

Wickliffe City Council Meeting - May 9, 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 9, 2016.

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

In attendance: Mayor William A. Margalis; 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

Mr. Krych called for a motion to appoint Susan M. Iafelice Clerk of Council Pro Tem until Mrs. Theophylactos is able to return. Motion was made by Mr. Levon, seconded by Mr. Bala, that Mrs. Iafelice be so appointed. Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes - Moved by Mr. Bala, seconded by Mr. Ely, that the minutes of the Wickliffe City Council Meeting of April 25, 2016 be approved as presented. Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried.

Reports and communications from Mayor/Safety Director – Mayor Margalis reported that a notice was received from ODOT stating that winter salt commitments for the 2016-2017 season are due by Friday, May 27, 2016. Legislation authorizing participation in the contract will be on the May 23, 2016 City Council meeting agenda.

The City was approached by the underwriter of the Green Ridge Golf Course bonds for the re-selling of the bonds. The 2006 interest rate was 4.8%. The rate today is 1.8% + fees = 2.15%. The earliest we would be able carry this through is September of this year. Over the next ten years, the City would realize a savings of \$187,000. At the request of Mayor Margalis, Mr. Krych placed the re-selling of the Green Ridge Golf Course bonds in the Finance Committee for discussion before summer recess.

Reports and communications from Director of Law – Mr. Zele reported that the appellants in the Mosley/Miller lawsuits filed their briefs on May 2, 2016. The attorney for our insurance company, Mr. Tomino, has 30 days to file motions on behalf of the City.

The lease agreement with Inspiration Lane, LLC for the electronic billboard sign has been finalized and will now be executed.

Communications from Council President – There were none.

Additions or amendments to the agenda – There were none.

Administrators

Police Chief Ice reported on two recent burglaries in the City, one on Arlington Circle, one on Buena Vista Drive. Our detectives are actively investigating both cases. Following the agility test for potential police candidates held on May 7, 2016, there remain 20 candidates for the entry-level position.

Fire Chief Powers brought to Council's attention Ordinance No. 2016-06, which covers the purchase of new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus. Of the \$160,590 total cost, the City will pay only \$7,600 thanks to a firefighters' grant that was received earlier in 2016.

The Fire Department received funding in the amount of \$40,000 from Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation to cover a matching portion of the cost of new cots. Legislation will be on the May 23, 2016 City Council meeting agenda.

Due to recent resignations, the hiring process will need to begin to replace two part-time firefighters.

Chief Powers continues to work with AT&T on the City-wide phone system. A refund in the amount of \$10,000 is forthcoming due to overcharges that were discovered. He and Mr. Germ worked to receive a refund in the amount of approximately \$5,000, which reflects overcharges in state taxes.

Finance Director Germ will begin sending monthly financial reports via email to City Council members rather than printing hard copies; however, hard copies will be provided for those who request them.

The County Auditor's office sent notice last week that our Tax Budget must be passed by July 15, 2016. Mr. Germ requested that the Tax Budget be discussed at a Finance Committee Meeting and that a Public Hearing on the Tax Budget be scheduled for Monday, June 27, 2016.

Mr. Krych scheduled a Finance Committee for Monday, May 16, 2016 at 7:00 pm to discuss the Tax Budget, as well as the re-selling of Green Ridge Golf Course bonds. He also scheduled a Public Hearing on the Tax Budget for Monday, June 27, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Engineer Formica requested authorization to advertise for bids for the East 291st Street/Elm Street waterline replacement and resurfacing project. Ohio Public Works Commission is contributing \$250,000 towards this project and Lake County Department of Utilities is contributing \$656,000 towards this project.

Moved by Mr. Jaworski, seconded by Mr. Levon, to authorize the Engineer to advertise for bids for the East 291st Street/Elm Street waterline replacement and resurfacing program.

Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried.

Mr. Formica also requested authorization to prepare plans and specifications for the 2016 Joint Repair program and to advertise for same. OPWC is contributing \$50,000 to this project. The City's share would be \$150,000.

Moved by Mr. Ely, seconded by Mr. Bala, to authorize the Engineer to prepare plans and specifications for the 2016 Joint Repair Program and to advertise for bidding with specifications on file with the Engineer.

Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried.

Service Director D'Ambrosio reported that the Grand Blvd. project is moving along. All residents should have driveway accessibility by the end of today. The 2015 joint repair program is continuing on Robindale, Cedarhurst, Fire Department, and portions of Worden Rd. Road salt was ordered today: 720 tons to satisfy the current contract.

Building Commissioner Sack reported that he is continuing to work on the CDBG program for property maintenance.

Recreation Director Stopp invited all to the Annual Green Ridge Golf Outing scheduled for Saturday, June 4, 2016, \$30 per person includes lunch.

Audience participation – Jim Penjak, 29815 Phillips Avenue – expressed concern over the undesirable condition of a vacant property on Phillips Avenue. He thanked Mr. Jaworski for his assistance in getting this situation cleared up. Tall grass was cut by a neighbor. Mr. Sack stated he has contacted the property owner concerning the neglected swimming pool.

Barbara Neff, 1409 East 300 Street – questioned the nature of the business on Euclid Avenue where dirt is being hauled in. Mr. Ely, Mr. Sack, Mayor Margalis, and Mr. D'Ambrosio explained what is being done and that the property owner's goal is to make the property developable, sellable, and buildable in the future, all of which may take up to two years to complete. Mr. Ely reported that the property owner, Mr. Belich, has told him everything is being done correctly in order to assure the quality of the land for a future sale.

Committee reports –

Legislation and Welfare – Mr. Levon reported that the committee affirmed the Building Commissioner's opinion that no new legislation was necessary to address the issue of chickens on private property. This item was reported out of committee. Report attached.

Improvement – Mr. Matyja reported that the committee recommends legislation be drafted to authorize the Engineer to apply for funding for Euclid Avenue, Ridge Road, and Lakeland Blvd. improvements, as well as Worden Road from Euclid Avenue to Lakeland Blvd. This item was reported out of committee. Report attached.

It was moved by Mr. Matyja, seconded by Mr. Levon, to authorize the Engineer to apply to NOACA for funding for Euclid Avenue, Ridge Road, and Lakeland Blvd. improvements. Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried. Engineer authorized to proceed as stated.

Finance – Mr. Krych reported that the committee recommends the Mayor be authorized to enter into a new contact with Economic Development Solutions. Also recommended is the authorization for the Finance Director to transfer \$100,000 to the Swimming Pool Fund. The topic of future revenue was discussed. Mr. Germ presented three possible areas for increased revenue: a real estate levy, an income tax increase, and an income tax credit reduction. Discussion of future revenue ensued and the item remains in committee. Report attached.

It was moved by Mr. Ely, seconded by Mr. Bala, that the amount of \$12,000 be appropriated from the carry-over balance to the Economic Development fund for economic development services. Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Ely, seconded by Mr. Bala, that the Mayor be authorized to enter into a new agreement with Economic Development Solutions, LLC. Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Ely, seconded by Mr. Levon, that legislation be created for the budget transfer of \$100,000 to the Swimming Pool Fund. Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried.

Commission reports – There were no Commission reports.

Old business – There was no old business.

New business – At Mr. Matyja's request, Mr. Krych placed the subject of front-yard parking in the Legislation and Welfare Committee.

Ordinances

2016-06 - An ordinance authorizing the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus from Warren Fire Equipment, Inc. to be used by the Fire Department of the City of Wickliffe; and declaring an emergency

Moved by Mr. Levon, seconded by Mr. Bala that the rules of council be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2016-06 be placed on third and final reading. Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried.

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

Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried.

2016-07 - An ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio to transfer a sum of money from one fund to another for 2016; and declaring an emergency

Moved by Mr. Bala, seconded by Mr. Ely that the rules of council be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2016-07 be placed on third and final reading. Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Ely seconded by Mr. Bala that Ordinance No. 2016-07 be adopted as presented.

Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried.

2016-08 - 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

Moved by Mr. Ely, seconded by Mr. Bala that the rules of council be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2016-08 be placed on third and final reading. Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Ely, seconded by Mr. Bala that Ordinance No. 2016-08 be adopted as presented.

Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried.

Resolutions

2016-04 - A resolution authorizing and directing the Building Commissioner to apply for and accept financial assistance from the Lake County FY'16 Community Grant Program to improve the housing stock in the City of Wickliffe; and declaring an emergency

Moved by Mr. Levon, seconded by Mr. Bala that the rules of council be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2016-04 be placed on third and final reading. Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Ely, seconded by Mr. Bala that Resolution No. 2016-04 be adopted as presented.

Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried.

2016-05 - A resolution recognizing Craig Voll on his retirement from the City of Wickliffe Police Department; and declaring an emergency

Moved by Mr. Levon, seconded by Mr. Bala that the rules of council be suspended and that Resolution No. 2016-05 be placed on third and final reading. Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Levon seconded by Mr. Ely that Resolution No. 2016-05 be adopted as presented.

Roll call: AYES: All. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous – Mr. Krych reminded all that the next Bicentennial Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Community/Senior Center. All Council members are invited.

Adjournment - There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Bala, seconded by Mr. Ely, that the City Council Meeting of May 9, 2016 be adjourned. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Approved: May 13, 2016



Council President – Presiding Officer

Attest: Susan M. Safelme
Clerk of Council