City of PIQUA

PIQUA CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

July 15, 2025 Commission Meeting called to order at 6:02.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll was called. Commissioners Simmons and DeBrosse were not present. Commissioner Hohman made a motion to excuse Commissioner Simmons due to the illness of a family member and Commissioner DeBrosse was excused due to a planned vacation. Commissioner Vetter seconded the motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE BUSINESS AGENDA

Commissioner Hohman asked to amend Old Business to table Ordinance No O-9-25. It was tabled at the June 17 Commission meeting and we are still waiting on a response from American Legal Publishing.

1) Rules of Conduct

A motion was made by Commissioner Vetter to approve the Rules of Conduct. Seconded by Commissioner Hohman. Motion passed.

PRESENTATION

1) The Fire Committee will be providing an update.

The Fire Committee has met twice since their last presentation. Once on June 26 and again on July 9. Mainly working on since last commission meeting is lining up interviews. There has been on conducted that was informative. There is a second scheduled. In the interest of transparency a conversation was had with Commissioner DeBrosse about sending out a letter to individuals they would still like to speak with. They are requesting assistance from the Commission with getting cooperation from current City employees and possibly sending out the letter to former employees they are still hoping to interview. Commissioner Vetter asked how long before they may reach any conclusion. The answer is they do not wish to rush anything.

2) Quarterly Financial Update

Jerry O'Brien gave a quarterly financial update as promised comparing the budget to actual expenditures as of May 31, 2025. The overview is available on the website.

CONSENT AGENDA

1) **Approval of Minutes**
   Approval of the Minutes from the June 17, 2025, Regular City Commission Meeting

Commissioner Vetter made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda to include the Minutes from June 17, 2025 Commission Meeting and Resolution No R-81-25 which recognizes the volunteers for the first half of the year 2025. Commissioner Hohman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2) **Resolution No. R-81-25**
   A resolution of appreciation for the first half of 2025 City of Piqua Volunteers

Commissioner Vetter moved and Commissioner Hohman seconded.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion was made to table Ordinance No. O-9-25 for a second time by Commissioner Hohman. Seconded by Commissioner Vetter. Motion passed.

1) **Ordinance No. O-10-25 (2nd Reading)**
   An Ordinance to amend Title XV: Land Usage, Piqua Development Code

This is a second reading. No vote this evening. The changes requested at June 17th meeting were made regarding acceptable fence materials.

Kim Heisler spoke on this asking if this is the same as the Home Depot Ordinance and asked for clarification about chain link fence. Chad North clarified that it is a land use ordinance. What are Cross-Guarantees? Chad explained that while that one guarantee may be in place if the usage changes it may still need further approval. Who is Community Services Staff? Chad explained himself and Kyle Hinkleman.

NEW BUSINESS

1) **Resolution No.R-82-25**
   A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Miami Valley Equity Partners, LLP to lease the properties at 128 E. Water Street, Suite 201 and 202, Piqua, OH 45356.

Presented by City Manager to explain the need for a "green room" for sponsorship and hospitality accommodations for entertainment at Lock 9 and Fort Piqua Plaza.

Valerie Mulliken asked if Hampton will be responsible for cleaning up after these events? Her organization is also looking for space to rent for events. Ms. Mulliken wanted to point out that there had been an event the past weekend where patio furniture and barricades had been left out. City Manager Paul Oberdorfer said he would address that with Hampton who is managing Fort Piqua Plaza.

Kim Heisler does not think it is right to have two commissioner out and still pass resolutions. Commissioner Hohman pointed out that it can be changed by the Charter Review Committee. Next, how will leasing this space generate any revenue? Paul explained that the acts that perform require space to prepare and some are from out of town. Last year an RV was rented and for 8 acts the cost was $17,400. Commissioner Hohman explained that while the investment is greater there are more benefits.

Commissioner Hohman made a motion to approve. Commissioner Vetter seconded. Motion passed.

2) **Resolution No. R-83-25**
A Resolution accepting for statutory purposes a budget for the calendar year 2026

Jerry O'Brien presented that this is only a statutory resolution to be presented to the county that there will be a need for 2026. There was an extension granted but the budget is ready. There is no effect to city taxes.

Kim Heisler has four questions: more explanation about sanitation or refuse fund, mausoleum fund, golf fund and Hampton Group Hotel funds? Where will that money be going. Jerry explained that any money over and above that is not spent goes into fund balance to be reallocated. Budget was estimated a little higher to account for inflation as well.
A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Vetter. Seconded by Commissioner Hohman. Motion approved.

3) **Resolution No. R-84-25**
A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Wessler Engineering Inc., for continued stormwater manhole inspections for the City of Piqua.

Kevin Krejny this is the final round of inspections from the contract of 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vetter. Seconded by Commissioner Hohman. Motion carries.

4) **Resolution No. R-85-25**
A resolution authorizing an expenditure of matching grant funds for asbestos abatement at decommissioned Piqua Power Plant

RJ Monnier presented there is an opportunity to develop the property but asbestos has been identified. In March of 2024 the Commission approved PIC to apply for a grant. This resolution is to authorize the use of those grant funds and to match the funds by 25%.

No public comment.
Commissioner Hohman moved to approved the motion. Commissioner Vetter seconded. Motion carries.

5) **Resolution No. R-87-25** A Resolution establishing Trick or Treat/Beggar's Night in the City of Piqua as Thursday, October 30, 2025 from 6 pm - 8 pm.

Amend to alternate night to be selected by Miami County Council recommended by Commissioner

Hohman. Mayor Lee agrees. Amendment to read "As an alternative will be recommended by Miami County Council".
Motion made by Mayor Lee to amend. Seconded by Commissioner Hohman. Motion carries.
A motion was made by Commissioner Hohman to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Vetter. Motion carries.

6) **Resolution No. R-88-25**
A Resolution for the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Wessler Engineering, Inc. to design a Stormwater Manhole Rehabilitation and Replacement Project for the City of Piqua.

Kevin Krejny this is the next phase after the inspections are complete. The plan is to replace 20-25 stormwater/manholes. The worst are to be done first. There are approx. 1600 stormwater drains and they hope to start in 2026. Currently 60% of the city will have been smoke tested by the end of this next phase. Some of the system is 100 years old.
Kim Heisler asked about using Wessler in 2022. There were three bids in 2021 and because they were selected then they were selected to use use to completion. The reason being is it would be counter productive to send out for bid each year due to our pricing is locked in and Wessler has secured a system that works for the City's purposes. No other questions.

Commissioner Hohman made a motion to approve. Commissioner Vetter seconded. Motion carries.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Paul Oberdorfer spoke on replacing old medic unit 21. The old unit will be sold.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vetter has final report on CDBG allocation process. That is available for review. Still looking for assistance with the spay/neuter program. If interested see Commissioner Vetter of the City Manager's Office. Phasing out the Diversity Committee. Air condition and lighting project are underway at the Plaza and the City Building. Would like to know how many openings there are on the various boards.
Commissioner Hohman had no comments.
Mayor Lee thanked the City for the fireworks display. Announced the passing of Paul Holfinger. Expressed condolences from the city. Met Rodney Creech who will be running for Senator. Currently, a Representative of House District 40. There will not be a Commission Meeting on August 5 due to National Night Out. The Commissioners will be out in the neighborhoods.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Hohman to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Vetter.

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