

WICKLIFFE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 21, 2009 - 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, December 21, 2009. 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
ACTING SVS. DIRECTOR:	Donald Kerniskey
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

At this point, Mayor Ruffner swore in two firemen: Lieutenant Stanley Muraski and Officer in Charge James Isom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Ms. Luther seconded by Mr. Krych that the minutes of the council meeting held on December 14, 2009 be approved as presented.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Levar, Luther, Margalis, Matyja
No: None

Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR - Mayor Ruffner reported that the H1N1 Flu Clinic in Wickliffe will take place on Tuesday, January 19th between 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at the Senior Center. Anyone interested should call in to make a reservation. This being his last meeting he thanked all the administrators and the council members who have worked with him the past eight years and thanks to everyone, we know that Wickliffe is still a great city to live and work in.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM LAW DIRECTOR - Mr. Gargiulo informed council of the following: Judge Nancy Fuerst in the case of Dan Williams-Jackson vs. Twentieth Century Insurance and Financial in which the City is named as party defendant will be holding a case management conference on January 14th which will be attended by Nick Tomino representing our insurance carrier. He further reported that a memo was received from Judge Collins setting the permanent injunction hearing and trial for Mathew Farmwell vs. City of Wickliffe for Friday, March 12, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. He will be advising council as this date gets closer.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Mr. Margalis read a letter sent to the Mayor and council from the Wickliffe Senior Board commending Greg Feathers who works for the Service Department who goes beyond the call of duty in many areas of the center and for the senior citizens individually so they are expressing their gratitude. This letter will be placed in Mr. Feathers personnel file.

He further reported that he received a notice from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control asking for a request for a liquor permit for Sussex Fish and Chips notifying that it is being renewed. There being no objection to this it will be passed on to the Clerk for processing.

ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Krych added under New Business, item (a) Chapter 121 Council Rules.

ADMINISTRATORS:

A. Police Chief - Chief Ice had no report. Mr. Jaworski reported that he has received complaints from residents regarding cars being parked on front lawns.

B. Fire Chief - Chief Powers had no report.

C. Finance Director - Mr. Germ referred to his memorandum dated December 18th regarding the property and casualty insurance renewal and commented that we have been with the Ohio Plan now for three years. In our fourth year if we stay with them we become eligible for a five per cent discount assuming that we meet certain criteria. We have received a proposal from Love Insurance for the coming year and if we stay with the plan we will receive a five per cent discount in the fourth year and in the sixth year we will become eligible for a 10% discount. There are benefits to us staying with the plan. Currently the quote they are giving us is based on 26 million 840 thousand dollars of property being insured. That is an increase of almost \$800,000 over what we are currently insured for this year due to additions of equipment and some changes in the appraisal of value of buildings. We are getting additional coverage and we are saving about \$7,300.00 over last year and he highly recommends that the City stay with the Ohio Plan. The entire proposal is available in his office for anyone to review. If there is no objection from council he will prepare an ordinance ready for the next council meeting.

D. Engineer - Mr. Formica had nothing to add to his report which is attached.

E. Service Director - Mr. Kerniskey had no report. Mr. Jaworski asked about any update on the Regent Road numbers to which Mr. Kerniskey had none. Mr. Kerniskey also reported on the salt supply and stated that 88 tons of salt were used this weekend. Salting is being limited. Mr. Levar asked about the second shift and if it has started to which Mr. Kerniskey informed him that it has been started and there are only three men on the first shift instead of four. Mr. Levar asked about the new policy being started to which Mr. Kerniskey informed him that as far as the change in the policy the streets are not being salted to the point where they are wet, they are doing the mains and more intersections. We are not salting the streets on the weekends after midnight unless there is an icy condition. Mr. Levar inquired as to whether the residents are cognizant of that fact and that they should be informed of this.

F. Building Commissioner - Mr. Sack thanked the outgoing council members and the Mayor for their hard work.

G. Recreation Director - Mr. Stopp had no report. He also thanked council and the Mayor for their help. He further reported on the Helping Hand Program and thanked ABB for their input with this program. He also stated that the second annual Winter Fest will be held on January 23 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., details are on the web site.

H. Economic Development Coordinator - Report attached. Mr. Laver informed council on the progress of some projects being worked on. He also reported on CP Chemical which purchased Hall Chemical, they have reopened and have hired back 16 employees from the former Hall Chemical and everything is going well. They want to expand the landfill and will meet with council on this.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION OPENED

Resident, 29404 Ridge Road, expressed her concern about noisy motorcycles and asked if there is an ordinance regarding this. Chief Ice responded that there is an ordinance regarding mufflers. She was advised to call the Police Department when these occasions occur.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION CLOSED

THERE WERE NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

THERE WERE NO COMMISSION REPORTS

THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

a) Chapter 121 - Council Rules - Mr. Krych requested that the changes that were made to the regular meeting times and the order of business and asked the Law Director to create ordinances reflecting these changes in Rule 3 of 121.01 Rules and also Rule 7 under Order of Business.

Moved by Mr. Krych seconded by Mr. Jaworski that council authorize the Law Director to prepare an ordinance to make the changes to Chapter 21 Rules of Council that reflect the hour of meeting and also to add the Law Director portion to the order of business.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Levar, Luther, Margalis, Matyja
No: None

Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-67 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Read by title.

Moved by Ms. Luther seconded by Mr. Krych that the rules of council be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2009-67 be placed on third and final reading.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Levar, Luther, Margalis, Matyja
No: No

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Krych seconded by Mr. Jaworski that Ordinance No. 2009-67 be adopted as presented.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Levar, Luther, Margalis, Matyja
No: No

Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2009-67 adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-19 A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING LOWELL J. LAFEVER ON HIS RETIREMENT AS AUXILIARY LIEUTENANT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO; COMMENDING HIM FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE; AND WISHING HIM GOOD FORTUNE IN HIS RETIREMENT YEARS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Read by title.

Moved by Mr. Levar seconded by Ms. Luther that the rules of council be suspended and that Resolution No. 2009-19 be placed on third and final reading.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Levar, Luther, Margalis, Matyja
No: No

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Levar seconded by Mr. Jaworski that Resolution No. 2009-19 be adopted as presented.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Levar, Luther, Margalis, Matyja
No: No

Motion carried. Resolution No. 2009-19 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-20 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE WICKLIFFE PUBLIC LIBRARY ON THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF EARNING A TOP RATING BY "THE LIBRARY JOURNAL", FOR THE SECOND TIME IN 2009, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Read by title.

Moved by Mr. Krych seconded by Ms. Koski that the rules of council be suspended and that Resolution No. 2009-20 be placed on third and final reading.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Levar, Luther, Margalis, Matyja
No: No

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Krych seconded by Ms. Koski that Resolution No. 2009-20 be adopted as presented.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Levar, Luther, Margalis, Matyja
No: No

Motion carried. Resolution No. 2009-20 adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Margalis thanked the outgoing council members and the Mayor for all their help during his tenure as council president and said he is looking forward to serving the City of Wickliffe in his new capacity.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Krych seconded by Mr. Jaworski that the council meeting of December 21, 2009 be adjourned.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Jaworski, Koski, Krych, Levar, Luther, Margalis, Matyja
No: None

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Council Clerk

Council President and Presiding Officer