

Wickliffe City Council Meeting

January 11, 2016

A regular meeting of Wickliffe City Council was called to order by Council President David J. Krych at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2016. The following were present at roll call:

MAYOR:	William A. Margalis
COUNCIL PRESIDENT:	David J. Krych
COUNCIL:	Bala, Ely, Jaworski, Koski, Matyja Levon, excused
LAW DIRECTOR:	Scott J. Zele
FINANCE DIRECTOR:	Martin J. Germ
SERVICE DIRECTOR:	Joseph D'Ambrosio
ENGINEER:	Peter J. Formica
BUILDING COMMISSIONER:	Raymond F. Sack
RECREATION DIRECTOR:	Timothy E. Stopp
POLICE CHIEF:	Randy E. Ice
FIRE CHIEF:	James G. Powers
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:	Jason Laver, not present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Ms. Koski seconded by Mr. Bala that Mr. Matyja be permitted to abstain from approving of the council meeting of December 21, 2015.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Bala, Ely, Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Matyja
No: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Bala seconded by Mr. Jaworski that the minutes of the council meeting of December 21, 2015 be approved as presented.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Bala, Ely, Jaworski, Koski, Krych
No: None Abstain: Matyja

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Ely seconded by Mr. Bala that the minutes of the council organizational meeting of January 4, 2016 be approved as presented.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Bala, Ely, Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Matyja
No: None

Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR The Mayor reported the following: In the last week of December a notice was received from the Lake County Common Pleas Court from Judge Lucci informing that the prosecutor has notified this court that he intends to have the property described in Exhibit A attached forfeited pursuant to Revised Code and he has requested that the court issue notice to the City of Wickliffe and Wickliffe City Schools for utilization corporation. There are two parcels that are being forfeited for taxes and these parcels are at the end of Green Ridge and are vacant that we have been cutting grass on ever since they have been there, there is a delinquency weed cutting on this property of \$7,051.00. They make these parcels available to the local government so the City has first refusal of taking ownership of these parcels and then the city school district and then the Lake County Revitalization Corporation and the Land Bank. He remarked that he does not have a strong

opinion on this because he can see pros and cons of both sides, it looks like we will not recover the \$7,051.00 for the weed cutting that we have already spent and we will probably continue to cut this grass on these properties, so what happens is that they give you sixty days to give them notice of what our intent is, either take ownership or do nothing then it falls to the Land Bank. He requested that this be placed into committee. Mr. Krych placed the two vacant Green Ridge properties into the FINANCE COMMITTEE for discussion.

Another letter was received this past week from the Lake County General Health District regarding to a law that was passed in the City of Cleveland banning the sale and distribution of cigarettes, tobacco and other smoking products, including electronic cigarettes to those less than 21 years of age. They are asking Lake County General Districts to strongly enact laws that will protect the next generation for use of any tobacco products. He requested that this be placed into committee for council to consider legislation if it is wished. Mr. Krych placing the minimum of age to 21 for tobacco into the LEGISLATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE.

The Mayor also reported that on Friday several of the administrators and himself visited First Energy's Communication Center in Brecksville, Ohio for a tour and a demonstration of what that facility does. There were some power outages yesterday especially in the western end of the city. They distributed a booklet regarding of what to do when the power goes out, how to notify First Energy and what should be done. He requested a supply of these and will be available for council to give to constituents. They are requesting that residents need to call First Energy if the power goes out and not the police department, who are aware of the extent of the outage.

He further asked council if they have the time to read Cities and Villages the first two articles in this, regarding storm water management programs and what an employee may say on face book, what should be done and what should not be done. There was also a note about not having a box on job applications you cannot have a box asking if there is a conviction of a felony, this cannot be asked on an application.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LAW DIRECTOR - Mr. Zele referred to the RHP advertisement. He requested any council member to contact him within the next week should they have any concerns regarding these dates.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT – Mr. Krych referred to a request for a liquor permit which he will give to the councilman for review. The Mayor asked for an executive session at the end of this meeting to discuss pending litigation and also to discuss collective bargaining negotiations.

THERE WERE NO ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

ADMINISTRATORS

A. Police Chief – Chief Ice had nothing to add to his report which is attached.

B. Fire Chief - Chief Powers had nothing to add to his report which is attached.

C. Finance Director – Report attached. Mr. Germ stated that the books were closed on 2015 late last week, we ended the year with a \$2,685,000 in the general fund balance and all departments finished comfortably within their budgets. More discussion will be held on this. An update on the income tax changes is coming, we are putting a billable form on line and he has tested it and it worked well. There may be some problems and he will have this checked. He further reported that he submitted an article for the next Connection that will explain the new procedures and outlining some of the changes in House Bill 5 that will take effect immediately. Postcards will be sent out to all residents to explain this.

D. Engineer – Report attached. Mr. Formica added that the Grand Blvd. contractor is finishing up a few of the service connections. They will be shutting down for the winter. He also informed council that there is a pre-construction meeting to be held with Dominion Gas for the Hazel and Alton gas line replacement project tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.

E. Service Director- Mr. D’Ambrosio reported on some of the routine work that is being done.

F. Building Director – Mr. Sack had nothing to add to his report which is attached. He has also distributed his annual report to council.

G. Recreation Director – Report attached. Mr. Stopp announced that a Winter Fest will be held this Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Green Ridge.

H. Economic Development Coordinator – Mr. Laver not present.

THERE WAS NO AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

THERE WERE NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mr. Jaworski reported that there will not be a meeting of the Sign Review Board meeting in January.

THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS

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THERE WERE NO ORDINANCES

Moved by Mr. Jaworski seconded by Mr. Bala that council recess into executive session to discuss pending litigation and collective bargaining negotiations.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Bala, Ely, Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Matyja
No: None

Council recessed into executive session at 7:25 P.M.

Council reconvened from executive session at 7:54 p.m.

PRESENT: Bala, Ely, Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Matyja

Moved by Ms. Koski seconded by Mr. Bala that the council meeting of January 11, 2016 be adjourned

ROLL CALL: Yes: Bala, Ely, Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Matyja
No: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President and Presiding Officer