

WICKLIFFE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
May 19, 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, May 19, 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, excused  
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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Mr. Margalis seconded by Ms. Luther that Mr. Krych be permitted to abstain from approval of the council meeting minutes of May 12, 2008.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Ms. Luther seconded by Mr. Jaworski that the minutes of the council meeting of May 12, 2008 be approved as presented.

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

Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR - Mayor Ruffner reported on the following: regarding the Ohio Mulch firm of Wickliffe is offering a discount on mulch on May 31<sup>st</sup> for residents upon proof of residence. He also referred to Mr. Matyja's request regarding the charity ordinance on the agenda last week, letters were sent to those organizations that hold charitable events.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM LAW DIRECTOR - Mr. Gargiulo had the following communications: The LTV Group and Milestone Builders will meet with council at a committee of the whole. Also at that meeting step one should be completed and that is the preparation of an ordinance of participation by the City in that project. Also, the City received an inquiry from a funeral director in Akron concerning indigent burial. Someone died at Wickliffe Country Place and the funeral home in Akron took the body to their funeral facility believing that that he was a veteran; they found out that he is indigent and they want the city to provide burial costs. The law Director will report back to council regarding this.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Mr. Margalis received a letter from HzW Environmental Consultants notifying the City of Wickliffe of a request for an areawide urban setting designation for the Euclid Central Corridor, Euclid, Ohio. This is the item he referred to at the last meeting during the Engineer's portion and this is a special designation given by the EPA for a designated area of a incorporated city. This letter was placed into the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE so they can research it to see if it can apply to our city.

He further referred to a letter from Mr. Sack regarding funds for vacant home clean-up and boarding up where he is requesting a dollar amount to take care of this problem. This will be discussed at the Finance Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

THERE WERE NO ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

ADMINISTRATORS:

- A. Police Chief - Chief Ice had no report.
- B. Fire Chief - Chief Helsel had no report.
- C. Finance Director - Mr. Germ excused.

Engineer - Report attached. Mr. Formica added an update on the contractors schedules, Mr. Excavator, the landscaper at the senior center site will start re-grading on Tuesday and doing the path widening and the asphalt paving. The Coulby Pond dredging will start on Wednesday. These are all under the same contractor and sub-contractor. The Mayor added that for question of widening the path, is there any council action to be taken? Mr. Margalis replied that he would report on this during the Finance Committee report.

Mr. Levar referred to the traffic situation at Ridge Road and Rockefeller Road and stated that traffic is starting to pile up there. The Mayor added that he has also seen that problem. Mr. Paschke will study the timing of the signals at that location.

E. Service Director - Mr. Paschke reported on getting the pools and the parks ready for the summer season. He further updated council on the Rockefeller Road project and the progress of the crack sealing and the street striping.

F. Building Commissioner - Mr. Sack updated council on the grass cutting, 15 residential lots and three commercial lots have been cut. There is a five day notice on the grass in the ordinance. He explained the procedure of notifying the owners that the grass would be cut. In the past they have put a 48 hour sticker on the house and he would ask council to change this to a three day period where we can go in and cut. Mr. Margalis placed this into the LEGISLATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE.

Ms. Koski pointed out a home on Craneing and the bad condition it is in and asked Mr. Sack for an update on this property. Mr. Sack replied that he will be going to council to ask to blight that house. Mr. Matyja agreed and stated that the city has to do a better job regarding this problem. There are also vacant cars, rodents, boats, and windows broken, we should do something before this condition can exist. Mr. Sack said that he has spoken with the Law Director regarding this and they are trying to work something out. There is something in the Property Maintenance Code that we can possibly use. Regarding the rodents, Mr. Sack will call the Health Department to check into this. Chief Ice explained the procedure for abandoned cars. Ms. Luther added the memo from Mr. Sack regarding monies for abandoned properties to be discussed at the Legislation and Welfare Committee meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

G. Recreation Director - Mr. Stopp updated council on the upcoming summer sign-ups, pools, camps, etc.

H, Economic Development Coordinator - Mr. Laver reviewed his report which is attached and added some comments and observations.

#### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION OPENED

Mrs. Clark, 1533 Craening, stated that she lives across the street from the house discussed earlier. She complained about the fence at Freeway Lanes which is falling down on her property and is in a complete shambles. Mr. Sack informed her that he has written to Freeway Lanes regarding this fence and they have been cited.

#### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION CLOSED

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Margalis gave the following verbal report of the Finance Committee: "Council met at a Finance Committee meeting on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m. after the regular council meeting to discuss a request to widen the walking path at Jindra Park that is going to be put in there. Council, when we bid out the Senior Center and the walking path, it was specked out that a five foot wide path after much talk from the Mayor and Council, there was concern that it might not be wide enough to handle bikes in our parks and maybe some increased activity, a four foot wide path is really not that wide for two way traffic. So the Engineer went out and got prices for us in widening that to a seven foot wide path, we asked Mr. Excavator who is the contractor for the parking lot at the Senior Center and has the contract to do the path and he gave us a bid of \$38,538.50, we also obtained a quote from A&J Cement which was a total of \$61,000.00. So after council had some discussion on it, we all agreed that now is the time to do it if we're going to make this change. So council recommends that we authorize a change order to Mr. Excavator for \$38,538.50 to extend the width of the path and also change some of the specifications on the asphalt and handle this as a change order."

Moved by Mr. Margalis, seconded by Ms. Luther that council authorize the change order with Mr. Excavator for an increase of \$38,538.50 per the specifications of CT Consultants letter for widening of the walking path at Jindra Park.

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Margalis reminded everyone that this coming Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a Finance Committee meeting to discuss various items in committee.

THERE WERE NO COMMISSION REPORTS

THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS

THERE WAS NO NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-39 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 517 GAMBLING OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, BY ADDING SECTION 517.16 GAME OF CHANCE PERMIT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Read by title. SECOND READING.

Ordinance No. 2008-39 placed on SECOND reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-43 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER 1118 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO, ENTITLED ILLICIT DISCHARGE AND ILLEGAL CONNECTION CONTROL. Read by title. SECOND READING.

Ordinance No. 2008-43 placed on second reading.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Margalis reminded council that the next regular scheduled council meeting will be held next Monday, June 9th at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Luther seconded by Mr. Krych that the council meeting of May 19, 2008 be adjourned.

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

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Council Clerk

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Council President and  
Presiding Officer