



A regular meeting of Wickliffe City Council was called to order by Council President Ed Levon on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at Wickliffe City Hall.

The following were present at **Roll Call**:

Council President	Edward Levon
Council Members	Gerhardstein, Koski, Salotto, Thielman
Mayor	Joseph Sakacs
Law Director	Jeremy D. Iosue
Finance Director	Chlondra Hunter
Engineer	Peter J. Formica
Service Director	Ron Strauser
Building Commissioner	Raymond Sack
Recreation Director	Timothy Stopp
Police Chief	Jonathon Bush
Fire Chief	Christopher Grossman

Excused: Councilpersons Bala & Jaworski

Approval of Minutes

Council President Levon tabled the approval of the minutes of the Wickliffe City Council Tax Budget Hearing of June 24, 2024 and the approval of the minutes of the Wickliffe City Council Tax Budget Hearing of June 24, 2024 to the September 23rd, 2024 meeting due to Councilpersons Bala and Jaworski being excused.

Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Thielman, to allow Councilperson Salotto to abstain from voting on the minutes of the Wickliffe City Council Special Meeting of July 8, 2024.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Yes: Gerhardstein, Koski, Levon, Salotto, Thielman

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Thielman, that the minutes of the Wickliffe City Council Special Meeting of July 8, 2024 be approved as presented.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Yes: Gerhardstein, Koski, Levon, Thielman

Abstain: Salotto

No: None

Motion carried. **July 8, 2024 Special Council meeting minutes approved.**

Reports and Communications from Mayor/Safety Director

Mayor Sakacs read his written report.

Councilperson Gerhardstein noted that the question regarding use of the City car was brought to his attention again. He is doing his job by following up on a call from a resident concerned that the Mayor took the City car to Columbus for his daughter's college orientation. The Mayor noted he was alone in the car. His wife was supposed to go to the "one parent mandatory" meeting, but had no vacation days remaining after their trip to Denver. The Mayor noted he changed his meetings to phone meetings and took them in the car on the way there. He noted he also checked out one of the Sunset Development locations on the trip. He noted that maybe Council could tell concerned residents the positive aspects, such as he saves the City \$50,000 per year handling Economic Development for the City. He noted he left the orientation at some point to deal with something to do with the Old McDonald's. He noted all other Mayors had used the City vehicle for their second job, but he does not – he uses his wife's ten year old vehicle for his DJ job. He noted he's had the City car for about eighteen months and it has approximately 16,000 miles on it. He noted he is not taking advantage of any policy. There was no policy regarding this, but he did put into place a memo on May 1st that the Law Director

was included on regarding who is permitted to “take home” a car. We are working to update City policies and this will be more clear. Mr. Gerhardstein noted the issue of using the City car for personal use came up with the past administration. He noted the Mayor should understand as he was a Councilman and that when the questions come up, they need to be dealt with. Mayor noted he gave his explanation and he “gets it”.

Councilperson Salotto noted this is a company vehicle and he is conducting company business. She noted they Mayor goes “over and above” as a part time Mayor. She does not see a problem with him using the City car that day as he was doing City business as well. She is saddened by the fact that we have a Mayor who does a lot more and that this is what people are worried about. She noted she has a company car, and personal use is built into that. She noted we need to clearly define in policy what the car can be used for. She noted that driving down the street making videos while driving is different, but he wasn’t breaking laws or doing anything detrimental.

Mayor Sakacs noted he spoke to the other Mayors and once a year he is allowed to take it to Washington, DC for a mayor’s convention, though he opts not to do this. He understands he is the Mayor and this is a position with public scrutiny, but hates that there is always negative and wishes there was more positive.

Councilperson Thielman wondered if he missed getting a copy of the policy revision. Council President Levon asked if it had been finalized yet. Law Director Iosue noted the actual policy (regarding use of the car) was a memo from Mayor Sakacs. He also noted that a draft of all the policies is currently being put together. Councilperson Salotto asked if there was anything currently that denoted the Mayor’s use of the car, and Law Director Iosue confirmed there is not.

Council President Levon noted the Mayor’s explanation makes sense, but residents and Council did not know this. He does not think there is anger or negativity, but issues raised by residents need to be addressed. The Mayor noted he understands, he just wants people to understand he is trying to save the City money.

Reports and Communications from Director of Law

Law Director Iosue had nothing to report.

Councilperson Gerhardstein asked if it states anywhere in the City Ordinance book that the administration can change what is in the book as it sees fit whenever it wants to; can it deviate from what is in the book? Law Director Iosue noted there is some discretion built into all ordinances and policies. Mr. Iosue noted there are certain times when discretion is allowed. Mr. Gerhardstein noted this is not about the car. He noted [the Mayor] understands this is part of the job. Mr. Gerhardstein is referring to other regulations, like dye tests, etc. Mr. Iosue noted the Building Commissioner does have some discretion in some areas, if there is a rational explanation. He believes it is better to go by the “letter of the law” in most cases, but there is some built-in discretion for Directors if the situation warrants it. It cannot be just because someone feels like it but rather there must be an explanation.

Reports and Communications from Council President

Council President Levon had no report.

Additions or Amendments to Agenda

Council President Levon added Adult Use Cannabis Dispensaries to New Business as Item A.

Administrators

A. *Police Chief (Bush) Written Report Submitted*

Chief Bush had nothing to add to his written report.

There were no questions or comments for the Police Chief.

B. *Fire Chief (Grossman) Written Report Submitted*

Chief Grossman noted the Mayor touched on the August 6th storm. He noted Service and Safety forces were being called back in and once the storm had passed, they were out in the Community assessing. He noted the Fire Department had over one hundred fifty calls in the first twelve hours. This is not reflected in the numbers, as the State considers the storm as a singular incident, and all gets documented to that incident. The Chief noted this is becoming more frequent, and residents should consider having a plan for emergencies. He noted that in this case it was, in some cases, five days and plans were stretched to the limit. Every generator that the City owns was put to use and had to be “rotated” when the need became

more than what we could accommodate. There were also calls for fires, etc., but there were no injuries directly related to the storm. He noted it was a great team effort and he was very proud of how all worked together to get through it.

There were no questions or comments for the Fire Chief.

C. *Finance Director (Hunter) Written Report Submitted*

Finance Director Hunter reported August is now closed and the General Fund carryover balance is approximately \$8,000,000.00.

There were no questions or comments for the Finance Director.

D. *Engineer (Formica) Written Report Submitted*

Engineer Formica reported bids were opened last Friday for the Empire Road/Kerry Lane Sanitary Sewer Lining project. This project will use the remaining ARPA funds that must be designated by the end of the year. We received a favorable bid, however the tabulation is not complete, but it and the legislation will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Council President Levon asked, regarding the 2024 Pavement Improvement Program Contract B, if there are any updates to the timeline. Mr. Formica noted TC Construction is wrapping up one project, then they will be here to begin. They will do as much as possible before wrapping up for winter. He will have a date for the next meeting.

Mr. Levon also inquired regarding the Cabin/Clark/Johnson sidewalk proposal. He noted the legislation is on the agenda tonight regarding approval to make application. He asked about the bus shelters that are a part of the proposal, wondering if there are enough bus riders to warrant shelters on both sides of Ridge Road at that location. Mr. Formica noted this is part of the proposal, as it adds to the total points for the project. He conveyed that if Laketrans does not believe they need a shelter at this site, they will not put one there. It is an offer, and they will decide if it is necessary. Mr. Levon's concern was regarding the additional cost if there is not a need. It was noted this will be up to Laketrans, and there is currently a stop there. They could choose to put a bench instead, which is "less points" with regard to the application. Councilperson Salotto asked who would be responsible for the cost of the shelter if one is suggested. Mr. Formica noted it is all part of the estimate/proposal. He noted the request is for 70% funding from Laketrans for the cost of the project. The cost of the shelters is \$50,000.00 for both (not \$50,000.00 each), and it is "helpful" if this is included as a possibility.

Councilperson Gerhardstein inquired regarding the "tire tracks" on the new pavement on East 296th Street. Since this was discussed before the bid went out, he wondered if there is any effort to remove this from the pavement. Service Director Strauser noted all the sanding was completed and one resident refused to follow the direction of the person directing traffic, causing the unsightly tire marks. The construction company was contacted that day. A special soap has been ordered, but there is no guarantee that this will be successful. He noted they were unhappy, as this was unfortunate. Mr. Gerhardstein noted the next step may prove equally difficult. Mr. Formica noted they may use barricades, and Mr. Strauser noted they will be putting a fabric over the top which should also help prevent tracking problems. Councilperson Gerhardstein inquired regarding cracks and a few intersections holding water, asking how this will be addressed. Mr. Formica noted these are part of the punch list of items that still need to be addressed. Mr. Gerhardstein asked if they will be ripping these out. Mr. Formica noted the hairline cracks are not a concern – they have a product that will be used to fill the cracks. He added that there is also a two-year maintenance portion of the contract, and if anything is problematic, they will require the company to come back to make any necessary repairs.

There were no additional questions or comments for the Engineer.

E. *Service Director (Strauser) Written Report Submitted*

Service Director Strauser referenced the legislation to Amend OR 2024-43. After further investigation, it was noted that the project did not meet all the necessary criteria for it to be an ARPA funded project, therefore the legislation needed to be amended to reflect the change in funding, from APRA to our Sewer Repair Fund. Council President Levon asked for confirmation that the Empire/Kerry project does meet the correct specifications to be funded by ARPA. Service Director Strauser noted it does. We received a better rate on Palisades since the contractor was already here on Drenik. When it was realized that this did not meet the number of bids required by ARPA, we decided to take the amount for this project, which had been planned for two years and the funds were already in the budget for it, from our Sewer Fund.

There were no further questions or comments for the Service Director.

F. *Building Commissioner (Sack) Written Report Submitted*

Building Commissioner Sack reported there have been a lot of permits and a new house going in on Cabin, and finishing up the one going in on Bishop.

Council President Levon noted that the Building Department is now including the income generated from the [Entertainment Device] Arcades, and he is appreciative this has been added. It was noted the payments are made at the end of each month. Mr. Levon noticed the income reported has not been consistent and wondered if this is in regard to the addition or removal of machines. Mr. Sack noted it should all be the same; he goes in and counts the machines. It was suggested the difference could have to do with when the month ends or how many weeks in a month.

Councilperson Gerhardstein inquired regarding the house on Robert Street. H noted the last time they spoke was August 12th, and wondered if there was any update since then. Mr. Sack noted he did not go there today, but he has a call in to the homeowners and contractor to removed the dumpster. The homeowner is in the process of repairing the garage.

Councilperson Gerhardstein also inquired regarding the status of the Mix and Match store that is located on Euclid Avenue. Mr. Sack noted he goes past it every day, but has not been in there yet because they have not been open. He and Mr. Capra are both keeping an eye out for the opportunity to speak with the owner.

Councilperson Gerhardstein inquired regarding the status of the house on Euclid Avenue in front of JAB Supply. Mr. Sack noted the dye test and sidewalks have been completed and a new roof was installed. Demo and plumbing permits have been attained. Mr. Gerhardstein inquired regarding the open back of the building. Mr. Sack noted he was unsure if this has been secured as he has not been to the property recently; he will go there tomorrow and let Mr. Gerhardstein know. Mayor Sakacs noted he spoke with Jeremy to be sure all the permits with regard to sewers and everything being done there were correct. He hasn't seen the back, but the front looks a lot better. He feels everything is up to date, and if not, there will be a discussion. He noted everything is completed, and Mr. Sack noted everything is done. The Mayor noted in approximately a week they will meet to make sure everything was done correctly. Mr. Gerhardstein noted that is the issue he has been questioning, noting the dye test was performed approximately thirteen months following the transfer of the property. This occurred only after numerous email inquiring about this, since it is required that a dye test be performed prior to property transferring. He also noted numerous permits (demo, plumbing, etc.) were issued without an occupancy permit being issued, as required by City code. The Mayor noted the biggest thing was an item he discussed at length with the Service Director regarding a hold up due to the City. Mr. Strauser explained that the house was hooked to a septic system. City ordinance now requires hook up to the City sewers. The City has taken the responsibility to provide the connection and a connection was located, but it was unable to determine (back in May) how far the connection went. He asked Performance Pipelining to perform a lateral launch to determine the location of the connection. It was located, and it has been hooked into. Mr. Gerhardstein noted that the ordinance states that money is held in escrow for a thirty or sixty day time period, and if the work is not complete, the City is to hire a contractor to complete the work and use the escrow money to pay for the work. In this case, the time period spans much longer and there are still issues. Mr. Strauser noted he did not disagree, but mentioned that, with regard to the sewer connection, part of the timing issue was on the part of the City. He noted the City could have charged up to \$6,000 for the new connection, but because the connection was already there at the street, we gave them the opportunity to connect without having to pay the fee, which was a portion of the timeline. Mr. Gerhardstein noted no resident would have been permitted to go thirteen months without resolution to the issue. Mr. Sack noted there were other circumstances, noting the gas company was doing main line installation and sidewalk repair. They dug down almost fifteen feet to find the connection and were unable to locate it until camera-ing was completed. Mr. Gerhardstein noted this began long before the gas company started its work this spring. Mayor Sakacs noted he and the Law Director will review all of this and report back. Mr. Sack added there have recently been three or four title transfers without permits, noting this is not uncommon and they have been handled following the issuance of a violation notice. Mr. Gerhardstein noted in the case he is discussing, not one violation notice was issued compelling them to follow the rules. The mayor again stated this will be reviewed and reported back.

There were no further questions or comments for the Building Commissioner.

G. *Recreation Director (Stopp) Written Report Submitted*

Recreation Director commented that this was again a busy summer with lots of activities and the pools. He was happy with what they were able to do, noting the pools are a challenge. He noted they extended hours at Jindra an additional week and then school started, where they switch to shorter hours. They did

the best they could to offer additional time at the Aquatic Center, staying open longer than many of the area pools.

Councilperson Koski mentioned Becky went above and beyond, even “sitting in the chair” at the end of the season. She also related it was quite busy at the end of the season. She mentioned a few adults are willing to take the lifeguarding class next season to be able to extend the season a bit longer. She suggested this class be advertised as open to the public; Mr. Stopp noted it is every year. She also suggested adding this to the Connection.

Councilperson Salotto noted that one pool is very busy with kids and the other is a “different vibe”. She noted it sits on the property of the Senior Center and is used by adults. Her son lifeguarded there this summer, and she noticed it is mostly adults, and many come after work to swim laps. She believes we need to support this. She noted the pool closes ridiculously early which does not allow for evening adult swimming. She suggested looking at the pool usage and tailoring hours to the usage. She noted that the Rec. Staff do an amazing job, but that the hours for Jindra need to be adjusted to the demographic that uses it, especially after work hours. She noted many “swarmed” her with complaints and she hopes adjustments will be made next year.

Mr. Stopp then noted he had a request. The Parks and Recreation Commission will be bringing recommendations to Council soon. One item on the list is the playground feature at Orlando Park. It is in need of repair/replacement and there is \$39,000.00 in the budget for this. They investigated repair, but found that this is extremely expensive. They also investigated replacement. They found a great deal on a new unit. It is \$17,000.00 more than what was in the budget for this, but the total of \$56,000.00 is a thirty percent discount, which is the reason for the request. Council President Levon inquired regarding the timeline on the price. Mr. Stopp noted he was not given a “hard date” and noted that this has been extended a few times already due to Council’s summer recess. Mr. Levon also questioned the lead time with regard to purchase and installation. Mr. Stopp noted it would be approximately six weeks to have it installed once it is purchased. He would need to check, but believes it could be in before winter. He noted it is the same company that the schools used for their playground equipment at the new school facility. Mr. Levon wondered if we would want it in before the winter. Mr. Stopp noted the current structure has been there more than twenty-five years. Mr. Stopp noted he could ask the vendor if the delivery/installation could be held until spring. Mr. Thielman and Ms. Salotto noted they have not problem installing it as soon as possible. Mr. Gerhardstein asked if there was any portion of the \$17,000.00 that Mr. Stopp might have in his budget. He noted he did not have \$17,000.00 worth. Mr. Gerhardstein clarified, asking if there was *any* amount of surplus in the Rec budget that could be used for this. Mr. Strauser noted he had some additional funding (\$4,600.00) in the Parks portion of his budget that is earmarked for fencing at Orlando, but if Council would prefer, he could put that off until next year. Mr. Levon noted in six weeks, the Service Department will be collecting leaves. It was clarified that the cost includes installation, as the structure is more complex than Mr. Strauser felt comfortable installing, and Mr. Levon noted he did not catch that the price included installation. Ms. Salotto noted the discount may be partially to get the sale before winter. Mr. Levon noted his suggestion would be to put it into legislation for the next meeting and investigating where we could find funding for this by combining funds from other lines or increasing the budget by \$17,000.00. Ms. Koski asked if there was a picture of it and what the age range is. Mr. Stopp noted he would send the graphics to Council tomorrow, and the age range is five to twelve years. Ms. Koski also asked about handicap accessibility. Mr. Stopp noted there are options for transfer as well as some accessible activity panels.

Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Thielman, to authorize the Law Director to create legislation to purchase the proposed playground equipment for Orlando Park not to exceed \$56,000.00.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Yes: Gerhardstein, Koski, Levon, Salotto, Thielman

No: None

Motion carried.

There were no additional questions or comments for the Recreation Director.

Audience Participation

Council President Levon opened Audience Participation to those in attendance at 7:50 PM.

He noted this portion of the meeting is intended for the audience to address the Council and Mayor, not the directors. Anyone wishing to address Council should use the microphone as the meetings are being streamed

on YouTube; they must be acknowledged and give their name and address for the clerk's record and will be given a five-minute maximum for their comments.

Michael DiFranco, 2841 Loreto Drive (Willoughby Hills), noted he is the commercial real estate broker who worked on the Roll House/OLA deal. He wanted to compliment the Mayor on his role, predating his inauguration. He noted he deals with many municipalities and Mayors and Mayor Joe has been extremely helpful. He referenced an occasion where OLA was at the property asking about the City. Mr. DiFranco called the Mayor and, within minutes, the Mayor was there in person, which made the transaction so much easier/ played a vital role in the transaction. He thanked the Mayor and wished the City the best.

Jonathan Berns, 28809 Nottingham Lane (Hunting Valley), wished to add to Mr. DiFranco's comments. He stated he has been in the development business for over 35 years and has worked in many cities. He also knows Mayors, noting his brother is the Mayor of Beachwood. In this transaction there were three different property owners involved (the Ford Dealership, the McDonald's Property, and the Roll House) all with different goals. The Mayor helped to get all to align. There were some issues with regard to signage, which the mayor was instrumental in working out. He noted this was amazing, as all will be beneficial to the City. He noted he cannot wait to come back to do another deal here. He also wanted to comment with regard to the Mayor's position being part time, a fact he learned at the beginning of the meeting. He never knew this previously as his conversations with him were always at differing times of day. He noted the Mayor's openness was a pleasure, as he offered alternatives when he was not pleased with the suggestions. Mr. Berns noted they waited two years to complete this transaction and are happy that this is good for both them and the City. He thanked the City and also the first responders, noting we would not be able to enjoy our freedoms without them.

Mr. DiFranco presented the Mayor with a bowling pin trophy which they had made specially for him as a thank you for all his help.

After multiple calls inquiring if anyone would like to address Wickliffe City Council and there being no reply, Council President Levon closed Audience Participation at 7:55PM.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports.

Commission Reports

Councilperson Gerhardstein presented minutes from the August 13th, 2024 Cemetery Board meeting. *Written report submitted*

Councilperson Gerhardstein presented minutes from the August 22nd, 2024 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting. *Written report submitted*

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

A. Adult Use Cannabis Dispensaries

Council President Levon noted he added this since many cities in the area had opted out of this. Wickliffe Council was not apprised of this option, so he wished for Council to have the opportunity to discuss this. He has worked with the Law Director to arrange a meeting where the Botanist will be coming to present to Council at a Committee of the Whole meeting this coming Monday. He added Adult Use Cannabis Dispensaries into the Committee of the Whole and called for a meeting of the Committee for Monday, September 16th at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers for a discussion.

Councilperson Gerhardstein noted the discussion over the summer indicated the Botanist currently has a conditional use permit for the sale of Medical marijuana at their facility. He noted he sent an email inquiring if the Botanist has reapplied to the Planning Commission for the change in their permit to include the Adult Use (Recreational) in addition to the Medical permit they already have.

Law Director Iosue noted they have not, and they may not have to do so; that is the reason for the discussion. The City still has an option to deny the recreational use. Mr. Gerhardstein asked if they are currently selling to recreational use customers. Mr. Iosue noted they are, and by current state law, they are allowed to do so. The City can still decide to prohibit this, and that will be the topic of discussion at the meeting next week so Council can make an informed decision about that they would like to do, noting this could eventually go to the ballot for just the City of Wickliffe. He will also explain at the meeting the process and how this all works. He noted the Botanist will offer a presentation as well. He noted there is another company interested in Recreational sales (who will not be at the meeting).

Mayor Sakacs noted he has a lot of good information on the tax end of it so that can be part of the discussion. He noted there is a company with a license waiting to see what we will do. He mentioned the lawyer has spoken with Mr. Iosue. Mr. Iosue noted that will also be part of Monday's discussion.

Councilperson Salotto noted she is out of town on business next Monday, but was curious regarding the tax situation. Mayor Sakacs mentioned a conversation he had with Mr. Hilliard of Painesville Township. Mayor Sakacs related the host community of recreational sales receives a portion of the tax. He asked Finance Director Hunter to explain. She noted there is a ten percent excise tax, of which the City would receive thirty six percent the ten percent excise tax. Mayor Sakacs mentioned he did the math and the estimates are within what we are able to do/what we would generate.

Councilperson Salotto apologized for doing this outside the committee meeting, but asked if we have needed additional police, as recreational use marijuana is now for sale at the Botanist. Police Chief Bush noted they hired extra security for their opening day, but he believes that was the day of the storm, so that was all that was needed. He noted there has only been one call to the location since recreational use sales began. Mr. Levon asked for clarification regarding since the Botanist had opened, or since they began recreational sales, and Chief Bush noted it was since recreational sales began. He stated there have been occasional calls there, but they do a good job of screening, etc. It was mentioned it was very safe and thorough.

Councilperson Thielman asked about the opportunity for additional taxes. Mr. Iosue noted there is the excise tax and the possibility of an additional local tax as well. He will have more on this at Monday's meeting.

Councilperson Salotto noted it is a safe place as opposed to the craziness that is going on.

Council President Levon noted the purpose is to allow the Botanist to present to Council regarding their business: what is the structure, how safe it is, as well as the ability to ask questions of them and also about taxes. He also mentioned Council could discuss the number of facilities we might allow.

Councilperson Gerhardstein asked Chief Bush for his position on the sale of recreational marijuana in the City in case he is not at Monday's meeting. Police Chief Bush stated he is "dead set against it".

Mayor Sakacs commented alcohol was also previously illegal and now it is legal and it is up and down the street. He noted he has known way more families that have been ruined by alcohol and yet you can buy it in almost every store in this City. He also mentioned gambling is legal. All types are in the City and that you don't know what you are buying off the street. He mentioned a conversation he had with the Police Chief, noting that the chief does not like it when people make money off other's addictions. He stated that the police make money off people's alcohol addiction. Ms. Salotto added this is also the case with cigarette addictions. Chief Bush commented that he does not see preying on people's addictions and using the tax crutch as the excuse for it. Ms. Salotto noted she looks at it as finding a safer place for those who wish to buy it, as those who want it are going to buy it and she sees the problems associated with buying it on the street. Chief Bush noted that makes sense to him, but he questioned why we do not make other drugs such as fentanyl and heroine legal. Mr. Levon interrupted and noted these things and others can be discussed at the committee meeting next week.

Ordinances

OR2024-43 AMENDED *By Title Only* An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio to enter into a contract with Performance Pipelining, Inc. for the Palisades Parkway Sanitary Sewer Lining project; and declaring an emergency

Motion by Thielman, seconded by Salotto, the rules of Wickliffe City Council be suspended and Ordinance 2024-43 AMENDED be placed on third and final reading.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Yes: Gerhardstein, Koski, Levon, Salotto, Thielman

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Thielman, seconded by Salotto, that Ordinance 2024-43 AMENDED be adopted as presented.

Discussion: Councilperson Gerhardstein asked for clarification that the only change to this ordinance is that the funding is being taken from the sewer fund and not the American Rescue Plan Fund.

Roll Call:

Yes: Gerhardstein, Koski, Levon, Salotto, Thielman

No: None

Motion carried. **Ordinance 2024-43 AMENDED adopted.**

OR2024-45 *By Title Only* An ordinance levying special assessments for the improvement of streets within the City of Wickliffe, Ohio by supplying said streets with electric street lighting; and declaring an emergency

Motion by Salotto, seconded by Gerhardstein, the rules of Wickliffe City Council be suspended and Ordinance 2024-45 be placed on third and final reading.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Yes: Gerhardstein, Koski, Levon, Salotto, Thielman

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Thielman, seconded by Salotto, that Ordinance 2024-45 be adopted as presented.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Yes: Gerhardstein, Koski, Levon, Salotto, Thielman

No: None

Motion carried. **Ordinance 2024-45 adopted.**

OR2024-46 *By Title Only* An ordinance providing appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio for the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024; and declaring an emergency

Motion by Salotto, seconded by Gerhardstein, the rules of Wickliffe City Council be suspended and Ordinance 2024-46 be placed on third and final reading.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Yes: Gerhardstein, Koski, Levon, Salotto, Thielman

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Salotto, seconded by Gerhardstein, that Ordinance 2024-46 be adopted as presented.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Yes: Gerhardstein, Koski, Levon, Salotto, Thielman

No: None

Motion carried. **Ordinance 2024-46 adopted.**

Resolutions

RES2024-10 *By Title Only* A resolution establishing the Wickliffe Commercial Renovation Reimbursement Grant Program for 2024; and declaring an emergency

Motion by Thielman, seconded by Gerhardstein, the rules of Wickliffe City Council be suspended and Resolution 2024-10 be placed on third and final reading.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Yes: Gerhardstein, Koski, Levon, Salotto, Thielman

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Thielman, that Resolution 2024-10 be adopted as presented.

Discussion: Councilperson Thielman asked why this legislation has taken so long. The Mayor was noted it is just late this year.

Roll Call:

Yes: Gerhardstein, Koski, Levon, Salotto, Thielman

No: None

Motion carried. **Resolution 2024-10 adopted.**

RES2024-11 *By Title Only* A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor; and declaring an emergency

Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Salotto, the rules of Wickliffe City Council be suspended and Resolution 2024-11 be placed on third and final reading.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Yes: Gerhardstein, Koski, Levon, Salotto, Thielman

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Thielman, that Resolution 2024-11 be adopted as presented.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Yes: Gerhardstein, Koski, Levon, Salotto, Thielman

No: None

Motion carried. **Resolution 2024-11 adopted.**

RES2024-12 *By Title Only* A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio to submit an application to Laketran for funding through the Transit Accessibility Grant program; and declaring an emergency

Motion by Thielman, seconded by Salotto, the rules of Wickliffe City Council be suspended and Resolution 2024-12 be placed on third and final reading.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Yes: Gerhardstein, Koski, Levon, Salotto, Thielman

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Salotto, seconded by Koski, that Resolution 2024-12 be adopted as presented.

Discussion: Council President Levon asked Mr. Formica and Mr. Strauser regarding refusal of the grant if we get it but decide it will cost too much money. He wanted to be sure we can decide to not to do it if Council should decide the City share of \$80,000.00 is too excessive. Mr. Formica noted he believes that it could be turned down, and noted the amount is only for the interior loop of the area and the bus shelters.

Roll Call:

Yes: Koski, Levon, Salotto, Thielman

No: Gerhardstein

Motion failed. **Resolution 2024-12 failed.**

Other Legislation

There was no Other Legislation.

Miscellaneous

There was no Miscellaneous Business.

Adjournment

Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Thielman, to adjourn the meeting to executive session following a five minute break to discuss pending or imminent court action (per ORC 121.22 G3) then to discuss preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment (per ORC 121.22 G4).

Roll Call:

Yes: Gerhardstein, Jaworski, Koski, Levon, Salotto, Thielman

No: None

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:14 PM.

Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Koski, to reconvene the meeting from Executive Session.

Roll Call:

Yes: Gerhardstein, Koski, Levon, Salotto, Thielman

No: None

Motion carried. Meeting reconvened at 8:36 PM.


Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Koski, to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call:

Yes: Gerhardstein, Koski, Levon, Salotto, Thielman

No: None

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.


Clerk of Council
Council President and Presiding Officer