

Wickliffe City Council Meeting
December 8, 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 8, 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:	Don Kerniskey
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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Ms. Koski seconded by Mr. Bala that Mr. Krych be permitted to abstain from approval of the minutes of the council meeting of November 24, 2014.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Jaworski seconded by Mr. Ely that the minutes of the council meeting held on November 24, 2014 be approved as presented.

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

Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR - The Mayor reported the following: He referred to a letter received from Dominion East Ohio that they have filed a case with the Ohio PUCO which they call a PIR Program which is a pipe line infrastructure replacement program and they have filed to get a rate increase on this PIR. Many years ago the residents were responsible for the gas line which went from the street to the house so if that went bad the resident had to pay for replacing that line. Since they implemented this program if something is found that is wrong between the house and the meter and the street they replace the gas line themselves. An outside contractor does not have to be hired but for that service they did assist a charge on the billing and this goes back to December of 2009 the first time these charges were assessed. They are asking for an increase and this also improves all of the gas lines going into the city, there will be a major project going on at Lloyd Road between Euclid Avenue and Lakeland starting in the spring which will be a twelve inch line. This all comes at a cost and the PUCO has agreed that this is something they can pass along to the customers so there will calculate this increase as about a 28% increase, the current rate for a residential customer is \$5.44 a month, this will go up to \$6.97 per month and there are various charges for businesses based on the amount of gas that each one uses. The PUCO still has to analyze it but they expect that to be completed sometime in the second

quarter of 2015 and after that they will pass it along to the residents that was the only communication the Mayor had. He requested an executive session at the end of this meeting to discuss personnel.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LAW DIRECTOR: Mr. Gargiulo reported on three items: He referred to a letter of general information to council a memorandum concerning the topic of a quorum, what constitutes a quorum and what a quorum is, this is primarily directed to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The other item referred to was the confidential attorney client privilege letter from the attorney who is handling the Mosley case and that outlines the dates of what is going on in the year 2015. He also brought to council's attention instructions for Section 459.12 of the Codified Ordinances of the City, this ordinance was drafted in 1996 and deals with concealed weapons and the purchase and sale of concealed weapons. It appears to be in conflict with the Ohio Revised Code. He will be conferring with Chief Ice about this and it will probably go into committee to amend that section.

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

THERE WERE NO ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Krych added an executive session at the end of this meeting to discuss personnel.

ADMINISTRATORS:

A. Police Chief – Chief Ice excused.

B. Fire Chief – Report attached. Chief Powers commented on the part-time fire fighters sworn in this evening. He commented further on Mr. Matyja and Mr. Krych's assignment to the fire fighters catastrophic events and helping the part-time personnel.

C. Finance Director – Mr. Germ had nothing to add to the monthly financial report attached. Mr. Matyja referred to the real estate tax and the city admissions tax, are we through collecting the real estate taxes, to which Mr. Germ replied that they are. Mr. Matyja remarked that we are short \$224,000, this seems like a large amount. Mr. Germ explained the number that was first begun with and there are problems with this. Mr. Matyja also asked about the admissions tax, to which Mr. Germ replied that the admissions tax has been coming in steadily and Mosley ended several months ago. Mr. Matyja further asked about the city income tax, is there one more payment? Mr. Germ will look into this further. Mr. Krych added that Mr. Germ informed us in September that was one of our issues on both of these and at that time those two items combined were \$445,000 less than they were at that time. Mr. Krych then asked about the admission tax there was a large income from the bowling alley games that were held there and asked Mr. Germ to double check on that to which Mr. Germ replied that he would look into this. The Mayor added that there are several large accounts in the city that are in arrears and that plays a part in all this, the Treasurer is going after some of these and hopefully we will be able to collect them.

D. Engineer – Report attached. Mr. Formica added the installation of the water line on Grand Blvd Is progressing. He is currently evaluating all the pavement in the city and will have this ready for council o review.

E. Service Director – Mr. Kerniskey had no report.

F. Building Commissioner – Mr. Sack had nothing to add to his report which is attached.

G. Recreation Director – Report attached. Mr. Stopp commented that next weekend the annual Christmas party will be held for the elementary school children at the middle school, doors open at 6:30 p.m.

H. Economic Development Director – Mr. Laver reviewed his report on the historical vacancy report of the city and other items which he has updated.

THERE WAS NO AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

THERE WERE NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

THERE WERE NO COMMISSION REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

a) Bid Opening- City Hall step replacement – Mr. Formica stated that he reviewed the bids with the Mayor and reviewed some line items and these came higher than what we expected so we are trying to come up with a way to economically do this project without knowing what is left in our budget. We want to ask council to have a meeting to discuss our options and what the costs are. Mr. Krych set a Finance Committee meeting for Monday, December 15 to discuss the City Hall bid step replacement into the Finance Committee meeting which will be scheduled for 7:15 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Telephone system – Mr. Krych referred to some telephone outages occurring the past few months and also there is some question about telephone lines. Mr. Kerniskey stated that City Hall was out for about five days recently and he explained how this occurred. Mr. Krych asked Mr. Kerniskey to check into this.

b) Computer system – Mr. Krych asked if council knew about when our contract is up or are we on a yearly agreement. Mr. Kerniskey commented that we are on a one year agreement and he has done research on this to see how this can be improved.

c) Police and Service Department memos – Mr. Krych placed this into the FINANCE COMMITTEE and this will be discussed at the meeting of December 15, 2014.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-46 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY,, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Read by title.

Moved by Mr. Jaworski seconded by Mr. Ely that the rules of council be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2014-46 be placed on third and final reading.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Jaworski seconded by Mr. Bala that Ordinance No. 2014-46 be adopted as presented.

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

Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2014-46 adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-47 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SUN LIFE FINANCIAL COMPANY FOR THE PROVISION OF DENTAL BENEFITS COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY, 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. 2014-47 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. 2014-47 be adopted as presented.

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

Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2014-47 adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-48 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE PROVISION OF LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY, 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. 2014-48 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. Jaworski that Ordinance No. 2014-48 be adopted as presented.

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

Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2014-48 adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-49 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO TO RENEW A CONTRACT WITH EYEMED VISION CARE FOR THE PROVISION OF VISION CARE BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Read by title.

Moved by Mr. Jaworski seconded by Mr. Ely that the rules of council be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2014-49 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. Jaworski that Ordinance No. 2014-49 be adopted as presented.

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

Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2014-49 adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-50 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2015 AND ENDING MARCH 31, 2015; 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. 2014-50 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. 2014-50 be adopted as presented.

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

Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2014-50 adopted.

Moved by Mr. Jaworski seconded by Mr. Ely that council recess into executive session to discuss personnel.

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

Motion carried. Council recessed into executive session at 7:40 p.m.

Council reconvened from executive session at 8:03 p.m.

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

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Jaworski seconded by Mr. Bala that the council meeting of December 8, 2014 be adjourned.

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

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President and Presiding Officer