

WICKLIFFE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 28, 2008 - 7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of Wickliffe City Council was called to order by Council President William Margalis at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 28, 2008. The following were present at roll call:

MAYOR: Thomas W. Ruffner
COUNCIL PRESIDENT: William Margalis
COUNCIL: Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Levar, Luther, Matyja
LAW DIRECTOR: William C. Gargiulo
FINANCE DIRECTOR: Martin Germ
SERVICE DIRECTOR: Daniel C. Paschke
ENGINEER: Pete Formica
BUILDING COMMISSIONER: Raymond F. Sack
RECREATION DIRECTOR: Timothy E. Stopp
POLICE CHIEF: Randy E. Ice
FIRE CHIEF: Daniel L. Helsel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Ms. Luther seconded by Mr. Margalis that the minutes of the council meeting of January 14, 2008 be approved as presented.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Levar, Luther, Margalis, Matyja
Nays: None

Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR - Mayor Ruffner requested that Resolution No. 2008-04 be moved forward on the agenda. Moved by Mr. Levar seconded by Mr. Jaworski that Resolution No. 2008-04 be moved forward on the agenda.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Levar, Luther, Margalis, Matyja
Nays: None

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-04 A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING STANLEY C. BARWIDI, JR. ON HIS RETIREMENT AS ASSISTANT SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO, COMMENDING HIM FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE, AND WISHING HIM GOOD FORTUNE IN HIS RETIREMENT YEARS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. This Resolution was read in its entirety by Mayor Ruffner and presented to Mr. Barwidi.

Moved by Mr. Jaworski seconded by Ms. Koski that the rules of council be suspended and that Resolution No. 2008-04 be placed on third and final reading.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Levar, Luther, Margalis, Matyja
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Levar seconded by Mr. Krych that Resolution No. 2008-04 be adopted as presented.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Levar, Luther, Margalis, Matyja
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2008-04 adopted.

Mayor Ruffner then read a letter from Brenda McCartney commending Sue Iafelice for helping her with a problem and the fine way in which she assisted her above and beyond her duties.

He reported that he received a request for an annual fee for the Lake County Sewer and Water Conservation District in the amount of \$3,000.00. Seeing there was no objection and as Mr. Margalis pointed out that they do a lot of work for the city, payment was authorized. The Mayor also reported that a Safety Committee meeting will be held on February 7th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the park patrol.

He also informed council that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Senior Center is scheduled for Saturday from 12 Noon until 2:00 p.m., however due to some telephone communications difficulties the Center will not be open for the seniors for another week or two. The Mayor then requested an executive session at the end of this meeting to discuss the purchase of property.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM LAW DIRECTOR - Mr. Garguilo updated council on the three legal activities that are ongoing in the Law Department. He further reported that an e-mail was received today dealing with some contract payments to be made for the Senior Center but since this came in too late we do not have an ordinance for that. This will be a payment to Telco and a payment to Personnel Systems Plus, this will be ready for the next meeting. The gas and oil well codified ordinance will also be ready for the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Mr. Margalis reported that this past week he received the capital improvement requests from the various departments, copies will be provided to council. The capital improvement request from the Police Department will be placed into the SAFETY COMMITTEE. The letter from the Fire Department will be placed into the SAFETY COMMITTEE, the request from the Service Department for equipment and improvements will be placed into the SERVICES AND SPECIAL EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE. A letter from the Service Director requesting filling some positions in the Department will be placed into the FINANCE COMMITTEE. He also referred to a copy of the proposed 2008 budget from Mr. Germ which will be discussed this coming Wednesday so council can review it and it can be discussed in detail.

ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Levar referred to his letter to council regarding economic development and stated he would like the items in that letter be placed into the appropriate committees. Mr. Margalis placed this letter into the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. Mr. Levar referred to the Link Deposit Program and the request to change the amount from \$300,000 to one million. Mr. Margalis replied that this can be talked about during the budget meeting.

ADMINISTRATORS:

A. Police Chief - Chief Ice had no report.

B. Fire Chief - Chief Helsel had no report.

C. Finance Director - Mr. Germ referred to the budget and asked council if they have any questions to call him. He reported that he has had discussions with Jim Dustin, our health care consultant, about the possibility of having a health fair for our employees with the intention of trying to contain costs. This can be scheduled sometime in the Spring or early Summer at the latest. There are some costs related to be added and Mr. Dustin requested to meet with council to make a presentation, possibly in February or early March. Mr. Margalis set this meeting for February 20th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss health care for employees.

D. Engineer - Report attached. Mr. Formica updated council on the Coulby Pond plans and that they will advertise for bids in late February. The road program plans are coming along and the survey will be wrapped up by the end of the week. Mr. Margalis referred to a copy of the traffic study provided to council regarding the traffic light at the Senior Center which is not warranted and also that the street of Halifax was omitted. Mr. Krych followed up on that and questioned if there would be a certain time after the center is open when traffic will be observed in that area. Mr. Formic replied that these numbers are based on actual counts but they will be reviewed.

E. Service Director - Mr. Paschke had nothing to add to his report which is attached. He stated that he received a letter from the Willoughby Hills Service Director regarding new sidewalks going from Ridge Hill and Eddy Road up to Route 6 and back. This will be referred to the Law Director.

F. Building Commissioner - Mr. Sack had no report.

G. Recreation Director - Mr. Stopp reported that he and Mr. Formica are working on the NatureWorks grant and the deadline is this Friday. We are requesting for money for reimbursement for exercise stations around the Jindra recreation trail. The estimate is about \$30,000 plus installation and some other cement and slab work that needs to be done.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION OPENED

Resident, 29916 Phillips Avenue, addressed council about the ongoing problem of pigeons in the area of Phillips and Worden Road. Chief Ice responded that he is monitoring this problem and will step up enforcement. The Mayor asked the Law Director to look into this as a possible nuisance issue and because of the health hazard.

William Kirsch, 2182 Buena Vista, complained about the recycling bins and stated that cardboard boxes are placed in the newspaper bins and they take up too much space. Residents should be advised that they need to break down cardboard boxes. Perhaps council should add signs outlining what goes in what bins.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION CLOSEDCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Margalis read the report of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 23rd which is attached. There was a list of action items that came out and that list will be placed into the Euclid Avenue Committee.

Ms. Luther read the report of the Legislation and Welfare Committee meeting held on January 23rd which is also attached. Mr. Margalis stated that the elimination of pole signs along Euclid Avenue will be referred to the Sign Review Board. He asked Mr. Sack to present this to them and see what their ideas are. Mayor Ruffner reported that on February 7th we will be discussing park safety and some recommendations of equipment and usage of our parks. This was placed into the PARKS AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE.

THERE WERE NO COMMISSION REPORTSTHERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESSNEW BUSINESS

a) Mayor's appointment of Barbara Kirsch to the Cemetery Board for a four year term ending December 31, 2011 - Moved by Mr. Krych seconded by Mr. Levar that the Mayor's appointment of Barbara Kirsch to the Cemetery Board for a term to expire December 31, 2011, be affirmed.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Levar, Luther, Margalis, Matyja
Nays: None

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-05 A RESOLUTION REMEMBERING AND RECOGNIZING JOHN T. MULALY FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Read by title.

Moved by Mr. Levar seconded by Mr. Jaworski that the rules of council be suspended and that Resolution No. 2008-05 be placed on third and final reading.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Levar, Luther, Margalis, Matyja
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Levar seconded by Ms. Luther that Resolution No. 2008-05 be adopted as presented.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Levar, Luther, Margalis, Matyja
Nays: None

Motion carried. Resolution No. 2008-05 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-06 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE'S TRANSPORTATION FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE (TLCI) PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING ITS SUBMITTAL TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY (NOACA), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Read by title.

Moved by Mr. Krych seconded by Ms. Luther that the rules of council be suspended and that Resolution No. 2008-06 be placed on third and final reading.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Levar, Luther, Margalis, Matyja
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Krych seconded by Ms. Luther that Resolution No. 2008-06 be adopted as presented.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Levar, Luther, Margalis, Matyja
Nays: None

Motion carried. Resolution No. 2008-06 adopted.

Moved by Mr. Krych seconded by Ms. Luther that council recess into executive session to discuss the purchase of property.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Levar, Luther, Margalis, Matyja
Nays; None

Motion carried. Council recessed into executive session at 8:00 p.m.

Council reconvened from executive session at 9:24 p.m.

PRESENT: Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Levar, Luther, Margalis, Matyja

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Krych seconded by Ms. Koski that the meeting of January 28, 2008 be adjourned.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Levar, Luther, Margalis, Matyja
Nays; None

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President and
Presiding Officer