

**Wickliffe City Council Meeting
April 11, 2016**

A regular meeting of Wickliffe City Council was called to order by Council President David J. Krych at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 11, 2016. This being Student Government Day, student counterparts attended the meeting held at the Community/Senior Center. 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, excused
RECREATION DIRECTOR:	Timothy E. Stopp
POLICE CHIEF:	Randy E. Ice
FIRE CHIEF:	James G. Powers, excused; Capt. Douglas Leovic in attendance
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:	Jason Laver, excused

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Ms. Koski, seconded by Mr. Ely, that the minutes of the City Council Meeting of March 28, 2016 be approved.

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

Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR

Report was read by Student Counterpart:

This past week, I put in everyone's mailbox a pamphlet from First Energy titled, "Tips for Managing Through a Power Outage". If anyone would like some of these available to interested residents, please let me know. I have a supply in my office.

I would also like to announce that we have hired a new mechanic for the Service Department that will replace Al Bearer. His name is Jacob Romischer and is experienced in heavy equipment repairs. Jacob will start on April 18.

We had a great turnout at the State of the City/State of the Schools address last week. Many new faces were in the audience. For those who could not make it, the event was videotaped and will be on the City website and cable channels sometime this week.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM LAW DIRECTOR

Report was read by Student Counterpart:

I have received correspondence from Attorney Nick Tomino updating us on the status of the Miller and Mosley lawsuit appeals which are pending in the U.S. Circuit Court. As the mediation did not come to any resolution of the cases, the parties needed to prepare their briefs. The plaintiff/appellants requested an extension of time until May 2 to file their briefs. The Court granted their motion and we will have until June 3 to file our brief in opposition provided there are no additional extensions requested by the plaintiffs.

The Records Commission held a meeting this afternoon at which time Record Disposal Forms were reviewed by the Commission and were approved for destruction at Wickliffe's shredding day on April 30. We further reviewed all of the Request for Public Records which he have received over the last year and ensured that these requests were complied with. In the event any RC-3 Forms come in prior to the April 30 date, they will be reviewed by the Law Department and approved for destruction provided the Ohio Historical Society Local Government Records Program does not need to review them.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mr. Krych scheduled a Finance Committee meeting for Monday, April 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss future revenue.

ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Mr. Matyja added 'prohibited animals' to New Business.

ADMINISTRATORS

A. Police Chief – Report attached. Chief Ice reported on an incident that occurred on April 6, 2016. A police pursuit ended with the suspect abandoning his vehicle and fleeing. He clarified that in regards to parking of vehicles on lawns, the Building Department enforces Chapter 1321.50 of the Codified Ordinances, rather than the Police Department.

B. Fire Chief – Report attached. Captain Douglas Leovic updated City Council on the recent SCBA purchase, 95% of which was covered by a FEMA grant.

C. Finance Director – Financial report attached. Mr. Germ reported that the State of Ohio audit report regarding PERS reporting has been received and that the City was found to be in complete compliance.

D. Engineer – Report attached. Mr. Formica reported that there was a delay on the Grand Blvd. project due to the weather, although a crew is scheduled for this week to test the strength of the pavement sub-base.

E. Service Director – Report attached. Mr. Jaworski inquired as to the condition of a sign on the building located next to the Service Garage. Mr. D'Ambrosio replied that he would contact the owner of the building and address the issue.

F. Building Commissioner – Mr. Sack excused

G. Recreation Director – Mr. Stopp commented on the annual luncheon held at the Senior Center in conjunction with the Cleveland Indians home opener festivities. The Wickliffe High School Baseball Team members, in uniform, visited with the Senior Citizens while serving a hot dog lunch to the attendees. The Seniors enjoy this event and look forward to it annually.

H. Economic Development Coordinator – Mr. Laver excused

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Anthony Markatos, 1520 Rush Road, complained about a house at 1836 East 294 Street which has been deserted for three years and it seems that the owner has left town. His concern is that it is unkempt property and has become a 'hang out' for kids. Mayor Margalis commented that the City has done some landscape clean up. If the house deteriorates to a blighted condition, we have the ability to declare it a nuisance and demolish it. Our property inspector will keep a watch on the condition of this property. If neighbors witness questionable behavior of students on the property, calls should be made to the Police Department for their response.

Barbara Neff, 1409 East 300 Street, expressed concern about certain property on Euclid Avenue. The Mayor informed her that the property owner, Belich Excavating/Great Lakes Crushing, has a contract with the Northeast Ohio Sewer District to move soils from a major job site in Cuyahoga County. Belich is moving the soils to his property to level it off to make it more attractive for a developer to purchase in the future. The Mayor stated that he has met with the owner and he believes it will take one year to complete the project. There are no plans for any building at this point. Ms. Neff is also concerned about the construction noise that is generated at this site. She was told to call the Building Department during business hours or the Police Department after hours if she feels a noise disturbance is occurring. Mr. Formica stated that the property owner is filling the land with materials that are EPA acceptable.

Marcia Kish, 29853 Arthur Avenue, presented information on the Hometown Heroes banner program that Wickliffe Forever is offering. Personalized banners, honoring Veterans, will be available for purchase and will be hung on Euclid Avenue from Memorial Day through Veterans Day annually. Details can be found on Facebook or by contacting a Wickliffe Forever member. Mayor Margalis supports this program and is pleased to see residents getting involved in a project in the City.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION CLOSED

THERE WERE NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMISSION REPORTS

Ms. Koski read the report of the Keep Wickliffe Beautiful Commission regarding upcoming events including Arbor Day, freeway ramp cleanups, and the shred files/computer recycling event.

THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

a) Prohibited Animals – Mr. Matyja requested the topic of ‘prohibited animals’ be placed into the appropriate committee. Mr. Krych placed it into the LEGISLATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE.

ORDINANCES

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 AND CHAPTER 505.071 CRUELTY TO COMPANION ANIMALS, AND ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 505.072 TETHERING OF ANIMALS.

Read by title. THIRD READING

Moved by Ms. Koski seconded by Mr. Ely, that Ordinance No. 2016-04 be adopted as presented.

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

Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2016-04 adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-03

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 11, 2016 THE 59th ANNUAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY IN THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Resolution was read in its entirety by the Law Director’s Student Counterpart.

Moved by Mr. Jaworski, seconded by Mr. Ely, that the rules of City Council be suspended and that Resolution No. 2016-03 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. Ely, that Resolution No. 2016-03 be adopted as presented.

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

Motion carried. Resolution No. 2016-03 adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Krych stated that in 2017, we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of Coulby Mansion being built; 100 years of the incorporation as a village; and 200 years of the settlement of this area. A planning committee meeting will be held on April 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community/Senior Center to gather ideas from the public for the celebration.

Mayor Margalis commented that this year’s group of students participating in Student Government Day has shown much interest in government. He feels this is one of the better classes that he has seen in his 25 years of participation. Mayor Margalis congratulated them for taking on the roles today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Jaworski, seconded by Mr. Ely, that the City Council Meeting of April 11, 2016 be adjourned.

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

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Clerk of Council

Council President - Presiding Officer