

Wickliffe City Council Meeting
September 12, 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 September 12, 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
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. Levon seconded by Ms. Koski that the minutes of the council meeting of the special meeting of August 15, 2016 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 - Mayor Margalis reported the following: This is the first regular meeting since recess and some correspondence was received as follows: The results of the salt bids for next year were sent. This indicated that this winter's bid came in at \$32.56, last year we paid \$50.84 and based on the same tonnage, we usually go through 3,000 and our bid will be a safety of almost \$54,000 based on if we buy the same quantity as last year. He also referred to the agreement with Inspiration for the sign at the service garage, this has been erected and our first check for \$1,000 has been received. He referred to a communication from John Rogers, our state representative who will be holding a forum on the local government in a grant fund safety capital grant program on Wednesday, September 21 which both of our chiefs will attend, this is the second round of these grants. He further reported that he met with NOPEC who have introduced a new program and this is an optional program, called the Do Not Knock program and it is for solicitation of residents. He explained the program and stated that this is optional.

He further reported on the Mosely Select Suites from which the new owner has been approached by a group called Tapestry Senior Living to open an assisted living facility at that site. They have to get the zoning on that piece of property, residents have been petitioned and they have over 500 signatures. It is approved to be on the ballot. Plans are still in the works to possibly open as a Best Western.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LAW DIRECTOR - Mr. Zele updated council on the status of the Mosely law suits, trial was to begin today but there was a request for continuance with the judge so now a pre-trial conference is set for October 12 and the trial is set to begin on October 17. He further stated that everyone on council should have received a couple of pamphlets from him regarding the marijuana laws which will be going into effect in Ohio. The Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association have been having seminars on how this will be handled. There are two dates in October where they are offering videos to be watched and he invited anyone on council that is interested can let Mr. Krych know so we can decide which session we want to participate in.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT – Mr. Krych referred to a liquor permit for VHM and NR, Inc. which will be approved. He added to the Finance Committee 2017 Bi-Centennial and scheduled a meeting for Monday, September 19 at 7:15 p.m. to discuss the Railroad Quiet Zone and at 7:00 p.m. for the Committee of the Whole to discuss the 2017 Bi-Centennial. He asked council if they would also like to discuss future revenues and if so it will be added to the agenda.

THERE WERE NO ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

ADMINISTRATORS

A. Police Chief – Report attached. Chief Ice reported on some incidents that have happened in the city. There is a lot of overdosing and one person died in the city and the rape of a six year old child was also reported. He also reported on a burglary, and stated that there is a lot going on in the city and he feels that revenue to the police department should be a priority and that council should take this into consideration. He wants council to know that the police department has been shrinking since 2009. More manpower is needed on the shifts.

B. Fire Chief – Report attached. Chief Powers reported that due to the hot summer, the two primary squads have had several repair issues. Today Squad 3 is the primary squad and we are hoping all three squads will be up and running within a few days as parts arrive. The ladder truck is increasing in age and we have been attempting to have a non-emergent repair completed for the better part of a year. Our repair vendor was finally able to have another vendor make the required parts for the repair. We have purchased all the equipment from our three grants that we recently received totaling \$219,000. All of the newly purchased equipment should be in place by the end of the month. The Chief informed Council that one of his citywide responsibilities is telecommunications. He brought to their attention that a contract was signed today reducing the Senior/Community Center telecommunications (phone, TV, internet) by 63% annually. The Chief discussed the ongoing manpower situation at the fire department. He stated he had four more career personnel in the department when he started 29 years ago than he has today while the volume of calls have increased by over three times. He stated that he continues to have problems recruiting part time personnel due to other communities paying more than \$10 an hour of what we currently offer. The Chief discussed how we are wearing out our firefighters by having them cover more and more shifts. He also brought to Council's attention that both he and the Fire Marshal are regularly running EMS and Fire responses to supplement staffing. He requested that we seek some solution so that we can potential look to raise current staffing levels and be competitive with our pay for part time employees. Right now the department is short four guys, we have less people delivering service today from where he started 29 years ago and state regulations have changed. We still deliver and do a great job in the street but if we had more manpower we could do better. He asked council to consider some type of revenue, he has had a hard time bringing part timers in and they will not come unless they can get full time. We have not hired a full time guy in ten years, we just lost another one the other day. It's hard to keep part time people.

He brought to the attention of council about the caliber of some of his men. You probably have not heard of Fire Fighter Dan Bauer who is one of our fire fighter paramedics, he went to one of a patient's house several times this summer and this officer sent me a note on this, he realized this guy was suffering because of his condition and the house was very warm so Fire Fighter Bauer decided on his own to go out and find him an air conditioner, they went out and bought one and the next day when they got off duty they went to the house and installed it. They never said anything about it they just installed it. This is the type of caliber of people, especially Dan Bauer who has been with us about 24 years, this is a good paramedic and a good person.

Mr. Matyja stated this could probably be under multiple directors but he will address the Chief. He referred to the RNC National Convention and this worked out well Wickliffe had something that was very challenging when we have thirty or forty thousand people attending and it was inspiring that the community had an emergency exit plan that the police chief, fire chief and the Mayor put through which

was unbelievable addressing anything that could go wrong in a community and the dedication, the Service Department was also involved in this, the dedication of the Mayor and the administrators. At these times it gets scary and these people were there all day long and did not get paid, the dedication of our employees was just fantastic. We had contingency plans basically for anything that would go on from protecting the performers to our residents, he commended all the directors for their dedication.

Mr. Ely commented that the Fire Chief has gone beyond the call and he talked about making our issues here in the city all inclusive, that means the Police Department has to be a part of it, the Fire Department, the Building Department to come up with ideas and plans, to not just keep asking for money and asking for people, we need for council to come together as a group to bring the administrators and some of the workers to represent and have some type of committee or meeting where we can sit down and talk about the issues, it is so important to have people pay for garbage, it is so important that everyone be included as a result of what's going on today. He just wants his point know that he would like to meet with Mr. Krych and some of the council members to figure out a way that we can sit down in meetings beyond this because what the Chief is doing here is the exact thing of what we are trying to do he is a part of. We saved the senior center \$60,000 to cut the cost, do we need more workers or more time or better equipment to be fixed more conveniently, we need to come up with extra money. We should try to find a solution. He wants everybody to get together and talk about these issues. This will make everybody feel good.

C. Finance Director – Mr. Germ referred to his memo to council concerning the ordinances on the agenda. A brief explanation of each was given in the memo and asked if anyone had a question. He also reported that today he distributed a letter that came from Matt Stucynski who is with MAS Financial Advisory Services regarding the re-financing. He has addressed the subject with two different law firms and their response as to what they would charge to help us through that process and in this letter he has listed the important thing is to reduce the total cost of the issuance by about \$164,000 and at the same time there is no out of pocket cost to the city, the fees come to approximately \$40,000 for legal services, those would all come out of that issue.

D. Engineer – Report attached. Mr. Formica added that the waterline construction scheduled for E.291 and Elm Street, the contract says he can start work on September 26 and a letter has been prepared notifying the residents of this. Also, in 2016 the joint repair program was started on the 17th and the plans and specs are complete and ready to be put out this Friday or next Friday and he requested council's authorization to advertise for bids. Mr. Krych explained that authorization would be needed to advertise for the 2016 joint repair program.

Moved by Mr. Levon seconded by Mr. Bala to authorize the Engineer to advertise for the 2016 concrete joint repair program per files and specifications with the Engineer.

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

Motion carried..

Mr. Formica added that last week he met with the Environmental Committee and reviewed the proposed recommendation ordinance changes that will be needed for our MPDES revised application due in December, this is being reviewed and we will go over it next month to go over and have something prepared for council, this is for the Storm Water Management Plan.

E Service Director – Mr. Ambrosio reviewed his report on the activities for July and August which is attached. He also reported on the employee situation.

F. Building Director – Mr. Sack had nothing to add to his report which is attached. Mr. Koski requested that we should find ways to increase revenue that we can consider her previous request for rental inspections. Mr. Sack stated that there are approximately 2,000 to 2,500 rentals in the city.

G. Recreation Director – Report attached. Mr. Stopp reviewed the visits and the revenue of the pools which is up. A negative report would be the golf course which is down. More revenue for the golf course was discussed.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION OPENED

Jodi Mapsko, 9285 Mentor Avenue and Dennis Morley, 35150 Lake Shore Blvd., both representatives of United Way of Lake County addressed council and the residents present regarding United Way and asked for their support in soliciting help for this organization.

Laura Kramer, 815 Euclid Avenue and is with David Freeman & Associates and she is here about the Barr Neff property at 30105 Euclid Avenue. It is the position of the residents that ordinances are not being reported. This property is in violation of some ordinances and there has been some problem with the soil on that property. There should be a variance of some sort but it seems that ordinances are not being enforced. She has a letter pertaining to this and if anyone needs a copy she has them.

Linda Terrell, 553 Ezmore Lane, asked about the Jindra Park pool which is in jeopardy of being funded next year. She enjoys the pool and living in that area and she wants to offer suggestions to generate funding to help the budget so the closing of the pool will not be done. The Mayor referred her to attend the Parks and Recreation Commission to discuss this further, they meet twice a month and you can present ideas there which could increase revenue.

Irene Bottinelli, 1846 Eldon Drive, referred to the property across from Sweet Berry and the dust bowl it has created. She does not understand how this was placed there and all the dirt that is being dumped there, she is very concerned and there are a lot of people in her area that are also concerned. She wants council to help to try to solve that problem. The trucks are creating a lot of dust and all of the trees have been removed and junk and garbage are thrown there. Mr. Sack explained how this business came about and informed her that they own the property.

Diane Gallagher, 1342 E. 300 Street and asked why residents were not informed before they started cutting the trees on that property. Mr. Sack informed her that they own that property. She stated there is much destruction and the property is being destroyed.

Pat Tibaldi, 1343 E. 300 Street, also said that one of the things causing the problem is that no one knows what is going on there and why they had to clear out that whole area of trees and what do they intend to do with that land, no one has any answer. The property was totally obliterated from the way it was. What does the future hold for this.

Mr. Raguz, owner of Spinner's, wanted information of how to obtain a liquor permit to add some items in his store. He was referred to the Board of Elections and the residents of that ward will have the opportunity to vote on it.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION CLOSED

THERE WERE NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMISSION REPORTS

Ms Koski read the report of the Keep Wickliffe Beautiful Commission for September 12, 2016 which is attached.

Mr. Jaworski read the minutes of the August 17, 2016 meeting of the Wickliffe Sign and Review Board which is attached.

THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS

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ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-15 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIX DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-FIVE CENTS (\$325,406.85) FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO BY SUPPLYING SAID STREETS WITH ELECTRIC STREET LIGHTING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Read by title.

Moved by Mr. Bala. seconded by Mr. Ely that Ordinance No. 2016-15 be placed on third and final reading.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Levon seconded by Mr. Bala that Ordinance No. 2016-15 be adopted as presented.

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

Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2016-15 adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-16 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTSS FOR UNPAID DELINQUENT SEWER AMOUNTS UPON PARCELS OF LAND IN THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Read by title.

Moved by Mr. Jaworski. seconded by Ms. Koski that Ordinance No. 2016-16 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. 2016-16 be adopted as presented.

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

Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2016-16 adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-17 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT FOR UNPAID BILLS AND COST OF CUTTING NOXIOUS OR POISONOUS WEEDS, VINES, TREE LIMBS OR GRASSES GROWING UPON PARCELS OF LAND IN THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Read by title.

Moved by Mr. Ely. seconded by Ms. Koski that Ordinance No. 2016-17 be placed on third and final reading.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Ms. Koski seconded by Mr. Ely that Ordinance No. 2016-17 be adopted as presented.

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

Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2016-17 adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-10 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNT AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Read by title.

Moved by Mr. Levon seconded by Mr. Bala that the rules of council be suspended and that Resolution No. 2016-10 be placed on third and final reading.

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

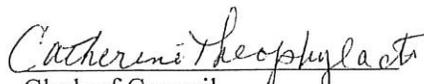
Motion carried.

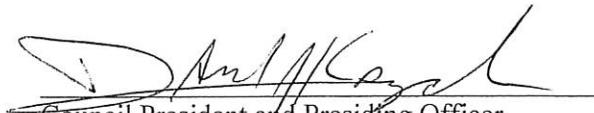
Moved by Ms. Koski seconded by Mr. Ely that Resolution No. 2016-10 be adopted as presented.

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

Motion carried. Resolution No. 2016-10 adopted.

There being no further business it was moved by Mr. Bala seconded by Ms. Koski that the council meeting of September 12, 2016 be adjourned. All yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.


Catherine Theophylactis
Clerk of Council


Paul A. Koski
Council President and Presiding Officer