

Wickliffe City Council Meeting
February 23, 2015

A regular meeting of Wickliffe City Council was called to order by the Law Director in the absence of Council President David Krych at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2015. The following were present at roll call:

MAYOR:	William Margalis
COUNCIL PRESIDENT:	David Krych, excused
COUNCIL :	Bala, Ely, Jaworski, Koski, Levon, Matyja
LAW DIRECTOR:	William Gargiulo
FINANCE DIRECTOR:	Martin 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
FIRE CHIEF:	James G. Powers
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:	Jason Laver, not present

Mr. Gargiulo explained the addition of an addendum to the minutes regarding a resident who called to say that his comments were not included in the minutes of the council meeting of February 9, 2015, they were added as an addendum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Gargiulo pointed out the reason for the addendum to the minutes of February 9th which were added per the request of the resident. Mr. Griesmer got a copy of the minutes about a week or two ago and called city hall and wanted to know why his comments were not in the minutes of that meeting. It was suggested to the Clerk that the addendum be added on to the end of the minutes, this is more of a public relations matter as opposed to not being a part of the meeting.

Moved by Mr. Levon seconded by Mr. Ely to appoint Mr. Matyja as president pro tem.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Jaworski seconded by Mr. Bala that the minutes of the council meeting of February 9, 2015 be approved as presented.

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

Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR - Mayor Margalis reported the following: Next Monday, March 2nd he will be attending the Lake County General Health District annual meeting, this is the meeting where they actually vote on their budget and they vote on the assessments that are recommended by their Board for all the communities. So we are looking at our assessment as to what has been proposed to be set at for 2016 is \$111,869.00. To give you a reference, the last two years our assessment was \$102,628 and \$102,729, they did reduce the assessments to all the

communities back in 2014, previously to that our assessments were \$114,000, \$110,000 and \$111,000 and then for two years they reduced the assessment to \$102,000 so in 2016 they are proposing it to go back up to \$111,000 and the main purpose and the reason why they are requesting the additional revenue is because as we all are aware that they did have a fire and they were burned out of their building in Painesville so they are looking for and have not made a decision yet to rebuild and remodel the existing building or find a new home, they found out that the money they received from their insurance is not covering the cost because they had a very weak insurance policy on one of the buildings that did not cover all of the contents of the building and the full replacement cost of the building. So everybody is receiving an increase from their previous year's assessments but again it actually brings it back up to the 2011, 2012 and 2013 assessments that were received. He will be attending that meeting.

He also reported that he received a letter from the Chagrin River Watershed Partners and they are looking for the 2015 designation of trustees, previously Don Kerniskey and Ron Ely were our representatives, so he will let them know who our representatives will be by April 1st. Mr. Ely requested that he serve again and the Mayor accepted that and he will find the other representative.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LAW DIRECTOR: Mr. Gargiulo reported that a resident slipped, fall and tripped sometime in the fall on Grand Blvd. and our insurance company has made contact with the female and basically they will deny liability. If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding this please contact him.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Mr. Matyja referred to a letter Mr. Krych gave him from Eaton Residential who want to put up a group home in Euclid. The Mayor responded that this had come to his attention and he passed it on to Mr. Krych, apparently there is a requirement that they have to give notice to adjacent communities, this home is already there, all they are doing is some remodeling but they are getting federal funding so they have to notify surrounding communities which we are, this is in Euclid, behind by Grand and Lloyd. If we have any objections we have to give them notice, so he told them to ask the ward councilman in that area if there are any objections to that, the only reason we are getting the notice is that they are getting funding for the improvement. Again, this home is currently there if there are no objection we do not need to notify them, if we do there is a period of time when they are taking comments.

ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Koski added item (a) under Old Business: Feral cats on Craneing.

ADMINISTRATORS:

A. Police Chief – Chief Ice had no report

B. Fire Chief – Chief Powers reported on the following which are included in a memo to council: the Plaza Motel Inspection on Feb. 10; the Kimball hydraulic line burst on Feb 10; the house fire at 1522 Harding Road on Feb. 12; the Painesville apartment fire on Feb. 13; and the Wickliffe school bomb threat on Feb. 17.

He further referred to the meetings scheduled with the school administrators to discuss and review the incidents of: the Kirtland fire on Feb. 17; the Willowick fire on Feb. 21; the ABB fundraiser on Feb. 21; the Traffic light priorities emergency planning; the water line breaks, and an update on the Eldon Road

fire; an update on the Mosley roof collapse; the annual insurance quote and the monthly training program. This report is attached. He also reported that the house that had a fire on Eldon was sold at a sheriff's auction.

C. Finance Director – Mr. Germ had no report.

D. Engineer – Report attached.

E. Service Director – Mr. D'Ambrosio reported that the corner of E. 300 and Euclid is closed due to a sewer backup in that area.

F. Building Commissioner – Mr. Sack had no report..

G. Recreation Director – Mr. Stopp had no report.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION OPENED

Mr. Raymond Henricksen read the following letter to council: “My name is Raymond Henricksen, I have been a resident at Wilshire Manor Apartments located at 30600 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, Ohio for the past eight months. Within that time I have brought safety issues, code violations and general maintenance concerns to the property manager/maintenance man, Mike Berlitz, the property owners Anita and Ronald Nelson. Mr. Raymond Sack, Wickliffe's Building Commissioner, Patrick Barnes from Lake County Building Department, Ms. Daven from Lake county Health Department and numerous others that have been “copied” on e-mails and a call for action volunteer with Fox 8 News.

My apartment has had the electrical issue repaired, see Ex. A, although every other apartment within Wilshire Manor apartments has this exact violation I have not been able to get the city or county to force the owners to make repairs. See Ex. B. This is a copy of an email from Mr. Barnes of the county building department, stating that after I had to send in before and after pictures of the repairs Mr. Strebb made, only then did the county force the owners to obtain a permit. It also states that Mr. Strebb would have to make the call on whether the building needs updated. Since Mr. Strebb is so knowledgeable that he didn't know prior to, that the work he did in my apartment required a permit, are we are to trust his opinion on the safety of the entire building.

You will also notice at the bottom of the exhibit 8, a copy of an email from another tenant, to me, that is working with the county health department too. Ms. Daven inspected my apartment for mold in the bathroom, cracks in my living room, dining room and kitchen, see Ex. C & D. Ms. Daven does not have access to a structural engineer, so I am bringing this to your attention for inspection and/or repairs. Ms. Daven informed me of major breaches within Wilshire Manor Apartments in the past along with other mold issues. I also told her that my GFI outlet in the bathroom “trips” when I use it. She said it sounds like it is not on a dedicated line. If GFI outlets have to be on a dedicated line, then the GFI Mr. Nelson installed in my kitchen is not on one as well.

If there is anything I can do or any one I haven't spoken with and need to I would appreciate the information. In closing, should an incident happen at Wilshire Manor Apartments and it be determined to be from the electrical concerns, structural or any other issues I have brought to the previously mentioned p

parties, I'm confident the media would have an interest of why the repairs were never made when the opportunity was there. An questions? Thank you for your time."

Mr. Sack responded that most of these items are handled by the County. Everything seems to be finished. There are laws that pertain to this issue. The County does not inspect business or homes for electrical problems unless there are complaints. We know about his apartment but not the other apartments. Mr. Henricksen added that someone has to take action. Mr. Sack also commented that the county is aware of this situation.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION CLOSED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Matyja read the report of the Finance Committee meeting held on February 16, 2015 which is attached. Mr. Matyja set a Finance Committee meeting for Wednesday February 25 at 7:00 p.m. and the following Wednesday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m.

THERE WERE NO COMMISSION REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

(a) Feral cats on Craneing – Ms. Koski reported that there are two households on Armadale that have caught four of the five feral cats and have taken them to the vets and they are being fed and taken care of. They have all had physical exams and shots, they are taken care of and the people have paid a total of ten dollars per cat to be neutered and spayed. This program is not for eliminating the cats it's about maintaining the population.

THERE WAS NO NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-04 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO PLAN, AN AGENT LOVE INSURANCE AGENCY FOR THE PROVISION OF LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE CITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Read by title.

Moved by Mr. Ely seconded by Ms. Koski that the rules of council be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2015-04 be placed on third and final reading.

Mr. Jaworski had a question on what was said earlier about the health department not being properly insured. The Mayor referred this to Mr. Germ to explain Exhibit A regarding some changes. Mr. Germ gave a brief background on the Ohio Plan since 2007. Our premiums have declined each year since then. At the recommendation of our agent we are proposing to add flood and earthquake coverage for each of those coverages, we did not have these coverages before. Reviews were made of the buildings within the city.

Our building values were also looked at for market value of the properties and increased the insured value of most of our properties by three per cent. We also recommended increasing our prime coverage from \$50,000 to \$100,000, that's the bulk of the changes which amount to about 4.6 million dollars. We still have a credit from the Ohio Plan for being a repeat customer. The total premium is \$128,200.

The Mayor added that there was a pretty in-depth meeting with Mr. Love and we went over line by line to see where we are spending the money on this insurance. Our buildings are insured for full replacement value.

This building will be covered for everything we see here and it is costing us more to insure than the other buildings, there was a premium for the age of this building. All the wood work would be replaced just the way it is now in case of a fire. Most of our vehicles will get full replacement value but the safety vehicles get full replacement if they are totaled. He thinks this is good coverage. Complete inventories were taken of all the vehicles.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Levon seconded by Mr. Bala that Ordinance No. 2015-04 be adopted as presented.

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

Motion carried.

THERE WERE NO RESOLUTIONS

There being no further business it was moved by Mr. Ely seconded by Mr. Bala that the council meeting of February 23, 2015 be adjourned.

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

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President and Presiding Officer