

Wickliffe City Council Meeting
May 11, 2015

A regular meeting of Wickliffe City Council was called to order by Council President David Krych at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2015. The following were present at roll call

MAYOR:	William Margalis
COUNCIL PRESIDENT:	David Krych,
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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Ely seconded by Ms. Koski that the minutes of the council meeting of April 27, 2015 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: Announced that he received a communication from Time Warner Cable regarding that they were going to join Comcast but a letter states that Comcast has terminated the agreement and now Time Warner Cable will continue to operate in the City of Wickliffe. He referred to the community gardens on Lloyd Road and he informed council that this is an ABB site on the table, so we are not doing any work on that site until we get an answer that something will happen. He then referred to an article in the paper on April 30th regarding the Lake County Sewer rate increases and some calls have been received. This is the Lake County sewer rate not our rate, we all know that our sewage is handled by the City of Euclid. The Commissioners have improved a five per cent increase this year and then another five per cent increase in 2007, these are only for the communities serviced by the Lake County Sewer Commission. If this is done it will affect us.

He also reported that he received copies of the article in yesterday's News Herald regarding operating efficiency for the Lake County Fire Department study consolidation which is not in the cards. This report started two years ago from the Mayors and Managers Association, they received a grant from the local government innovation fund out of the State of Ohio which is something that Columbus started saying they will have some grants to study how to save money. A study was done and Chief Powers played a key role in representing the fire department in this study but last week they gave us a final presentation and that was what the article was about. If anyone wants to look at this report he will have it in his office. He explained the division and stated that all of the scenarios that they put on the table would cost more than on the way this operation is today, so they stopped going any further on the study.

Lastly, he asked that this item be placed under New Business: under additions to the agenda; Summer Salt Contract and Winter Contract. We will address this further in the meeting.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LAW DIRECTOR: Mr. Gargiulo reported that a final draft has been prepared to transfer Fund No. 205 into the proper maintenance fund and the state auditor will look at it, this will be done in the next day or two.

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

ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Jaworski added (a) under Old Business; Cats on Craneing Drive;
The Mayor added (a) under New Business: summer salt contract and snow salt contract Mr. Levon added (Item b) under New Business: 1801 Cedarhurst.

ADMINISTRATORS:

A. Police Chief – Chief Ice had nothing to add to his report which is attached.

B. Fire Chief – Report attached. Chief Powers updated council on cost reductions for our city's telecommunications systems. After analysis, both the cellular and AT&T lines were reviewed for efficiency and costs and several changes were implemented. It is anticipated that annual savings could exceed \$80,000. All of those savings will not be seen in 2015 but should be expected in 2016 based on current rates. Further implementation is planned and will be ongoing. Mr. Jaworski inquired as to how many employees have cell phones to which the Fire Chief said there are approximately 50 cellular devices within the city. Some of these devices are on police cars and utilized as hot spots. Chief Powers thought 30 phones may be assigned to individual personnel.

C. Finance Director – Financial report attached. Mr. Germ added that he recently received notification from the County Auditor's office that the 2016 budget is due and should be adopted by council by July 2 pretty much the same time frame as other years. The purpose of the tax budget is to show the County Auditor that we have these in our charter, the only one that varies at all is the Green Ridge Golf Course so that depends on how much money we have in the fund balance at the present time and then we will need to take care of the debt service for the coming year. This is a good time to start looking at the coming year and what I plan to do is putting together some scenarios to give council an idea of where we could be within a year or two depending on what type of actions we take or not take and what type of uncontrollable things that are out there that might occur within the city. This is whether ABB stays in the city or moves out. He then asked for a meeting of the Finance Committee to discuss this. Mr. Krych placed the 2016 tax budget into the Finance Committee and hold a meeting on Monday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m. in council chambers providing in conjunction with the public hearing. Mr. Germ replied that we usually have the public hearing on the last meeting in June and he suggested that council hold to that. Mr. Krych also scheduled a public hearing on the 2016 tax budget at 6:30 p.m. on June 27, 2015 in council chambers.

D. Engineer – Report attached. He added two things, first he would like to request council for authorization to advertise for bids for our summer improvement projects being Grand Blvd. Phase II, 2016 asphalt resurfacing of Sunset Drive and 2015 joint repair program, crack sealing program and our handicapped ramp program. Also start the bid advertising on May 29 opening by June 12.

Moved by Mr. Jaworski seconded by Mr. Levon to authorize the Engineer to advertise for Grand Blvd. pavement and water main replacement project, Phase II per plans and specifications on file with the Engineer.

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

Motion carried

Moved by Mr. Jaworski seconded by Mr. Ely that council authorize the Engineer to advertise for the 2015 pavement repair program, Contract A, asphalt pavement improvements; 2015 pavement repair program, Contract B cracksealing; 2015 pavement repair program, Contract C – Part I concrete pavement repairs; 2016 pavement repair program, Contract C – Part 2 ADA Handicap Ramp Program per the plans and specifications on file with the Engineer.

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Formica added that Willowick has started a study on their sewer system and there is some question on Worden as to how the water is leading where and Willowick is willing to put a couple extra sewers so they can figure what is going on but because we have some bypasses along Worden Road if we were to put a couple of extra monitors it would really help to see what is going on. He talked with the Mayor and we authorized them to go ahead with two full monitors along Worden Road and this should be helpful.

E. Service Director – Report attached. He commented on the work done at Coulby Aquatic Center where there is a problem and how it will be solved. He will inform council as this progresses.

F. Building Commissioner – Mr. Sack had nothing to add to his report which is attached.. Mr. Jaworski inquired regarding the 56 inspections of the building and construction sites, how many of them are being inspected by our contractors and asked if Mr. Sack does all 56, to which Mr. Sack replied that he does not. He said he is also doing inspections of sewer work. Mr. Jaworski asked Mr. Sack if it would be possible to see how many inspections the new employees are doing and give us a report. Mr. Sack will look into this.

G. Recreation Director – Mr. Stopp had nothing to add to his report which is attached. Mayor Margalis reported that the two movie nights have sponsors which are local businesses: Sweet Berry Fresh Market; R&J Landscaping; Just Lawns by Chreis and Ohio Savings Bank.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION OPENED

Janet Jones, 28755 Alton Road, commented on the empty buildings in the city and if anything is being done to have these taken care of. She also wanted to know more details about transferring money from the Capital Fund to the General Fund. Mr. Krych informed her that council is trying to do everything possible not to raise the taxes. The Mayor concurred and also explained about a capital improvement levy and the problems this would cause.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION CLOSED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Krych read the report of the Finance Committee meeting held on May 6, 2015 which is attached.

Moved by Mr. Bala seconded by Mr. Ely that the Law Director be authorized to create legislation, adding mandatory retirement age for Police and Fire, to Chapter 171, Employment Provisions.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Ely seconded by Ms. Koski to authorize the Law Director to create wording to be placed at issue on the ballot to create 100% for the General Fund and zero percent for the Capital Fund relating to the income tax portion.

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

Motion carried.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Ms. Koski read the report of the Keep Wickliffe Beautiful meeting held on May 11, 2015 which is attached.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Cats on Craneing Road – Mr. Jaworski wanted to make council aware of the situation regarding the cats on Craneing, he received one complaint on e-mail and two calls from residents saying that there is at least one family of cats that seem to be more on the northern end of Craneing. He will get the address and pass it along. They are still out there and the residents are upset because the cats are spoiling the flower beds which the residents are trying to work on.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Summer salt contract and winter salt contract – The Mayor reported that a couple of weeks ago we had the opportunity to participate in the ODOT summer salt contract and we decided against participating in it because we could not be certain as to what that would cost, we only have an x amount of dollars this year in our salt line item. We do have the opportunity to purchase some more salt at that \$80 a ton that we purchased last winter, there are 200 tons that we have to purchase, so with that we can go ahead to purchase that but we would exhaust our line item of \$205,000 in our salt line so we decided not to participate in the summer contract because of the uncertainty of having to buy it and that would be by the end of November. Today at 4:30 they released the bids of the summer contract and for Lake County the bid price is \$62.84 so we missed out on the opportunity to purchase the salt at that amount, we still have the opportunity to purchase the remainder of our salt for \$80 per ton and we can purchase an additional amount if we choose for 600 so we would go over our allotted amount.

So the question remains right now we have received the e-mail that we have to give them our submission for our winter contract by May 18 which is next Monday, we have already decided that we will reduce the amount of salt that we are going to request. Again, we don't know if that number will come in at but once we make that commitment we have to buy it, so we have to decide what we will do. We only have enough money in our line item to purchase 200 if we have to purchase more we have to allocate more money or we can just roll the dice we have enough salt in our bin to take us through January of 2016, so we are recommending we make a decision tonight because council would have to allocate more funds this year and all we can do is purchase the amount we have. Mr. D'Ambrosio added the amount needed and the amount on hand. Mr. Krych asked then how much would it take to fill the bin to which Mr. D'Ambrosio added that if we ordered 800 more tons that would be okay. Mr. Krych added that the decision to purchase the salt would be discussed at the next council meeting. Mr. Jaworski asked for the number of salt used be reported at the next meeting. Discussion followed.

b) 1801 Cedarhurst – Mr. Levon read a letter from the resident at that address concerning the repair of the curb at that address as a result of work done in that area. Mr. Formica informed him that the curb is cracked at that address and the city does repair its curbs but this does not fall within the city jurisdiction. Mr. Levon added then we can fix the curb away from the mail box. Mr. D'Ambrosio will check into this further.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-07 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO TO TRANSFER OR ADVANCE SUMS OF MONEY BETWEEN VARIOUS FUNDS FOR 2015; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Read by title. SECOND READING

Moved by Mr. Bala seconded by Mr. Ely that Ordinance No. 2015-07 be adopted as presented.

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

Ordinance No. 2015-07 adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-10 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1147-INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO. Read by title. SECOND READING

Moved by Mr. Levon seconded by Mr. Jaworski that Ordinance No. 2015-10 be adopted as presented.

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

Ordinance No. 2015-10 adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-12 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO AND REPEALING ANY AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF THAT MAY BE INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE. Read by title. SECOND READING

Ordinance No. 2015-12 placed on second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-13 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN SALARIED AND HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO AND REPEALING ANY AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF THAT MAY BE INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE. Read by title. SECOND READING

Ordinance No. 2015-13 placed on second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-15 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION ASND OTHER EMPLOYMENT PROVISIIONS FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHERS OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO AND REPEALING ANY AND ALL OTHE ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF THAT MAY BE INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE. Read by title. SECOND READING.

Ordinance No. 2015-15 placed on second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-16 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOIR THE COMPENSATION AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS FOR SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO AND REPEALING ANY AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES THEREOF THAT MAY BE INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE. Read by title. SECOND READING

Ordinance No. 2015-16 placed on second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-17 AN ORDINANCER PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS OF PART-TIME FIREFIGHTERS IN THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO AND REPEALING ANY AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF THAT MAY BE INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE. Read by title. SECOND READING

Ordinance No. 2015-17 placed on second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-18 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO AND REPEALING ANY AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF THAT MAY BE INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE. Read by title. SECOND READING

Ordinance No. 2015-18 placed on second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-19 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO AND REPEALING ANY AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF THAT MAY BE IN CONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE. Read by title. SECOND READING

Ordinance No. 2015-19 placed on second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-20 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO AND REPEALING ANY AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF THAT MAY BE INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE. Read by title. SECOND READIING.

Ordinance No. 2015-20 placed on second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-21 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN SALARIED AND HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO, AND REPEALING ANY AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEROF THAT MAY BE INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE. Read by title. SECOND READING\

Ordinance No. 2015-21 placed on second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-25 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO AT A MINIMUM WAGE RATE OF PAY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by Ms. Koski seconded by Mr. Ely that the rules of council be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2015-25 be placed on third and final reading.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Ely seconded by Ms. Koski that Ordinance No. 2015-25 be adopted as presented.

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

Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2015-25 adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-26 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 171-EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO BY SUPPLEMENTING SAID CHAPTER 171 WITH SECTION 171.111 POLICE AND FIRE DIVISIONS MANDATORY RETIREMENT. Read by title.

Ordinance No. 2015-26 placed on first reading.

There being no further business it was moved by Mr. Jaworski seconded by Ms. Koski that the council meeting of May 11, 2015 be adjourned.

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

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President and Presiding Officer