

## Wickliffe City Council Meeting

June 13, 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 June 13, 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. Excused David Wiles, in attendance
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 Ms. Koski seconded by Mr. Ely that the minutes of the council meeting of May 23 , 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 that he received a memo from Tom Rutledge who is the CEO of Spectrum and this is part of Charter Communications that have bought Time Warner Cable. They have completed the transaction with Time Warner and the new name will be called Spectrum so there will be change in the billing and everything coming up. He read that the services will remain un-changed but they are working on improving the services. The Time Warner billing will also be changed but we are under the same franchise agreement with them as with Time Warner.

He also referred to a communication from the Lake County Treasurer, Loraine Fende regarding that she has started a collection of delinquent taxes where she was actually selling them, the ones that she could not collect on that were old and delinquent and she had an effort with Tax Lien Ohio which is located in Cincinnati. She is saying in the letter that we can collect previous delinquent and uncollected taxes, some going back as far as 2007 the benefit of which the City can use the funds rather than later for improvement for projects and other needs. The first two tax lien sales have resulted in the City of Wickliffe receiving approximately \$65,000 and Wickliffe schools receiving approximately \$450,000.

These sales have to happen every fall with the distribution to continue. Mr. Germ has talked to Ms. Fende and we did receive an allotment in the second half of collection last year, we received an additional allotment and this year the first half collections for 2016. There is no guarantee this money will coming in but it has had some effect on those delinquent taxes that were not being paid. The penalty tax increase rate will be about 20% and that has been put on the table.

He further referred to the budget talk about capital improvements and the possibility of street striping. He proposed looking in the eyes of safety. The school zone markings are not in very good shape and should be repainted and also looking at Euclid Avenue, Lakeland Blvd, streets that have more than one lane, those lane markings are getting very dull. We have a list of what it would cost to do everything needed in the city is about \$65,000. He would like to, if council wished, to appropriate to the Capital Improvement

Fund from General Fund of up to \$20,000 so we can address striping for only the school zoning markings and then just the white plain markings on Euclid Avenue, Lakeland Blvd. The budget May financial statement we are trending ahead of where we thought where we would be this year, the carry over balance at the end of 2015 was at 2.7 million. The carry over balance of 3.4 million and through the end of May the real estate collection is at 56% and our income tax collection is at 48% of what we budgeted. We will have money to go to the Capital Improvement Fund to the General Fund where needed. This is a safety issue. He asked for council's approval of this at some time by resolution. There was no objection to the transfer.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LAW DIRECTOR - Mr. Zele had no communications.

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

THERE WERE NO ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

ADMINISTRATORS

- A. Police Chief – Report attached. Chief Ice also reported on some incidents that took place in the city and how they were handled.
- B. Fire Chief – Chief Powers had no report.
- C. Finance Director – Mr. Germ had nothing to add to his memo which is attached.
- D. Engineer – Mr. Formica had nothing to add to his report which is attached.
- E. Service Director – Report attached. Mr. D'Ambrosio updated council regarding the Grand Blvd. Project.
- F. Building Director – Mr. Sack had nothing to add to his report which is attached.
- G. Recreation Director – Report attached. Mr. Stopp commented on the pools and also on the movie night held and thanked Ohio Savings for their donation. The next movie night will be held in July and will be provided by Sweet Berries.
- H. Economic Development Coordinator – Mr. Laver not present.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION OPENED

Dennis Brokes, 28991 Sherbrook, asked the police chief if the problem on E . 290 has been taken care of. He stated that there is a lot of noise during the night and that there is also some drug problem being held there. Chief Ice responded and advised him that all these people will be in court in the near future.

Robert Huhnke, 30225 Meadowview Drive, read a written report concerning the noise at the railroad tracks. The Mayor informed him that this is still being worked on and he prefers that the horns are safe to blow when there are railroad track crossings for cars.

Barbara Neff, 1409 E 300 Street, questioned council regarding the business on Euclid Avenue. She wanted answers regarding if a permit has been issued for the work this resident is doing on this property. Building Commissioner Sack, the council president and the Mayor explained the nature of the activity at that site. She had further questions but council did not respond to them.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION CLOSED

THERE WERE NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

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THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS

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THERE WERE NO ORDINANCES

THERE WERE NO RESOLUTIONS

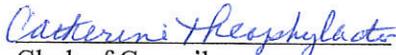
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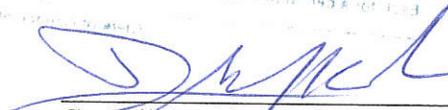
Mr. Krych announced the following: A public hearing for the 2017 Tax Budget will be held on June 27 6:30 p.m.. in council chambers. There will also be a Bi-Centennial meeting on June 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center

There being no further business it was moved by Mr. Bala seconded by Mr. Ely that the council meeting of June 13, 2016 be adjourned

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Council President and Presiding Officer