

WICKLIFFE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 9, 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, February 9, 2009. The following were present at roll call:

MAYOR: Thomas W. Ruffner
COUNCIL PRESIDENT: William Margalis
COUNCIL: Koski, Krych, Levar, Luther, Matyja
Mr. Jaworski not present at roll call
LAW DIRECTOR: William C. Gargiulo
FINANCE DIRECTOR: Martin Germ
SERVICE DIRECTOR: Daniel C. Paschke
ENGINEER: Peter J. Formica
BUILDING COMMISSIONER: Raymond F. Sack
RECREATION DIRECTOR: Timothy E. Stopp
POLICE CHIEF: Randy E. Ice
FIRE CHIEF: Daniel L. Helsel
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Jason Laver, excused

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Ms. Luther, seconded by Mr. Krych that the minutes of the council meeting of January 26, 2009 be approved as presented.

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

Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR - Mayor Ruffner reported the following three items: 1) Requested that the item of the Jindra Pool repair work be placed into committee, Mr. Margalis placed this item into the PARKS AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE. He asked the Engineer to estimate what it would cost to test the condition of Jindra Pool to make sure that if a liner in the future would be a solution to that pool and that the integrity of the pool would take care of that. 2) The Mayor stated that it has been requested that the golf courses are exempt from other city park laws in regards to selling beer and wine. He requested that this also be placed into committee. Mr. Margalis placed this into the COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE and the Law Director to look into that. 3) also in the capital project area, the Mayor has been looking into some possibilities of working on the ball diamonds and the drainage issue at Jindra Park which is a lot less than the initial master plan. He requested that this be placed into committee. Mr. Margalis placed this into the COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE as part of the Jindra Park Master Plan.

Mr. Jawroski entered the meeting at this point.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM LAW DIRECTOR - Mr. Gargiulo reported the following: He referred to a memo concerning fences, peddlers and solicitors, these are presently in committee. He also reported that a request was received for an indigent burial from Richmond General Hospital. He has made a copy of the Ohio Revised Code asking Ms. Luther if she would take this to the Cemetery Board to consider the idea of establishing a contract with a funeral home for a cremation. The last time this occurred the Brickman Funeral Home took care of this and it cost \$750 but it was also discounted for the city. Perhaps a contract could be instituted for the future.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Mr. Margalis referred to the memos that were distributed regarding the fences, peddlers and solicitations, both those items are presently in the LEGISLATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE.

THERE WERE NO ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

ADMINISTRATORS:

A. Police Chief - Chief Ice had nothing to add to his report which is attached. Mr. Levar raised a question regarding the snow parking ban and how to improve the communications of notifying residents when the snow ban is in effect.

B. Fire Chief - Chief Helsel had nothing to add to his report which is attached.

C. Finance Director - Financial report attached. Mr. Germ commented on the January financial report, on Fund No. 801 Agency Trust Fund, on the front page of the report, that number is incorrect, \$772,000, that should not have been there, that is December's income tax receipts, he had to set up a special journal entry in order to recognize that and it should have been reversed out in January. This does not affect the General Fund or any other fund. This will decrease our total assets to \$8,053,000 instead of \$8,825,000.

D. Engineer - Report attached. Mr. Formica added that he spoke with Easton Leasing, the low bidder for the Denny's building, and they did sign the 60 day extension to the bid so we are good until April 6th. He also reported that this morning he was asked for an evaluation for the structures at the golf course not to exceed \$800.00. Mr. Margalis added that this will be reported out of the Safety Committee and then we can act on it.

E. Service Director - Mr. Paschke had nothing to add to his report which is attached. In response to a question from Mr. Margalis, Mr. Paschke updated council on the road salt situation. Mr. Jaworski reported on negative comments regarding the plowing of sidewalks. Mr. Matyja questioned an ordinance that prohibits plowers from blocking sidewalks and asked if we have anything like that. The registration of plowing contractors was discussed. The Mayor added that this ordinance should be revisited and placed into committee.

F. Building Commissioner - Report attached. Mr. Sack requested that the item of Building Fees and pole signs be placed into committee. Mr. Margalis placed this into the LEGISLATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE.

G. Recreation Director - Report attached. Mr. Stopp requested that the Law Director be authorized to prepare advertisements for bids for the exercise trail equipment at Jindra Park.

Moved by Mr. Margalis seconded by Ms. Luther that the Law Director be authorized to advertise for bids for the exercise equipment for the walking track at Jindra Park per specifications on file with the Recreation Director.

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

Motion carried.

H. Economic Development Coordinator - Mr. Laver excused.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION OPENED

William Kirsch, 2182 Buena Vista, commented on the great job the City is doing in plowing the roads. He also referred to an article in the News Herald regarding the Ponderosa property and stated that he is very happy about this and with the new development this is another spark plug in the continued growth and stability of the city. He commended the city for its diligence and cooperation to see this to its end. The Law Director confirmed this process.

Mathew Cornwall, 34857 Robert Rd., Eastlake, owner of the Evolution Restaurant and Lounge stated that he would do all he can to keep his business running well knowing the trouble caused recently at that location. He will work hard to establish a classy restaurant lounge that will be a safe environment for everyone.

Ron Ely, 29786 Arthur Rd., asked about the possibility of having some type of markers on driveways so plows can be more effective.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION CLOSED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Margalis read the report of the Finance Committee meetings held on January 29th and February 4th which are attached. Mr. Margalis added that another meeting will be held on February 10th at 7:00 p.m. to continue the budget meetings.

Mr. Krych read the report of the Safety Committee meeting held on February 4th which is attached. He referred to the bridges at the golf course and the fee not to exceed \$800 which estimate CT Consultants will do to assess these bridges to determine their present and projected safety.

Moved by Mr. Krych seconded by Ms. Luther that council authorize CT Consultants to do the assessment of the bridges at Green Ridge Golf Course in an amount not to exceed \$800.00.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Levar seconded by Ms. Koski that council approve the 2009 Law Enforcement Trust Fund request by the Police Chief for purchases of capital improvement items.

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Margalis placed the police and fire capital improvement lists into the FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Matyja scheduled an Improvement Committee meeting tomorrow night after the Finance Committee meeting to discuss sidewalks under the underpass and the sewer exemptions ordinance.

Mr. Margalis added that the Finance Committee meeting is tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. and there is a possibility of Monday and Wednesday, February 16th and 18th to continue discussions on the budget.

THERE WERE NO COMMISSION REPORTS

THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS

THERE WAS NO NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-02 AN ORDINANCE DEDICATING LLOYD COURT DRIVE AS A PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE IN THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO. SECOND READING.
Read by title.

Ordinance No. 2009-02 placed on second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-03 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE CONTRACT WITH EASTON LEASING, INC. FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 28707 EUCLID AVE. IN THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING. Read by title.

Ordinance No. 2009-03 placed on second reading.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Krych seconded by Ms. Luther that the council meeting of February 9, 2009 be adjourned.

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

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Council Clerk

Council President and
Presiding Officer