) **Approval of Minutes**
Approval of the Minutes from the May 20, 2025, Regular City Commission Meeting

Commissioner Hohman made a motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Commission Meeting on May 20, 2025 as well as the Executive Sessions held on May 29, 2025 and June 2, 2025. Commissioner DeBrosse seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

2) **Resolution No. R-65-25**
A resolution of appreciation for the public service of William D. Weaver as a city employee

Commissioner Hohman read the resolution of appreciation to William J. Weaver. Mr. Weaver was not present to receive it.

3) **Resolution No. R-66-25**
A resolution of appreciation for the public service of Alan J. Barga as a city employee

Commissioner DeBrosse read the resolution of appreciation for Alan J Barga. Mr. Barga was not present to receive it. Commissioner Vetter recommended combining both resolutions into a single vote. Commissioner Hohman made the motion to approve resolutions R-65-25 and R-66-25.

Commissioner DeBrosse seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1) **Resolution No. R-63-25**
A resolution authorizing the police department to enter into an agreement with Motorola Solutions for the purchase of new Body Worn Cameras.

Presented by Police Chief Rick Byron to purchase 25 new body worn cameras as current are obsolete. As of now there are 7 out of service due to inability to repair. A grant has been applied for to cover part of the funding necessary. Citizen Kim Heisler had question as to the expense annually for cloud based storage and if that includes the set up of the cameras. Chief Byron explained that price is included as there is no installation fee. Commissioner Simmons made motion to approve. Commissioner Hohman seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

2) **Resolution No. R-67-25**
A resolution authorizing the City Manager to sell a 5.079 acre parcel of land, at 9801 SR 66, Piqua, OH to AES Ohio.

Kevin Krejny presented this and Resolution R-68-25 together as a resolution that had began in 2022. Commissioner Simmons asked what the zoning was for this property and it is Civic. It was originally recommended to be Conservation due to done of the endangered species of wildlife. Commissioner DeBrosse asked if this is to replace old lines and transformers. Kevin confirmed the current system is approximately 50 years old. This can also set the community infrastructure up for future growth. Commissioner DeBrosse clarified this land is also the closest to the current AES main line. Citizen Brittany Brown spoke as a resident that lives adjacent to this land. Requesting the city not sell the land. She and her neighbors submitted materials previously about electro magnetic fields. Expressed dissatisfaction with the current commission and city management not taking citizens opinions into account. Kim Heisler referenced the solar panels and that the citizens thought there would be some benefit to their bills. Ms. Heisler alluded to the city ability to sustain all the debt it is taking on if the growth that is anticipated does not happen. Can the city get an independent third party to do the testing on the water quality and ground quality. Is it possible can AES provide an alternate source to store batteries should they have them. Richard Price has a home located next to water treatment plant. Was assured there would be a greenspace. Will not be able to live comfortably in his own home. He will be surrounded on either side of his home, rendering it devalued. Has drainage problems already due to the water treatment plant. Emphasized Washington Twp and the Planning and Zoning Board did not approve this. Nick Mahrt agreed with the sentiment of the residents affected by this project. Lastly, Jeff Grimes addressed Commissioner Hohman directly as to if he would want a substation next to his own home. Commissioner Vetter let him know this is his time for comment. Mr. Grimes erroneously stated that the meetings are not being recorded. Mr. Grimes then asked how much the property is being sold for. Commissioner Hohman made a motion to approve resolution. Commissioner DeBrosse seconded. Commissioner Simmons voted against. Commissioner Vetter voted to approve. Roll call vote was requested by Commissioner Hohman. Commissioners Hohman, Debrosse and Vetter voted yes. Commissioner Simmons voted no. Motion passed.

3) **Resolution No. R-68-25**

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease of land agreement, with AMP Transmission, LLC. for power system improvements

As Kevin Krejny had presented both Resolution R-67-25 and R-68-25 together, this went right to public comment. Citizen Richard Price presented a recording of inside his living room the sound coming from the water treatment plant. Suggested there are 30 acres south of this location that could be utilized for this project with no homes in the vicinity. Suggested the city offer to buy the homes impacted by this deal. Kim Heisler deferred her comment time. Jeff Grimes left. Brittany Brown came and addressed the whole commission to ask why they cannot answer questions directly. She did ask if any of the commissioner if their residents wanted this power plant. Commissioner Simmons answered he had not heard yes from anyone. Commissioner DeBrosse addressed Ms. Brown that he has heard from many that they are frustrated by the lack of growth. He did also affirm that he can understand her position as nobody wants this in their neighborhood. Commissioner Hohman made a motion to approve the motion. Commissioner Simmons requested a roll call vote. Commissioner DeBrosse and Commissioner Vetter voted yes. Commissioner Simmons voted no. Motion carried.

4) **Resolution No. R-69-25**

A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Stormwater Easement Agreement and have said agreement recorded.

There were no Commissioner or public comments on this issue. Commissioner Hohman made a motion to approve. Commissioner Simmons requested a roll call vote. Commissioner Vetters voted yes, Commissioner Simmons voted no, Commissioner Hohman voted yes and Commissioner DeBrosse voted yes. The motion was approved.

5) **Resolution No. R-70-25**

A resolution awarding a contract to CW Tree and Outdoor Service LLC for the 2025 ADA Curb Ramp Program.

Kenton Kiser presented for the 2025 ADA curb ramp project. Will also be replacing catch basins as well. Commissioner Hohman asked how this will assist handicapped citizens.It will remove water and trip hazards. How are these audited? These were reviewed as required by Federal Law. The regulations have changed over the years and some are no longer compliant. No public comment. Commissioner Hohman moved to approve. Commissioner DeBrosse seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

6) **Resolution No. R-71-25**

A resolution awarding a contract to Walls Bros. Asphalt Co. for the 2025 Pavement Program - Mill and Overlay Project.

Kenton Kiser presented this as well. Commissioner Vetter asked what the anticipated start dates are? The ADA project is June to mid-August and the street project is August to October. No public comment. Commissioner Hohman made a motion to approve. Commissioner DeBrosse seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

7) **Resolution No. R-72-25**

A resolution of authorization by the City Commission to submit a grant application to the state-funded program Nature Works for an upgrade in playground equipment at Fountain Park

Paul Oberdorfer presented for Amy Welker. The current playground does not meet ADA guidelines. This is to authorize the city to apply for a grant to offset the cost to bring the equipment up to compliance. Commissioner DeBrosse asked if this is a grant requiring the city match the funds awarded. No. Commissioner Simmons asked if the grant application has already been applied for. It has this is to authorize next steps. No public comment. Commissioner Hohman made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Simmons seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

8) **Resolution No. R-73-25**
A Resolution fixing the time and place for a public hearing on the Proposed City Tax Budget for Miami County for the Calendar Year 2026 and draft Appropriation Ordinance.

Presented by Jerry O'Brien just sets the next commission meeting on June 17 as the only date available to bring before the commission for approval. No Commissioner questions. No public comments. Motion to approve by Commissioner Simmons. Seconded by Commissioner DeBrosse. All in favor. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Simmons expressed disappointment that a public records request for city employees shooting batteries with guns was denied personally, by the City Manager, as being overly broad. He explained that he voted no to a few of the resolutions brought forward this evening, because he no longer has any faith or trust in the City Manager.
Commissioner Hohman listed community events June 14 cars and coffee at 9 am to noon 1245 E Ash St., June 21 A Heart for Veterans Gala at R.M. Davis Parkway. Lastly, Piqua Fest and car show on July 4th at 987 E Ash St.
Commissioner DeBrosse keep an eye out for kids as school is out. Keep an eye out for motorcycles.
Commissioner Vetter spoke on street light project is ongoing.
Commissioner Simmons made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hohman seconded.

ADJOURNMENT

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.)

KRIS LEE, MAYOR

PASSED: ____________________

ATTEST: ____________________

COMMISSION CLERK