

Wickliffe City Council Meeting

March 28, 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 March 28, 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Krych pointed out a correction on page three last sentence should read "authorize the Law Director to prepare the contract."

Moved by Mr. Ely seconded by Mr. Bala that the minutes of the council meeting of March 14, 2016 be approved as corrected.

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

Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR - Mayor Margalis reported the following: Attended the Lake County General Health District advisory counsel meeting and it was informative in that they did pass their budget for the 16-17 year, they actually have the budget a year ahead of one that we are passing. He has the entire meeting in a booklet including the annual report. They brought up that last year our assessment was increased by ten per cent, the budget they just passed for 2017 there is another increase in that one of 18 per cent, so over two years it has gone up 28 % which is quite an increase, it's self inflicted on their part because they actually lowered our assessment back in 2011 and 2012 which they should not have. There is a new executive director now and a new financial person and in order to get in back on track was the cause of the double digit increase. He commented to them that last year they decided to cut out the home inspection program or if we come across a home in our city that we suspect there are unsanitary conditions they would send someone out, this program has been suspended and now it is being reinstated but now we have to make an application through our Building Department that has to be sent to them before they will actually come out and do an inspection. They will do the inspection if it sets a certain criteria.

Another program they talked about was the mosquito program and the spraying, this is included in our assessment that we get but they also go around and throw these packets of mist into the catch basins, there is an additional charge that we get billed for them doing that. Previous years we paid \$12.87 per hour; that is going up to \$26.00 this year. This is something we can do on our own but it has to be applied by a licensed person, he does not believe this service will be continued. They even questioned the purpose of spraying for mosquitoes because the reason the Health District got involved with mosquito spraying was if the mosquitoes carry some type of disease then it would be a health issue. Before they decide to stop any services they should ask the communities if they want that service or not. A survey will be sent out

to all the communities of the different services provided and we can prioritize what we want our money to be spent on in our community. He commented on an employee who retired from the Service Department as of Friday and we have been advertising for a mechanic and an offer has been made as of last week for the mechanic's position and we are still doing background checks on them and testing, our goal is to have someone in by the second week of April. He further announced other job positions that are available. We are also looking for a senior center bus driver, these are all part time. He sent his condolences to the Mayor of Willowick who passed away last week.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LAW DIRECTOR - Mr. Zele referred to a memo to council from the Finance Director regarding the Dominion Ordinance, he did contact the legal counsel for Dominion after the last meeting to let them know that it appeared that council would be paying the invoice. We are in good shape there.

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

ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Bala added item (b) under New Business – Future Revenue

ADMINISTRATORS

A. Police Chief – Chief Ice had no report.

B. Fire Chief – Chief Powers shared a new policy that will be in place, there are a lot of wires hanging from poles, mostly from telephone lines and the problem is that AT&T will not come out to repair them so these are dangling, this is a concern for all of us so the Service Director and he have come up with the idea of starting to cut them.

C. Finance Director – Mr. Germ had nothing to add to his memo.

D. Engineer – Mr. Formica had nothing to add to his report which is attached.

E. Service Director – Mr. D'Ambrosio also commented on the lines what are hanging. There was a pre-con meeting on Grand Blvd and they have started today.

F. Building Director – Mr. Sack had nothing to report.

G. Recreation Director – Mr. Stopp excused.

H. Economic Development Coordinator – Mr. Laver updated council on a couple of projects in the beginning phases, he is working with a housing developer who is interested in a site and also working with an existing company within the city that is looking to expand their warehouse operations. We are also working with a senior housing developer who is looking for a site. He has updated the availability of commercial property on the city web site.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION OPENED

Mary Ann Cestarich, 1729 Rockefeller Road, addressed council regarding her neighbor who is installing a wood burner in his garage and the odor goes into her house. She called the police but when they left she told them that the neighbors have a problem with the parking on their lawns and her neighbors told her that they could park on the lawn.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION CLOSEDTHERE WERE NO COMMITTEE REPORTSTHERE WERE NO COMMISSION REPORTS

Mr. Jaworski read the report of the Sign Review Board meeting held on March 16 and they approved a request for a four foot x ten foot flat wall sign located at 29631 Lakeland Blvd. for a company called ABB Exteriors.

THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESSNEW BUSINESS

a) Change of Venue – Student Government Day Council meeting. Moved by Mr. Bala seconded by Mr. Levon to authorize the change of venue for the April 11 council meeting at the Community Center at 7:00 p.m.

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

Motion passed.

b) Future Revenue – Mr. Bala asked that this be placed into a committee so that we can start being a bit proactive and starting to set some ideas of what we need to do in the future and get some ideas. Mr. Krych placed the item of ISSUE OF FUTURE REVENUE into the FINANCE COMMITTEE.

ORDINANCES

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 31, 2016; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Read by title. THIRD READING

Moved by Ms. Koski seconded by Mr. Ely that Ordinance No. 2016-03 be adopted as presented.

Mr. Matyja commented that he thought this would be a simple budget and the residents gave us another 1.5 million to go into the General Fund and with the money paid for by the residents for garbage and the other was taken out of the Capital Improvement Fund for charter changes and putting the Service Department people and equipment and materials into the sewer fund, this is about an \$80,000 surplus, that's almost over three million dollars in new revenue into the General Fund and what we get out of this is one less patrolman so this is not a friendly budget, that is his concern, we don't get police cars and we give firemen overtime instead of looking at the problem and he will vote no on it. Mr. Jaworski added that last year we were told there would be a 5% cut in the general fund that never happened, there would be a five per cent cut in the general fund which was told to council last year. The Mayor added that this was part of the plan if all the stars aligned like last year and that did not happen because when the budget was passed last year we were anticipating an \$800,000 loss of ABB, since this did not happen all of those cuts did not happen, that was explained during our budget process. The residents were very clear in November that they did not want to see city services cut, when you lose a million and a half dollars a year since 2011 between local government fund and the estate tax that adds up annually. We estimated losing about 1.5, we ended up losing about \$750,000, not great but we did reduce expenses last year and combined several positions of the city. We are doing this the best way we can without affecting city services drastically.

Council President Krych reiterated that much discussion was had pertaining to the budget, including a five-hour Finance Committee meeting. When completed, he asked Council if there were any objections to moving the budget forward and none were expressed.

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

Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2016-03 adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-04 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 505 ANIMALS AND FOWL, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 505.07 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, GENERALLY. CHAPTER 505.072 CRUELTY TO COMPANION ANIMALS AND ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 505.07 TETHERING OF ANIMALS. Read by title. SECOND READING

Ordinance No. 2016-04 placed on second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-05 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT PER AN AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO AND THE EAST OHIO GAS COMPANY, A DOMINION EAST OHIO CORPORATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Read by title. SECOND READING.

Moved by Mr. Ely seconded by Ms. Koski that the rules of council be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2016-05 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. 2016-05 be adopted as presented.

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

Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Krych announced that the next meeting will be held on April 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center

There being no further business it was moved by Mr. Levon seconded by Mr. Ely that the council meeting of March 26, 2016 be adjourned

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President and Presiding Officer