

Wickliffe City Council Meeting
September 28, 2015

A regular meeting of Wickliffe City Council was called to order by Council President David Krych at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2015. The following were present at roll call

MAYOR:	William Margalis
COUNCIL PRESIDENT:	David Krych
COUNCIL:	Bala, Ely, Jaworski, Koski, Levon, Matyja
LAW DIRECTOR:	Scott Zele
FINANCE DIRECTOR:	Martin Germ, excused
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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Ely, seconded by Ms. Koski that the minutes of the council meeting of September 14, 2015 be accepted as presented.

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

Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR - The Mayor updated council regarding that at the last meeting he had mentioned that the Health District met two weeks ago on a Monday night to consider eliminating the requirement of the Lake County Health District to do property maintenance and code enforcement. At that time there were many entities of cities that were against eliminating that requirement because then it would put the burden of that onto each individual city. They voted to suspend the requirement which means that it still sits in their Code of Regulations but they are only going to be out there when they receive calls of complaints. How they will handle this is they will receive the call they will triage the complaint to see if it is something they can handle or one of the other agencies can handle. Apparently many of the calls that go out to the Health District are on interior housing, many of them have to do with fair housing, job and family services or some other agency that falls within their realm but if it does fall into a realm of the Health District they will meet and take care of the problem, they have suspended this until July and January 30th of 2016 and at time Ron Graham will develop a plan for the future of that housing code. It's still there and will be handled on a complaint basis instead of having a full time staff. We will continue to do what we have always done and if needed calls will be made to the Health District and if needed will be triaged to another agency.

The Mayor added that a Town Hall Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7 at the Community Center at 7:00 p.m.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LAW DIRECTOR: Mr. Zele had no report

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

THERE WERE NO ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

ADMINISTRATORS:

A. Police Chief – Chief Ice had no report. He informed council regarding a number of vehicle breakups last week. All of these cars were unlocked.

B. Fire Chief – Chief Powers had no report.

C. Finance Director – Mr. Germ excused.

D. Engineer – Mr. Formica reviewed his report which is attached. He added that a pre-construction meeting was held today for the 2015 joint repair program, the contractor will perform the Rush Road repairs this week starting tomorrow and should be done by next Friday. The rest will be done in the spring. Cracked sealing will occur in mid-October.

E. Service Director – Mr. D'Ambrosio reported that they will begin picking leaves on October 19th, he also reported on the work done in the front of the city hall. Mr. Levon asked about the tree trimming on sidewalk trees that hang over on the street. Mr. D'Ambrosio will check into this.

F. Building Commissioner – Mr. Sack referred to his memo regarding Chapter 151.03 Fire Loss Insurance Proceeds. Mr. Krych placed this into the LEGISLATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE.

G. Recreation Director – Mr. Stopp had no report.

H. Economic Development Coordinator – Mr. Laver updated council regarding the NOPEC Energy Finance Program and how it will operate. He also reported that he upgraded council regarding the availabilities on the city website.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION OPENED

Robert Huhnke, 30225 Meadowview, stated that he gave council packets regarding the noise of trains. He requested that he be informed of that meeting when it is scheduled.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION CLOSEDCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Krych read the report of of the Finance Committee meeting held on September 21 which is attached.

Moved by Mr. Krych seconded by Mr. Bala that council authorize the Law Director to create legislation for a new chapter to address the changes to Ohio Revised Code 718 by House Bill 5.

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

Motion carried.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Ms. Koski read the report of the Keep Wickliffe Beautiful Committee dated September 27, 2015 which is attached.

Moved by Mr. Krych seconded by Mr. Ely to authorize the Law Director to create legislation with appropriations in the budget that were discussed at the meeting tonight of the Finance Committee, item of December 21, 2015.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Bala, Ely, Koski, Krych
No: Jaworski, Levon, Matyja

Motion carried.

Mr. Levon called for a Legislation and Welfare Committee meeting for Monday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the animal shelter ordinance and Chapter 151.03 Fire Loss Insurance Proceeds

Mr. Jaworski read the report of the Sign Review Board meeting on September 16 which is attached.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-40 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2015 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Read by title.

Moved by Mr. Bala seconded by Mr. Ely that the rules of council be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2015-40 be placed on third and final reading.

Mr. Matya explained why he will vote no, when you are running a budget for a city projected at 1.5 million dollar deficit, every line item was brought to numerous discussions and they should strive to be under budget and he feels there is any reason that did not come to council before we start making these changes, they are good programs but we have a ton of programs to look at next year but when we are running a 1.5 million dollar deficit we should stay under budget on all line items, that is why he will vote no. Mr. Krych added that this was discussed in the Finance Committee, this is due to a collapse of a sewer that caused this \$9,500 so we had no choice. Mr. Matyja asked is this not a capital improvement project. Mr. D'Ambrosio stated that we did not know about this prior, this was discovered while the sewer was being cleaned. Again, Mr. Matyja added is this not a capital improvement project? Mr. Ambrosio said he tried the best way to get this repaired. Mr. Matyja commented that our repairs should not come out of the sewer fund because our sewer bills and fees will be so high and enormous that our residents would not be able to afford that. That's why he voted against the budget. Two employees are being charged to this and trucks are being used there, sooner or later we will be doubling fees again. In the past this was taken out of the Capital Improvement Fund and if we continue to charge to that fund we will be doubling the sewer rates to the residents. He is opposed to that.

The Mayor injected that he considers this as an emergency repair that we did because of a collapsed sewer, if we had planned a project to replace a section of sewer traditionally we would put it in capital improvement but as of late we have been spending money out of our sewer fund to maintain sewers just like we have men assigned when they are working on the sewers it comes out of the sewer fund. When we have to repair a sewer line it's all to do with the maintenance of a sewer so that is why we are using money out of the sewer fund. Mr. Matyja is correct that in some point in time that rate that we charge for sewers will have to be looked at when it gets down to a point where we don't have any but it is the maintenance of a sewer and anything that has to do with a sewer should be paid out of the sewer fund. When a waterline is replaced it is paid out of the rate that you pay for your water, when our rate for sewers was established that was only to pay the sewer rate. These sewer lines are aging much faster than we could keep up with in paying with other accounts. He agrees that at some point in time the rate for sewers may have to be adjusted but this was an emergency repair this was not a capital repair. It should be paid out of the sewer fund. The balance of the sewer fund was \$616,000 so if we spend \$9,500 to repair the sewer line this is an appropriate expense. If we tighten up that sewer line it lowers our sewer bill from the City of Euclid.

Again, this was an emergency expense that happened over the summer because if it had collapsed we would have problems. This is an appropriate expense. Mr. Mayyja added that this is being put into this fund instead of being placed in the fund that had previously been done and the Mayor explained it very well. If we keep this up we will have to adjust the fees.

Roll all on suspension: Yes: Bala, Ely, Koski, Krych
No: Jaworski, Levon, Matyja

Motion defeated. Ordinance No. 2015-40 placed on First Reading;

THERE WERE NO RESOLUTIONS

MISCELLANEOUS

Chief Powers distributed T-shirts supporting Breast Cancer to raise money for this.

There being no further business it was moved by Mr. Ely seconded by Mr. Bala that the council meeting of September 28, 2015 be adjourned.

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

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President and Presiding Officer