

## Wickliffe City Council Meeting - May 23, 2016

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a regular meeting of Wickliffe City Council was called to order by Council President David J. Krych at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 23, 2016.

**Roll call** - Council members present: Bala; Ely; Jaworski; Koski; Krych; Levon; Matyja

Others in attendance: Director of Law Zele; Police Chief Ice; Fire Chief Powers; Finance Director Germ; Engineer Formica; Service Director D'Ambrosio; Building Commissioner Sack; Recreation Director Stopp.  
Excused: Economic Development Coordinator Jason Laver

**Approval of minutes** – Moved by Mr. Ely, seconded by Mr. Levon, that Ms. Koski be permitted to abstain from voting on the minutes of the May 9, 2016 Council Meeting. Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Ely, seconded by Mr. Bala, that the minutes of the City Council Meeting of May 9, 2016 be approved as presented. Roll call: AYES: Bala; Ely; Jaworski; Krych; Levon; Matyja. Abstain: Koski. Motion carried.

**Reports and communications from Mayor/Safety Director** – Mayor Margalis received a letter from Lake County General Health District regarding the Mosquito Control Open House on June 2, 2016. Council persons who plan to attend should contact Sue Iafelice.

The Lake County Land Reutilization Corporation sent a letter informing us that they presently own five properties in the City of Wickliffe and that a property maintenance company has been hired to care for the lawns through the growing season.

Mayor Margalis provided a schedule of events outlining the James A. Garfield National Historic Site Special Events & Programs from June through September 2016, particularly during the week of the RNC.

Keeping additional revenue sources in mind, Mayor Margalis will be meeting with Mr. Tim Miller, Director of Lake County Stormwater Department, in regards to a Level II membership with the program. If Lake County Stormwater Department were to assess Wickliffe property owners, approximately \$507,000 would be collected per year. Approximately 75% (\$380,000 per year) would be given back to the City to be used for infrastructure needs. Mr. Miller will define just how the money may be used. At Mayor Margalis' request, Council President Krych placed the Lake County Stormwater Management project, Level II, in the Finance Committee under the topic of Future Revenue.

We received notice from Highland Hills Village that the Westin Group and ABB have submitted an application for a CRA agreement. We have received no word from ABB directly.

**Reports and communications from Director of Law** – Mr. Zele explained that it was not necessary for the City to go to bid for the purchase of two EMS cots and loaders for use by the Fire Department. (Ordinance No. 2016-10) because Ohio law provides that bidding is not necessary when purchasing from a sole provider of unique equipment. Chief Powers obtained prices from the State Cooperative Purchasing Program, as well as from the manufacturer. The City saved approximately \$10,000 through this process.

The Lease Agreement for the electronic billboard sign has been executed and applications have been submitted for Planning Commission and Sign Review Board.

Amended briefs have been filed with the appellants in the Miller and Mosley cases. Our attorney will be asking for additional time for reply.

**Communications from Council President** – A notice was received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control concerning a permit transfer application for 30220 Euclid Avenue. After review and with no objection from Mr. Levon, the Clerk will complete and return the form.

**Additions or amendments to the agenda** – There were none.

**Administrators**

**Police Chief Ice** reported that one of the P.D. vehicles was involved in an accident on May 11, 2016. The funds for a replacement car will be paid from the Refunds and Reimbursements account and when the insurance company settles, the proceeds will be deposited in that same account.

Parking concerns have developed with residents on Douglas and Mapledale that have driveways on Emily and Juna. For many years, the residents of these eight homes have been permitted to park on Emily and Juna. More recently, these residents have not been able to park due to others taking the spots on the street. Chief Ice suggests that Council consider new parking regulations for both Emily and Juna. Council President Krych placed ‘Parking on Emily and Juna’ in the Legislation and Welfare Committee.

**Fire Chief Powers** reported on a small stove fire on Douglas Road. The victim had suffered a medical emergency, not fire related, that led to her death. The SCBA equipment has been received and will be in use in about one month. Chief Powers displayed the new *Lifepak-15* towards which the Lake Health Foundation donated \$24,000. The City paid the balance of \$3,000.

**Finance Director Germ** followed up regarding the tax department getting through the tax returns. As of last week, all returns had been processed with one full-time and one part-time employee, along with the help of himself and the accounts payable clerk. Follow up has begun with taxpayers who have not yet filed.

Law Director Zele wrote an opinion as a response to inquiries from clergy regarding taxable income. It is clear in the new state tax code that clergy wages are taxable for municipal tax purposes.

**Engineer Formica** reported on the Buena Vista Floodplain. The FEMA submittal is nearly complete and will be mailed by middle of next week.

Grand Blvd. project is moving along well. Paving of the north side of Grand Blvd. this week, including driveway aprons, is a concern right now due to the holiday weekend approaching.

Advertising for East 291<sup>st</sup> Street/Elm Street Waterline and Pavement Improvement Project and the Joint Repair Program is planned for the first week of July, with bid opening by July 22, 2016. Mayor Margalis suggested setting a date for a Special Council Meeting in late July or early August.

**Service Director D’Ambrosio** reported that the cost to re-level the Community/Senior Center generator was \$1,200, rather than \$4,000 that had been budgeted. The crosswalk at Euclid Avenue and Rockefeller Road was replaced with asphalt. The potholes on the southern railroad tracks on Lloyd Road were repaired by the railroad contractor. Tracks on East 305<sup>th</sup> Street in Willowick will be closed for repairs for two weeks beginning June 14, 2016. Joint repairs on Ezmor, Robindale, and the Fire Department are complete. Repairs on Lincoln Road and Arthur Avenue are next on the schedule. Road salt for the 2016-17 season will be ordered through ODOT with passage of Ordinance No. 2016-09 on this evening’s agenda. Banners honoring our military, purchased through Wickliffe Forever Foundation, are being installed this week and will remain on the poles through Veterans Day. Service Department employee, Anthony Lastoria, will be retiring July 31, 2016. The Service Department wishes him well.

**Building Commissioner Sack** submitted the CDBG application to the Lake County Planning Commission. The Lake County Land Bank completed the demo of the house on Craneing Road. The land is seeded and the fence is repaired.

**Recreation Director Stopp** announced that the sale of pool passes begins Tuesday, May 24 and will continue until the pool opens on June 4, 2016. The hiring of life guards continues. The minimum age is 15.

**Audience participation** – Barbara Neff, 1409 East 300<sup>th</sup> Street, had questions regarding “this business” on Euclid Avenue. Discussion ensued with Building Commissioner Sack, Council President Krych, and Mayor Margalis explaining the nature of the activity at the site.

Mr. Schmidt, 1400 East 300<sup>th</sup> Street, expressed his concern about coyotes on his property.

Robert Huhnke, 30225 Meadowview Drive, spoke regarding train horn quiet zones. Discussion continued and Council President Krych reiterated that he has requested the Federal Railroad Administration’s most effective engineering plan for Wickliffe and is awaiting a reply in that regard.

**Committee reports** – Council President Krych read the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of May 16, 2016, held for the purpose of discussing re-selling of the Green Ridge Golf Course bonds and for discussing the 2017 Tax Budget. Report attached.

Motion was made by Mr. Jaworski, seconded by Mr. Ely, that Council authorize Matthew Stuzcynski of MAS Financial Advisory Services, on behalf of the City, to solicit Bond Counsel services as to the preparation of authorizing legislation to proceed with the refunding of the Series 2006 Voted General Obligation Bonds, originally issued to acquire and improve Green Ridge Golf Course.  
Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried.

**Commission reports** – Mr. Jaworski reported that on May 18, 2016, the Sign Review Board approved a sign for Nationwide Insurance Agency at 30184 Euclid Avenue and a sign for Beautiful Gate Fellowship Church at 28930 Ridge Road.

**Old business** – There was none.

**New business** – There was none.

### **Ordinances**

**2016-09 - An ordinance authorizing participation in the ODOT winter contract (018-17) for road salt; and declaring an emergency**

Moved by Ms. Koski, seconded by Mr. Ely, that Rules of Council be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2016-09 be placed on third and final reading.

Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Jaworski, seconded by Mr. Bala, that Ordinance No. 2016-09 be adopted as presented.

Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried.

**2016-10 - An ordinance authorizing the purchase of emergency medical service equipment from Stryker EMS Equipment to be used by the Fire Department of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio; and declaring an emergency**

Moved by Mr. Levon, seconded by Mr. Ely, that Rules of Council be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2016-10 be placed on third and final reading.

Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Levon, seconded by Mr. Jaworski, that Ordinance No. 2016-10 be adopted as presented.

Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried.

**Resolutions**

**2016-06 - A resolution declaring May 2016 Building Safety Month in the City of Wickliffe, Ohio; and declaring an emergency**

Moved by Ms. Koski, seconded by Mr. Ely, that Rules of Council be suspended and that Resolution No. 2016-06 be placed on third and final reading.

Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Jaworski, seconded by Mr. Bala, that Resolution No. 2016-06 be adopted as presented.

Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried.

**Other Legislation** – There was none.

**Miscellaneous –**

Council President Krych announced the following:

Bicentennial-2017 Planning Meeting – May 26, 2016 at 7:00 pm at Community/Senior Center

Concert in the Park & Car Show – June 7, 2016 at 6:00 pm at Community/Senior Center

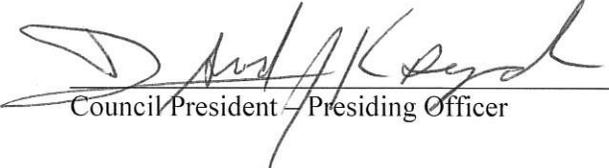
Public Hearing on Tax Budget – June 27, 2016 at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers

Mr. Jaworski thanked Wickliffe Forever Foundation for undertaking the Military Banner Project. Their work is very much appreciated.

**Adjournment** - There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Levon, seconded by Mr. Bala, that the City Council Meeting of May 23, 2016 be adjourned. Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Approved: June 13, 2016

  
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Council President – Presiding Officer

Attest: Susan M. Papelce  
Clerk of Council