

Wickliffe City Council Meeting

January 25, 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 25, 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, excused
FIRE CHIEF:	James G. Powers
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:	Jason Laver, not present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Bala seconded by Mr. Ely that the minutes of the council meeting of January 11, 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: These items came into the mail the last two weeks. Everyone on council should have received a copy of an invitation to the Lake County Development Council's 21st annual legislation breakfast on February 22 to be held at Holiday Inn Express at LaMalfa. Some have attended in the past, you get a chance to hear our representatives, senators and state reps so if anyone is interested in attending this please let Sue Iafelice know and she will make the arrangements.

A notice was also received today from the Lake County Board of Elections that there will be an election in the City of Wickliffe on Tuesday, March 15, this is the primary elections and locations will be the same as they were in November. The Mayor then referred to a memo regarding looking at our budget process and the court costs from the Willoughby Municipal Court and those numbers were up over last year, so he has requested the Courts to give us a breakdown of why our costs are high. He referred to the memo regarding the criminal case load from 2015 and in looking over those numbers the bottom line of the court itself from all the communities that go through the Willoughby courts the case load in 2015 was 12,801, he pulled out the 2014 case load which was 14,147, so there is quite a bit of difference in the amount of total cases. This takes whatever the cost of operating the court and the more cases they have the more fees and court cost that are paid to the courts, this is what supplements the operation of the court, the remainder is put on the cities that participate in that. In looking over by city numbers many of the cities were down, Wickliffe was up slightly, we sent 3,042 cases this year and in 2014 we sent 2,951. But looking at the cities of Eastlake and Willoughby which are the main users, Willoughby sent about 1,000 less cases to the court and Eastlake sent about 500 less cases, this is the reason why we were assessed a much higher number in court costs for this past year. The way they allocate the cost is what percentage of the total cost or claims that Wickliffe had versus the entire rest of the courts, we were at about 15.8% of the total cost of running the cost was about 19%. This is how the court costs are allocated. The Mayor questioned that if they do not have as many cases that they downsize the court, there must be a base amount of people they need to operate the courts and how they can affect lowering their total cost, that's

the only way we will see our cost lowered. Even if we send them less cases there is still that number that the court costs. This will be looked into further and the judge has said he will be going to have a meeting with all the communities to talk over the courts and the operation of the courts. Some cities will pull out and have a mayor's court. We have not budgeted that item in the budget, more information as received will be passed along.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LAW DIRECTOR - Mr. Zele stated that he distributed to council an e-mail he received from the Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association regarding the Cadillac tax and this has been put back now, it should have gone into effect January 1, 2018 and they have pushed it back to 2020.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT – Mr. Krych referred to a letter from the Ohio Municipal League a training reference course for council members training program which will be held in Dublin, Ohio on various dates and anyone desiring to go should contact him. He also placed into the FINANCE COMMITTEE the 2016 Budget, this will be different in that we will try a Saturday work session on the 2016 budget, this will be on February 6 at 9:00 a.m. in council chambers.

ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Matyja added item (a) under New Business: Dominion gas line replacements.

ADMINISTRATORS

A. Police Chief – Chief Ice excused.

B. Fire Chief - Chief Powers commented on the research on the AFG Grant. He asked for authorization to prepare specifications and then advertise with the understanding that we might not actually advertise because bids will go out this weekend. He will be working with FEMA a little bit and make sure that a piggy back would be acceptable so we can get a better price. A motion is in order to authorize the Fire Chief to advertise for the Self Contained Breathing apparatus per specifications on file with the Fire Department.

Moved by Mr. Jaworski seconded by Ms. Koski that council authorize Fire Chief Powers to advertise for self contained breathing apparatus for use by the Fire Department per specifications on file with the Fire Department.

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

Motion carried.

C. Finance Director – Mr. Germ announced that the new ID cards for the Anthem dental plan were distributed today. The medical and vision admission plans have not changed and 2015 W2's will be ready this week for distribution.

D. Engineer – Mr. Formica reviewed his report which is attached. He requested that a meeting of the Improvement Committee be scheduled soon to discuss future projects. Mr. Krych placed the item of future projects into the IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

E. Service Director- Mr. D'Ambrosio commented on the storm last week and the amount of salt that was used and the salt that is still in place for future use.

F. Building Director – Mr. Sack commented that the Lake County Land Bank has taken down another house on Elm Street. The Planning Commission will be meeting on the Lakewick Hotel formerly the Mosely on February 24 at 7:00 p.m.

G. Recreation Director – Mr. Stopp informed council that the Winter Fest was a success. He informed council that he is placing an ad for a maintenance person at the Senior Community Center. This is for three hours a day Monday through Friday. He also stated that Ohio Savings Bank will sponsor one of our movie nights this summer. He is also looking for a bus driver for the senior bus.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Bob Huhnke, 30225 Valley View, referred to a handout he had passed out to council regarding the information about the proposal regarding the railroad problem. He reviewed the contents of his handout. Mr. Krych thanked him for his report and this will be discussed at the meeting on the 29th.

THERE WERE NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

THERE WERE NO COMMISSION REPORTS

THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

a) Dominion Gas Line Replacements – Mr. Matyja stated that the city has done a good job notifying residents of repairs and he compliments the Mayor, Service Director and the City Engineer for notifying residents of work being done in the city, notices were sent out explaining the work being done and this cuts down on the concerns that we have about this. We have done many projects and now Dominion is doing gas line replacements. There was a pre-construction meeting with the gas company and they said they would contact the residents on any work being done in the city, but nothing was done by them. There is nothing worse than doing projects and not informing the residents. He called the project manager and they more or less told us that they will do whatever they want, this is not the way we do business. There will be future projects in the city and before they start let's make sure they follow through on what they are requiring because that saves a lot of people's concerns and problems. We must notify the residents of any work because this works well.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-01 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Read by title.

Moved by Mr. Bala seconded by Ms. Koski that the rules of council be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2016-01 be placed on third and final reading.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Bala seconded by Mr. Ely that Ordinance No. 2016-01 be adopted as presented.

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

Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2016-01 adopted.

There being no further business it was moved by Mr. Bala seconded by Mr. Ely that the council meeting of January 25, 2016 be adjourned

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President and Presiding Officer