

Wickliffe City Council Meeting
December 22, 2014

A regular meeting of Wickliffe City Council was called to order by Council President David Krych at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 22, 2014. The following were present at roll call:

MAYOR:	William Margalis
COUNCIL PRESIDENT:	David Krych
COUNCIL :	Bala, Ely, Jaworski, Koski, Levon, Matyja
LAW DIRECTOR:	William Gargiulo
FINANCE DIRECTOR:	Martin Germ
SERVICE DIRECTOR:	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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Ms. Koski seconded by Mr. Bala that the minutes of the council meeting held on December 8, 2014 be approved as presented.

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

Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR - The Mayor reported the following: Last week he received a communication from Bob Aufuldish who is on the Provo Guild group that manages or oversees the Provo House. He advised me that the we billed them together in Christmas and April and they have merged with re-billing together with the Greater Cuyahoga Valley organization. Rebuilding together used to be made up of many different local groups but this Greater Cuyahoga Valley is made up of Summit, Cuyahoga, Wayne, Portage, Medina and Stark Counties. What will happen is that Lake County group will have a seat on this Valley Board. The good news is that they will continue to support the office in Wickliffe and they have already paid a whole year's rent to the Board, approximately \$3,200.00. Right now we have paying tenants in the Provo House also is the Boys Baseball League and the rebuilding together. Utilities have been paid on the building since they have been there and they are confident that they are secured for another year 2015 utility bills for the Provo House.

Today he also attended the Mayors and Managers meeting and a presentation was made by the County Treasurer Lorraine Fende stating that she is going to go after some of the delinquent taxes that we have in Lake County. She is actually going to sell some of these taxes to an outside collection company. At the end of September she estimated that there were about 30 million dollars in delinquent taxes for Lake County. Of that amount Wickliffe had about 1.57 million of delinquent taxes and that is both commercial and residential. She will be selling these to two companies in the State of Ohio that buys these tax liens from governments. There is one company that buys only the large county liens and then there are 33 counties that this other company works with the County Treasurer to buy tax liens, So they have agreed to buy 13 million dollars of those 30 and they are very selective of what they buy because they want to be able to collect on them. What they basically do is the county treasurer's sells these tax liens to this company and the company pays the entire amount to the Treasurer up front and then it becomes their liability so they

then go after the property holders. This company charges 17% interest on this fund. If the delinquent tax holder right now goes to the County and says he cannot make the payments, they will set up a payment plan with the County Treasurer and they end up paying a 10% fee on it, so they believe that as soon as these letters go out they will see many of these delinquents going to the county treasurer saying how do I get on a payment plan to the county. She announced that she was going to do this about a month ago and she collected \$95,000 off the bat. Out of that 1.57 million that we have in the city of Wickliffe, the city is about 10% of that portion, the schools are 68%, so \$89,000 is owed to the schools. This gives us a perspective of how much is owed, the library is owed \$39,000 and the city is owed \$115,000.

He added that he received a letter from the Parks and Recreation Commission with their wish list for capital improvement items for 2015, a copy has been given to the council president and request that this be placed into the appropriate committee so we can begin discussing these. Mr. Krych placed the letter from the Parks and Recreation Commission of December 15, 2014 into the PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE.

He further introduced Joe D'Ambrosio who, effective on January 1st will become our Service Director in the City and the Assistant Director will Ron Strauser. Mr. Kerniskey's last day is on the 26th of December and he is taking vacation time this week. Mr. Levon inquired about the rubbish pick up program. The Mayor informed him that letters will be sent out explaining the entire program the first week of January, the bins are scheduled to be delivered the week of January 26 and it may take two weeks to deliver all the bins to all of the residents. We plan to get all this information out and this will be on the mayor's corner next week on the 29th of December on the cable channel. The date of the first billing will be in mid to late January.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LAW DIRECTOR: Mr. Gargiulo reported on three item: A notice was received from Attorney Alan H. Kraus who is representing Donna Lipinsky in a matter involving her trip and fall on the sidewalk at or near Grand Blvd. and Lloyd Road. He will check the file to see if a notice was sent to the insurance company regarding the claim. The City should have no liability in this case.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Mr. Krych had no communications.

THERE WERE NO ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

ADMINISTRATORS:

- A. Police Chief – Chief Ice had no report.
- B. Fire Chief – Chief Powers had no report.
- C. Finance Director – Mr. Germ had no report.
- D. Engineer – Mr. Formica had nothing to add to his report which is attached.
- E. Service Director – Mr. D'Ambrosia had no report.
- F. Building Commissioner – Mr. Sack had no report.
- G. Recreation Director – Mr. Stopp had no report.

H. Economic Development Director – Mr. Laver had no report.

THERE WAS NO AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Krych read the report of the Finance Committee meeting held on December 15, 2014.

THERE WERE NO COMMISSION REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

a) Bid Opening- City Hall step replacement – Mr. Formica referred to his letter dated December 22 which stated that he reviewed the bids with the Mayor. Mr. Formica reported on the bid results for the City Hall Steps Replacement. Bids were received for the project on November 21, 2014. The lowest bidder withdrew his bid based upon a mathematical error. The remaining base bids ranged from a low bid of \$186,304.86 to a high bid of \$210,710.00 as compared to the Opinion of Probable Construction Cost of \$178,800.00. The base bid and alternate options were discussed in a committee meeting. As the bids exceed the budget amount, it was determined to reject the bids.

Moved by Mr. Jaworski seconded by Mr. Bala that for the City Hall front steps replacement project, all bids be rejected as being over 10% of the Engineer's estimate.

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Organizational Meeting – Mr. Krych set the organizational meeting to be held on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. He also scheduled a tentative date for the Committee of the Whole on January 21 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Korean War Veterans Monument and at 7:15 p.m. an Improvement Committee meeting will be held to discuss the 2015 pavement re-evaluation by the Engineer.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-51 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE SUMS OF MONEY BETWEEN VARIOUS FUNDS FOR 2014; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Read by title.

Moved by Mr. Bala seconded by Mr. Ely that the rules of council be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2014-51 be placed on third and final reading.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Bala seconded by Mr. Ely that Ordinance No. 2014-51 be adopted as presented.

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

Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2014-51 adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-52 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Read by title.

Moved by Mr. Ely seconded by Mr. Bala that the rules of council be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2014-52 be placed on third and final reading.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Ely seconded by Mr. Bala that Ordinance No. 2014-52 be adopted as presented.

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

Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2014-52 adopted.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Jaworski seconded by Mr. Bala that the council meeting of December 22, 2014 be adjourned.

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

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President and Presiding Officer