

**Wickliffe City Council Meeting**  
September 26, 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 26, 2016. The following were present at roll call:

The Mayor swore in two part time fighters, Robert Cook and Eric Elchesen prior to the meeting.

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 Ms. Koski seconded by Mr. Bala that the minutes of the council meeting of the September 12, 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: Received a letter from the Parks and Recreation Commission which is the result of their annual summer park tour and come up with recommendations for improvements in the Recreation Department or in the parks themselves. All of council have received a copy of their letter and request. He requested that this letter be placed into committee so they can meet on this and make recommendations for next year's budget.. Mr. Krych placed this letter into the PARKS AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE. The Mayor also requested that a Finance Committee be scheduled for Monday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. and he has invited Tim Miller who is Director of the Lake County Storm Water Department to review what the program entails, Wickliffe used to be part of the Lake County Storm Water Department, we were in it on Level one community and left that and started doing our required reporting through our engineer, this has worked out well up to this point. Their new requirements begin starting next year which makes it a little more extensive of a program to be reported so he asked Tim Miller to come in and explain the program to see if Wickliffe wants to consider joining the Storm Water Department. It means that they would take over the responsibilities of the reporting that has to be done to the EPA but also would help us out in generating funds for storm water repairs and capital improvements. He asked council members to come to the meeting to see if we could be interesting in joining. Mr. Krych set a meeting for Monday, October 3, 2016 to discuss this and also future revenue which was discussed in the Finance Committee meeting.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM LAW DIRECTOR – Mr. Zele reminded council of a flyer regarding the marijuana law seminar, we are signing for October 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to watch the seminar, he asked council if they are interested to contact Mr. Krych or himself.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Mr. Krych reported that the Ohio Municipal League is having their 2016 conference at the Renaissance Hotel in Columbus on October 26 to 28, he has the information if anyone is interested in attending. Mr. Ely read the letter of recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission.

THERE WERE NO ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

ADMINISTRATORS

A. Police Chief – Chief Ice had no report.

B. Fire Chief – Chief Powers commented on the two new part time fire fighters sworn in tonight, they are two quality guys who went through our rigorous background check and we are very pleased to have them.

C. Finance Director – Mr. Germ updated council on the Green Ridge Golf Course refunding. There is legislation which will be brought to council possibly at the next meeting which would be October 10. Basically this is an ordinance that spells out the terms and conditions of the bond issue, very similar to the one that council passed back in 2006 for the original bond issue. The plan is to have it ready for the October 10 meeting. This is a process under way for December 1<sup>st</sup> and this can possibly be passed by the middle of November.

D. Engineer – Report attached. Mr. Formica added that the sewer repair program is currently advertising for bids. The Elm Street construction project was supposed to start today but it was postponed and the additional information requested by FEMA is planned to be submitted tomorrow.

E. Service Director – Mr. Ambrosio commented on work being done by the Service Department and the problem of the trees on lawns.

F. Building Director – Mr. Sack had no report.

G. Recreation Director – Mr. Stopp commented on the winter races for the fall.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION OPENED

Ann Marie Wilson, 1040 Worden Road, commented on the overdosing and prostitution at the Plaza Motel, her son has died from overdosing. She asked what the city could do for this problem and it seems to be getting a lot worse. People are coming from other cities to obtain these drugs, she stated that something has to be done about this drug problem which is killing our youth.

Amy Murphy, 1040 Worden, Road, daughter of Mrs. Wilson also commented on the drug problem

Denise Zak, 1855 Rockefeller Road, also commented on the drug problem and insisted that this should be stopped. How do we keep these drugs out of our city, where is it coming from. The community needs to stand up and say we are done.

Dennis Probst, 28991 Sherbrook, asked what it would take to sign a petition, how does this get done, can the police sit there and regulate everyone that comes in and goes out of that hotel? The police chief informed her of the activity at that hotel and also on the streets. The heroin problem is a huge problem and it is all over the country. It is difficult to shut them down and it is his opinion that that hotel does not meet the standards and the police department is doing everything it can to get a handle on the problem. He stated that these drug overdoses come from homes also. The Mayor added that we are aware of what

is happening and we have looked at it and met with both the Fire Chief and the Police Chief regarding this. It is not easy to close them down. He commented on what the city has to do to make this a nuisance and we have to prove to them that it is nuisance that has been going on for three years, if it were a simple task we would do it but the only way we can possibly do this is to buy them out but unfortunately this is not a Wickliffe issue or Cleveland or Lake County, this is nation wide. We are watching this very closely.

Mr. Biccardi, 2947 Shaker Drive, commented on the tree lawns and the trees on each one. He asked if he would be allowed to plant a tree on his property. Mr. D'Ambrosio explained to him why this is not permitted.

Dennis Probst, 3991 Sherbrook asked about economic development in the city. He commented on the deterioration of the land on Euclid Avenue and referred to the Detroit-Shoreway development and asked if there are plans to attract new businesses. Mr. Krych explained to him about the economic development director who has told us that people that own the buildings on the avenue, the market will bear an area between six and nine dollars per square foot because people that want this property are asking between eleven and twelve dollars a square foot for those buildings. The Mayor added that we advertise every month on our commercial development web site and it is updated with every parcel on Euclid Avenue.

Denise Zak, stated that on Worden Road and Euclid Avenue there is no school sign stating that there is a school zone, there is a lot of speeding there and there are no lights, maybe this should be addressed. Mr D'Ambrosio will look into this.

Connie Ou, 1577 Douglas Road, asked about surveyors being on her street last week and asked if anyone was aware of this truck in the evening going down the street. Mr. D'Ambrosio will look into this.

Pat Tibaldi, 1343 E. 300 Street, commented on the development across the street, he asked about violations that were in the city ordinances and asked what this was all about. The Law Director informed him that he can not address this at this time because it is currently being investigated.

#### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION CLOSED

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Krych read the report of the Committee of the Whole Committee meeting held on September 16, 2016 which is attached.

Mr. Krych also read the report of the Finance Committee meeting held on September 16, 2016 which is attached

Mr. Levon called for a Legislation and Welfare Committee meeting for October 3 for front yard parking and parking at Emily and Juna at 8:00 p.m.

#### COMMISSION REPORTS

Mr. Jaworski read the report of the Sign Review Board meeting held on September 25, 2016 which is attached.

#### THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS

#### NEW BUSINESS

a) Bid Opening – 2016 Concrete Pavement Slab Replacement Program – October 7, 2016

