

Wickliffe City Council
February 10, 2014

A regular meeting of Wickliffe City Council was called to order by Council President David Krych at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2014. The following were present at roll call.

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

After the meeting was called to order, it was moved by Mr. Krych seconded by Ms. Koski that Resolution No. 2014-02 be moved forward on the agenda.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-02 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JOSEPH MATTEO ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE POLICE DEPARTMENT; COMMENDING HIM FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE AND WISHING HIM GOOD FORTUNE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. The Resolution was read in its entirety by the Law Director.

Moved by Mr. Matyja seconded by Ms. Koski that the rules of council be suspended and that Resolution No. 2014-02 be placed on third and final reading.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Krych seconded by Mr. Jaworski that Resolution No. 2014-02 be adopted as presented.

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

Motion carried. Resolution No. 2014-02 adopted.

At this point in the meeting the Mayor swore in Joseph R. Thompson as a Lieutenant in the Police Department and Leonard F. Nosse, Jr. as a Sergeant in the Police Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Bala seconded by Mr. Ely that the minutes of the council meeting of January 27, 2014 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: A meeting of the Lake County Development Council will be having a legislative meeting at 7:30 a.m. at LaMalfa and anyone interested in attending should see Sue Iafelice by tomorrow. He referred to last week when he received a phone call from Channel 5 stating that they are doing a program this spring called Building Better Neighborhoods Keeping You Safe Where You Live and they have selected five communities in five counties to participate. Wickliffe was one of those communities. They want to do a story on our neighborhood watch program and the block watch program. This is something to help recognize certain streets that are organized to watch out for one another. This will probably take place at the end of April.

He referred to a copy of the 2014 capital improvement list from the Recreation Department and there were items on that list that were not included in our capital improvement recommendations, some are on the list but not all of them. He recommended that this item be placed into the Parks and Recreation Committee and talk about items we have selected to be done but not all of them. Mr. Krych placed the memo into the PARKS AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE.

The Mayor further commented on a memo from Pete Formica concerning Wickliffe Master Sewer Metering, this is a report of the flow monitoring which is done on our sewage that goes into the city of Euclid and it is a pretty extensive report which should be discussed in committee. Mr. Krych placed the letter dated February 3 from CT Consultants into the COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

He then referred to the annual report received from the Chagrin River Watershed and what they have accomplished over the year and requesting that we designate a trustee and an alternate trustee to the Watershed. He has designated Don Kernisky as being his alternate and he referred to Mr. Ely who has worked on this before and asked him if he would like to act as trustee for council, to which Mr. Ely accepted.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LAW DIRECTOR: Mr. Gargiulo reported the following: the Tax Abatement Contract with Lubrizol has been completed and it will be delivered to Lubrizol for their signature probably tomorrow afternoon. The other item to report on is that sometime a year ago he decided that the City should participate in a class action suit and there is a partial settlement called the Municipal AntiTrust litigation pending in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. The lawsuit alleges price fixing in the sale of municipal bonds transactions by GE and other companies. There will be a partial settlement and we do not know what we will get, if anything.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Mr. Krych set a Finance Committee meeting for at 7:00 p.m. this Thursday, February 13 in council chambers to discuss the 2014 budgets.

ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Matyja added under New Business: item (a) Charging for trash removal and item (b) the Sewer Fund.

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 – Mr. Germ excused.

D. Engineer – Mr. Formica had nothing to add to his report which is attached. Mr. Jaworski reported that he received a call from a resident regarding the FEMA flooding and there were some items that were not done to alleviate the potential of the flooding in that area. Mr. Formica replied to Mr. Jaworski's comment and updated the situation which council has to consider the improvement. The Mayor added that we do not know each individual household which is in the flood zone and how many households would be affected. This information has not been made available so council will discuss this again.

E. Service Director – Mr. Kerniskey reminded council that he has placed two LED street lights in the back parking lot and he hopes that council has noticed them and how they are working. Mr. Bala commented on the potholes in the city and how they will be patched. Mr. Kerniskey explained the procedure that has been followed in regards to potholes.

F. Building Commissioner – Report attached. Mr. Sack added that he has received eight or nine grants for the Back Flow Prevention Rank. Ms. Koski referred to the foreclosure homes which are not in good condition and her experience with a house next door to her.

G. Recreation Director – Mr. Stopp had nothing to add to his report which is attached.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Brian Worthington, 2319 Buena Visa, commented on the flood zoning area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Krych read the report of the Finance Committee meeting held on February 3 which is attached and also the report of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 3, 2014.

Moved by Mr. Krych seconded by Mr. Bala to authorize the Law Director to advertise for other possible companies to operate a mulching operation on the mulching site. Mr. Matyja suggested that if the property is leased we should present it to any operation not only a mulching operation and seem what would be the best use for that property. The Mayor added that this does not have to be a bid it could be a proposal for someone to come forward with an idea that this site could be anything other than mulching. After some discussion Mr. Krych amended his motion to and Mr. Bala agreed to authorize the Law Director to advertise for other possible companies to operate a business on that site.

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

Motion carried.

THERE WERE NO COMMISSION REPORTS

THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

a) Charging for trash removal – Mr. Matyja stated that he has been looking at the proposal for charging residents for trash removal and he reiterated that there is no way he would vote to charge the residents for trash removal when we have a five million dollar surplus.

b) Sewer Fund – Mr. Matyja referred to the report from CT Consultants and said this is excellent and in conjunction with that we should look at the rates that we are charging our residents because if it is an excellent amount that we know we are being billed for and we have a surplus of possibly \$500,000 he thinks that we should look at the rate along with the conjunction to see if we are overcharging our residents.

THERE WERE NO ORDINANCES

Resolution No. 2014-02 was acted upon earlier in the meeting.

There being no further business it was moved by Mr. Bala seconded by Mr. Jaworski that the council meeting of February 10, 2014 be adjourned.

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

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m

Council Clerk

Council President and Presiding Officer