

Wickliffe City Council Meeting

February 22, 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, February 22, 2016. The following were present at roll call:

MAYOR:	William A. Margalis
COUNCIL PRESIDENT:	David J. Krych
COUNCIL:	Bala, Ely, Jaworski, Koski, Levon, Matyja
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, excused
POLICE CHIEF:	Randy E. Ice
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 February 6, 2016 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: He referred to a letter from John Rogers from the Land Reutilization Corporation saying that they have allocated approximately \$250,000 this year for their demolition program which is really not a large amount since this is for the entire County, they are looking to get more federal funds released for this program for the communities. We have taken advantage of this program, last year we took down one or two homes and also a home on Elm earlier this year and we are working on one on Craneing right now that is in the ownership of the Land Reutilization and that will be coming down shortly. If anyone on council has a problem with a home in their ward please make sure you bring that to the attention of Mr. Sack and if it meets the criteria we will push to get it on the program as long as there is money in that program for us to take advantage of.

Secondly, a notice was received from NOPEC this week that our contract with them for our rates for natural gas for the city buildings will be expiring in March and they have given us an option of locking in a rate for either one year or two. We have decided to go with a two year commitment with Dominion East Ohio through NOPEC at \$3.23/mcf. Right now we are paying about \$2.74/mcf. When you look at the chart they presented of where gas rates have been, the rates that they are at now are unheard of. Starting in March we would pay a little bit more than we are paying now but that would lock us in for two years at \$3.23/mcf. For residential customers it is \$3.74/mcf right now. We checked with other companies and this price was lower than any of the ones that were out there.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LAW DIRECTOR - Mr. Zele reported that today he had the first interview on the RFP with Inspiration Lane and we are scheduled to meet with the second company that has given us a proposal. There will be a committee meeting set up to discuss this matter. Also, he has given council a final draft of our tentative ordinance revising the animal at large and tethering ordinance. He further gave an update on the lawsuits that we have with Mosley and Dan Miller, back on February 3rd both Dan Miller and Mosley filed a Notice of Appeal appeal with the Federal Circuit

Court. On February 18 there was a telephone Mediation conference held with the parties and there was no resolution at that time, so the cases are pending in Federal Court.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT – Mr. Krych reminded council that next Monday, February 29 the Committee of the Whole will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Council chambers to discuss the railroad quiet zone and as the Law Director stated we met with the billboard sign companies this afternoon and on Wednesday we will meet with the other submitters to the RFP and we will have a Finance Committee meeting scheduled for March 7 at 7:00 p.m. to give a finalization on both proposals..

THERE WERE ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

ADMINISTRATORS

- A. Police Chief – Chief Ice reported to council regarding a bank robbery which occurred in the city and how the suspects were apprehended.
- B. Fire Chief – Chief Powers reported on an occurrence today regarding a person who had a drug overdose.
- 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’Ambrosio updated council on work that the Service Department is working on within the city.
- F. Building Director – Mr. Sack had no report.
- G. Recreation Director – Mr. Stopp excused.
- H. Economic Development Coordinator – Mr. Laver not present.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION OPENED

Ed Koval, inquired about the school signs being off during the holidays. Mr. Ambrosia will check into this.

Dennis Probst asked about the Mosley property and how it was progressing.

Resident, 30225 Meadowbrook, asked about the railroad quiet program. Mr. Krych informed him that a meeting will be held on February 29 and he can address his questions there.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION CLOSED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Krych read the report of the Finance Committee meeting held on February 18, 2016 which is attached.

Mr. Levon set a Legislation and Welfare Committee meeting for February 29 at 8:00 p.m. to discuss the animal shelter ordinance.

THERE WERE NO COMMISSION REPORTS

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ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-02 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO PLAN, AGENT LOVE INSURANCE AGENCY, FOR THE PROVISION OF LIABILITY IINSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Read by title.

Moved by Ely seconded by Mr. Bala that the rules of council be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2016-02 be placed on third and final reading.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Levon seconded by Mr. Bala that Ordinance No. 2016-02 be adopted as presented.

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

Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2016-02 adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-03 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016 AND ENDING DECEMBER 3, 2016; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by Mr. Ely seconded by Ms. Koski that the rules of council be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2016-03 be placed on third and final reading.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Bala, Ely, Koiski, Krych
No: Jaworski, Levon, Matyja

Motion defeated. Ordinance No. 2016-03 placed on first reading

THERE WERE NO RESOLUTIONS

There being no further business it as moved by Mr. Ely seconded by Ms. Koski that the council meeting of February 22, 2016 be adjourned

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.