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Anti-data center signs are common throughout Piqua. This one is in flower beds in front of North Star Coffee Station on North Main Street. The Piqua City Commission has approved a 30-year agreement allowing AES Ohio to provide permanent electricity to the planned Meta data center, after Meta committed \$8 million toward Piqua's public safety equipment and personnel. BRYANT BILLING / STAFF WRITER

NEW DETAILS

Residents
continue
calls to
end Flock
contract

Dayton officials
reviewing proposals
to audit data, its use.

Sydney Dawes
Staff Writer

More than three months following the city's suspension of the Flock camera program, some Daytonians are asking the city for more transparency in its review of policy violations around the technology. Dayton city commissioners say they're reviewing proposals from firms that could assist them with an independent review of what data was made widely available through the city's system and who had access to it, among other questions.

Several of the 23 residents who addressed the commission on Wednesday asked city leaders for updates related to the city's Flock program suspension, calling on the city to take the cameras down, end its contract with Flock and conduct an independent investigation of the program.

Joyce Probst MacAlpine spoke in front of the commission about Flock both in January – when commissioners approved grant funding to add more automated license plate readers to the city – and after the city announced in May it was suspending its program.

She told commissioners Wednesday that since that point, efforts toward rebuilding the public's trust have not been sufficient.

"We need to know what happened. We need to know the process," she said. "We need to know why the police lied to us. We need the audit data released."

The Dayton Police Department and other city officials in May announced that policy violations resulted in more than 7,000 requests that cited immigration enforcement being made by outside agencies over the past three years. According to audit logs the city released to Dayton Daily News in late June, more than half of the searches were made by U.S. Border Patrol.

Melissa Bertolo, the former director of city initiative

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Piqua OKs agreement allowing
AES to serve Meta data center

Deal requires utility to
pay \$1M franchise fee
annually for 30 years.

Aimee Hancock
Staff Writer

The Piqua City Commission has approved a 30-year agreement allowing AES Ohio to provide permanent electricity to the planned Meta data center, after Meta committed \$8 million toward Piqua's public safety equipment

and personnel. The approval followed a plea by residents who urged commissioners to reject the deal and negotiate for more.

The agreement allows AES to construct, maintain and operate electric facilities needed to serve J5 LLC, the entity that owns the roughly 607-acre data center site.

The agreement originally called for a 40-year term. Commissioners amended it earlier this month to reduce the initial term to 30 years, require AES to pay Piqua

\$1 million annually and allow the city to terminate the agreement if AES fails to make the payment.

The vote was held during a recent meeting, following more than two hours of public comments and commission discussion focused on the data center, Meta and the city's negotiations with AES.

Several opponents argued that now that Meta has been publicly identified as the company behind the project, Piqua should use that information to negotiate directly

with Meta rather than approve the AES agreement.

"Now the cat's out of the bag," resident Alexander Hessler said, "let's negotiate with Meta."

Hessler argued the agreement does not provide Piqua enough financial benefit for allowing AES to serve the data center. He said the city should consider the revenue AES could receive from the project and use its position to negotiate for a greater return.

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ELECTION 2026

Stock trading becomes campaign attack line

Both sides leveraging
the issue in the fight
for control of Congress.

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WASHINGTON – Since the day she began her campaign for Congress, Paige Cagnetti, the Democratic mayor of Scranton, Pennsylvania, has centered her pitch to voters on the prodigious stock trading of the House Republican



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she is seeking to unseat, Rep. Rob Bresnahan Jr. "This year he's already made 600 trades," Cagnetti said in the announcement video for her campaign in September. "Sold Chinese stocks the week of a tariff. Buys missile stocks before a war. Buys jet stocks before a big contract. Oversees crypto? Buys crypto stocks before a vote."

It may be the district where the issue rings the loudest. Democrats are running ads highlighting how Bresnahan profited from a data center development by trading stocks related to the industry, and recent polls show Cagnetti with a narrow lead. But she is not alone in zeroing in on stock trading by members of Congress as a potent line of attack in this year's midterm elections.

Like many members of Congress who trade substantial

amounts of stock, Bresnahan, the wealthy former CEO of an electrical contracting company, has said he relies on a financial adviser to make his trades and never knows about the transactions before they happen or when they occur.

Bresnahan's campaign said that Cagnetti's descriptions of his trades were "lies" and that he has "taken legitimate steps to ban congressional stock trading."

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