



Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a regular meeting of Wickliffe City Council was called to order by Council President Ed Levon on Monday, March 10th, 2025 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at Wickliffe City Hall.

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

Council President	Edward Levon
Council Members	Bala, Gerhardstein, Jaworski, Koski, Salotto, Thielman
Mayor	Joseph Sakacs
Law Director	Jeremy D. Iosue
Finance Director	Chlondra Hunter
Engineer	Peter J. Formica
Service Director	Dave Krofcheck
Police Chief	Jonathon Bush
Fire Chief	Christopher Grossman

Excused: Recreation Director Timothy Stopp, Building Commissioner Raymond Sack

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Thielman, to allow Council President Levon to abstain from voting on the minutes of the Wickliffe City Council Meeting of February 24, 2025.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Salotto, that the minutes of the Wickliffe City Council Meeting of February 24, 2025 be approved as presented.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

Abstain: Levon

No: None

Motion carried. **February 24, 2025 meeting minutes approved.**

Reports and Communications from Mayor/Safety Director

Mayor Sakacs read his written report.

Councilperson Jaworski asked if the Mayor was referring to the warehouse/building in the back when he mentioned the three-story building. The Mayor noted that yes, he was talking about the back/lower building on Worden. There is a significant amount to office space there that is not needed.

Councilperson Salotto thought it was odd that there was a possibility of removing two floors from an existing building.

Reports and Communications from Director of Law

Law Director Iosue had no report.

Reports and Communications from Council President

Council President Levon had no report.

Additions or Amendments to Agenda

Councilperson Thielman asked to add OR2025-04 to Old Business. Council President Levon added this topic to Old Business.

Administrators

A. Police Chief (Bush)

Chief Bush noted they have been fortunate to hire one candidate from the recent testing. Brian Krimpa is set to be sworn in at the next meeting. He is a graduate of the Tri-C Police Academy. He will begin his employment on March 25th. The officer who is being called to active duty in the military will be heading to Kuwait for the remainder of the year.

There were no questions or comments for the Police Chief.

B. Fire Chief (Grossman) Written Report Submitted

Chief Grossman had nothing to add to his written report.

Councilperson Jaworski inquired regarding the recent fires at Green Vision. Chief Grossman noted they believe the second fire was a rekindle of the first fire. He noted the process is burying the fire with water then processing the materials. The company was quick to have personnel there to process the materials, so they are hoping there will not be any more fires there.

There were no additional questions or comments for the Fire Chief.

C. Finance Director (Hunter) Written Report Submitted

Finance Director Hunter noted February is closed and the General Fund Carry-Over Balance is approximately \$6.6 Million; the reason for the decrease is the payment of the Net Profit Tax Refund. She noted the 2025 annual budget has been revised to include funds for the Old School Landing Project. The effect to the budget is zero dollars.

There were no questions or comments for the Finance Director.

D. Engineer (Formica) Written Report Submitted

Engineer Formica wished to add to his written report that the dredging portion of the Green Ridge Golf Course project is complete. The material has been removed from the pond and the contractor is working to restore the cart path so play can resume on the course this summer. They will come back this summer once the material has solidified to move it. There is also some grading that needs to be completed around the perimeter of the pond.

Councilperson Bala asked if the contractor will take care of the ruts in the parking lot. Mr. Formica noted that it will either be completed in-house, or if necessary the contractor will return. He remarked that the parking lot was not in the greatest shape before the project began.

Councilperson Koski asked if the bank of the pond had been reinforced. Mr. Formica noted that was not in the scope of this project, rather it was tapered, and they will be returning to complete this. She asked when the pond will be refilled. Mr. Formica noted once the valve is shut it will only take a few days for it to fill.

Councilperson Gerhardstein asked how much time would be needed for approval of the engineering costs following the passage of the budget at the next meeting. Mr. Formica noted this is mentioned in his written report. He stated that this could occur following the passage of the budget, at the end of the next meeting. He will then be able to get his crew out to do the surveying for the Euclid Avenue project.

Councilperson Thielman mentioned a memo for Congressman Joyce's office regarding direct spending and community project funding, noting we have been successful regarding Rt. 84 and Euclid Avenue. He asked if there are any plans for additional requests. Mr. Formica was considering requesting funds to cover the cost of maintenance fees for SR 2, but he discovered that is not a possibility. Mr. Thielman mentioned Mr. Formica's success rate, and Mr. Formica noted they are working to determine what they will request, stating any suggestions are appreciated.

There were no further questions or comments for the Engineer.

E. Service Director (Krofcheck) Written Report Submitted

Service Director Krofcheck noted he had nothing to add to his written report.

Councilperson Gerhardstein noticed the county had a company out repairing guardrails on SR 2 in Painesville and wondered if he knew when they would be here to repair the guardrail on the ramp near Lubrizol. Mr. Kroccheck noted there are also fences that need to be repaired as well. He will attempt to get a hold of the new person who is responsible for coordinating these projects to find out when this will occur. Mayor Sakacs noted he also will be calling to inquire about this and the trash that has accumulated under the Lloyd Road entrance/exit ramp at SR 2.

Councilperson Gerhardstein stated he understands that road repair cannot occur over the winter months, but he wanted to be sure that the Lake County Water Department will be out this spring to take care of the repairs that were not completed last year and over the winter. Mr. Kroccheck noted he has a good relationship with a person there, so he will call to follow up on this. Council President Levon noted the asphalt plants won't be open until April. Mr. Kroccheck noted it will be April 1st. Mr. Gerhardstein wanted to be sure the repairs from last year, including a few on Talmadge, are repaired. Mr. Kroccheck noted he has instructed Mr. Stergar to be sure that he has marked every one so that they can be repaired.

Councilperson Salotto noted she lives south on Rockefeller and she has received many calls regarding Kimble. Her garbage pick up day is Monday and she noted that every Monday after Kimble picks up the rubbish, she and many of her neighbors are in their yards removing all the debris that has escaped the cans and the truck and is blowing around the neighborhood. She wondered if this was just in her area, and Mr. Kroccheck noted it is all over the city. She asked if it would be possible to have a discussion about this, as residents are paying for a "tidy pick-up" and it's a big mess. Mr. Kroccheck noted he gets many call on this. Ms. Salotto noted she believes it has changed – noting it has become worse. Mr. Kroccheck noted the response is often that there are good and bad drivers. He noted the Service Department has been out picking up trash.

Councilperson Jaworski noted that years ago, Lake County Water had more holes that needed repair than they were able to fix, so there was an agreement where the City repaired the holes and the water department reimbursed the City. He suggested this could be suggested again, and possibly integrated into the road program to get things done. Mr. Kroccheck noted he will look into this suggestion.

Mayor Sakacs noted if he is made aware of the streets where the garbage is a problem, he will call the operations manager [at Kimble] to give him a list of streets. He noted he tries to drive around noting problem areas, but the north end has not been that bad recently. Ms. Salotto noted Rockefeller is a mess.

Councilperson Bala noted that with the break in the weather, he was wondering if there are preparations beginning for the baseball fields. Mr. Kroccheck noted they will begin some field prep tomorrow, as the high school teams are looking to practice/scrimmage on Coulby 1 & 2. He also mentioned the schools will not be permitted to use their fields until 2026, so they will be playing at the City parks again this year.

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

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

There were no questions or comments for the Building Commissioner.

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

There were no questions or comments for the Recreation Director.

Audience Participation

Council President Levon opened Audience Participation to those in attendance at 7:17 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 must 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.

Yisroel M. Goldberg, 28604 Yeshiva Lane, noted he attended Planning Commission regarding the rezoning of 2688 Bishop Road from Institutional to R1-75. He is working through the process of the rezoning, and was inquiring regarding the next step. Council President Levon noted he will be calling for a Public Hearing on this later in the meeting. After that, an ordinance will be created and read at three meetings. He will call for the Public Hearing on April 9th, which is the earliest it can be. If Council is in favor of the rezoning, then legislation will be read at three meetings following the public hearing. This timeframe is noted in Chapter 1341. After the hearing

and three readings, it should be complete by the end of May. Mr. Goldberg asked if there was the possibility of a special meeting. Mr. Levon noted that Chapter 1341 denotes specific timeframes, including 14 days between the three readings of the legislation, so special meetings are not permitted.

Dan Thomier, 29232 Ridge Road, the President of the Wickliffe School Board, who noted he is here to inform all regarding the 7.2 operating levy which will be on the ballot (Issue 6) on Tuesday, May 6th. He introduced the other levy committee members here with him: Vice President Katie Ball, Josh Jadens, and Matt Borovic. His purpose is to inform and provide information to Council and the audience. He noted often the community will come to the Council about School Board issues and to the School Board about City issues. He hopes Council will support the levy, and the information he will provide will help if council members are asked questions about the levy. He provided background information, noting the district last asked for and passed an operating levy (not a bond issue and not a capital improvement levy) in 2015 (ten years ago). It was estimated to last four or five years, but it has lasted ten years. School districts are highly dependent on property taxes. State funding average is thirty eight percent (38%), Wickliffe receives twenty-eight percent (28%) – a lag of ten percent (10%) in comparison to other Ohio districts. The state considers Wickliffe a “wealthy” district, as the formula is the total property values divided by the number of students. Since our property values are higher and the number of students is relatively small, it is a high number. Although we have a lot of nice homes and nice people, he does not believe we would call ourselves a wealthy school district. The Governor, Senate, and House will be working on the bi-annual budget over the next several months. Present information appears to decrease funding to public schools. Mr. Thomier also mentioned House Bill 920, which he noted was passed decades ago. This legislation does not allow for adjustment of inflation on any levies which are still on the docket. He noted this means that the 2015 levy which was 7.9 mils is drawing in 4.8 mils of funds. He noted the district has worked to reduce costs over the past several years. They have reduced staffing and outsourced departments, resulting in over \$500,00.00 a year in savings. The 7.2 mil levy will read \$252 per year for a \$100,000.00 home, which is estimated to be \$21.00 per month. The average Wickliffe home cost is \$180,000.00, so it would likely cost the average homeowner over \$35.00 per month. The actual tax is based on thirty-five percent (35%) of the appraised value of a home. It is not based on the full appraisal value of a home; a \$100,000.00 home is actually only taxed on \$35,000.00. The total millage was chosen to allow the district to simply maintain the current educational programs; they have no intention of asking for more money for bigger and better things, rather they want to educate our children and allow them to have the programs they have currently – status quo. He noted that inflation has caused expenses to outweigh revenues. He noted for seniors age 65 or over, the Homestead Exemption may be available. These residents can contact the Lake County Auditor’s office to possibly obtain relief from home taxes. He also noted there seems to be a lot of mis-information circulating online on social media, which is one of the reasons he is here tonight. The bond issue which was passed in 2019 was strictly used to build the new campus. None of that money cannot be used for operating. He also noted there isn’t any left to do so. He stated that State law requires a balanced budget, and based on the current five year projection, and without the levy passage, the district will incur severe issues at the end of the 2026-2027 school year (ending June 30, 2027). He asked Council, as co-leaders of this community, and audience members (present and online) to please learn more of the facts of the levy in order to make an informed decision. He suggested visiting the levy website or contact Board Members or levy committee members, the Superintendent, or the Treasurer to gain more facts. The materials that will be distributed tonight are not yet on the website. They will be updating their FAQs. The website is supportwickliffeschools.com. They are looking for volunteers to pass out literature, those who can make contributions (to cover the cost of literature, signs, etcetera), and most importantly, asking all to review the information and vote for the passage of the levy. He believes it is critical for our community, and if it fails and continues to fail, all the progress that has been made (new school campus, new homes on the old school property, new progress at the old Marino’s and at Premier) will be lost. He noted we are looking to attract new young families to our community. If we don’t have good schools and are failing levies, it will hurt the city. Katie will distribute a packet of “now” information to Mayor and Council including a FAQ sheet; a Board letter to parents, staff, and community; and a letter from co-chair Josh to the community. He noted now Council and Mayor will have some information if the community should ask regarding the levy. He asked all to seriously consider voting for the levy. He noted there is a lot of “mis-information” on social media, which is why they came tonight

– to provide facts. He mentioned the website again for information and noted the literature is available to any who would like it. He thanked all for their time.

Neil Harrison, 29948 Regent Road, who noted he was here to let all know a group will be meeting this Thursday evening at 6pm at the Willowick library regarding the levy. He asked that if any have questions, they encourage them to attend the meeting. He then repeated that the meeting will be held at 6pm on Thursday, but then said it would be at the Wickliffe Library meeting room. He is the father of young children and has questions including why it is being held on a May election and why we are voting before we know we have a deficit. He noted he hopes all will share the info of this meeting as they share the info for the schools to accommodate for differing opinions.

Councilperson Thielman asked if the feeling for this new levy would be similar to the previous (2015) levy which was supposed to cover five years and lasted ten. He also asked if there are levies that will go off or if all our levies are permanent.

Josh Jadens, 822 Worden Road, noted any levy that gets put on the ballot is continuing –it is forever. He noted they do not adjust for inflation, so the 7.9 mil levy put on in 2015 for \$2.1 million, still only bring in \$2.1 million – it does not adjust over time. Mr. Thielman wanted to be able to respond, if told “they will be coming back every year”, that this would be good for five to ten years. Mr. Thomier noted it is ironic, but the schools are required to have a rolling five year plan. He noted it is difficult, as their five year rolling plan does not always line up with the state's budget which is passed every two years. Currently, the budget passed this year will allow them to calculate for the next two years what the revenue stream will be. Next year, they will only have an idea of the income for one year of the five they are required to plan for. He noted he cannot promise how long it will last, thought they are hoping for five to seven years, but conservatively they are thinking five years. If state or federal funding is cut, we have no way to know how to address their budget. As for why they are asking for it now, due to projected deficits. If they wait until 2027, it will be too late due to the lag in the payment of property taxes. This is also a reason for doing it in May versus November – to get ahead of it.

Mr. Jaworski asked if Mr. Thomier has a rough guess as to how much money the state has taken away from the schools in the last decade or so. Mr. Thomier noted the Tangible Personal Property Tax was removed causing the need for the 2015 levy. He noted that \$2.1 million levy was to make up for the missing TPP tax. This was phased out over a few years. What they are facing now is that the Board does not want to tax anyone, and every home has incurred inflation badly, but the revenues have no adjustment for inflation. Expenses in the five year forecast have caused deficit spending. When a levy is first passed, it is not deficit spending, but over time it comes down. He noted it is tough and these are tough times. They don't take pride in doing this, but it is about the community and the future. It is about Wickliffe. He hopes and prays that people can be open-minded and not listen to all the things that are being said that are not true at all, half true, mostly true, but not accurate. He again thanked all for their time.

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 7:37PM.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports.

Commission Reports

Councilperson Jaworski reported on the March 6th, 2025 Planning Commission meeting. He noted they approved a parking lot plan and plan to build a new industrial building at 29200 Lakeland Boulevard in an Industrial District. Stanley Steamer will be moving from its current location to the other side of Lakeland Boulevard. Planning Commission also approved, at a Public Hearing, a change of zoning for a lot located at 2688 Bishop Road in an IR district to R1-75. This is on tonight's agenda as New Business Item A.

The Architectural Review Board met after the Planning Commission Meeting and approved the request to construct a new building for Stanley Steamer as well.

Old Business

A. OR2025-04

Councilperson Thielman noted there was a brief discussion a few meetings ago regarding this ordinance. A few Councilpeople stated they felt the four year "claw-back" period was too long. He proposed that the ordinance be amended, and the amendment would be to change the four year period to two years. The change would be: 0-1 year at 100%, 1-2 year at 50%, and no reimbursement after two years of service. He asked if he could make the motion to make this amendment at this portion of the meeting. Council President Levon deferred to Law Director Iosue for the best course of action. Mr. Iosue noted there were multiple ways to handle this. He stated there could be a motion to amend it [now], vote on that motion [now], then vote on it as amended [when it comes up at that point on the agenda]. Another option is to motion to table it in order to take it off the table for additional discussion and not vote on it tonight and if that motion doesn't pass, then it gets voted on tonight as it is; if [the motion] passes can also be amended later, or re-introduced later, or if it fails it can be re-introduced later differently. Mr. Levon was uncertain as to whether to discuss it then, do the motion, or motion to amend it. He noted he has a differing opinion on the longevity of this contract. Mr. Thielman noted it could fall flat, and suggested that the motion be made. Council President Levon asked if a motion to modify OR2025-04 should come before the legislation is read. Mr. Iosue noted that motion could be made before reading the legislation, or the motion could be made during the discussion period [for OR2025-04]. Mr. Levon noted Mr. Thielman would like to amend the ordinance and asked if the motion to amend the ordinance should come before, so the actual ordinance can be amended and voted on.

Motion by Thielman, seconded by Salotto, to amend OR2025-04 Section 1.B.1. striking the four years and making it two years and in Section 1.B.2. (the box area without a designation) changing it to read: *0-1 year – 100% of agreed upon amount and over one year but less than two years – 50% of the agreed upon amount* and striking the other lines other than the final line which would read *more than two years – no reimbursement required*.

Discussion: Councilperson Thielman believes this is consequential as it is being brought back and some are voting for and some against, noting he is looking for a compromise hoping to meet halfway to get unanimous consent. Mr. Levon noted he is not for it. He noted if he was to get a Master's Degree at his company, he would be required to sign a three-year contract to stay with the company after receiving the degree. He noted the police officers are getting trained for six months while getting paid and having a vehicle, so it is three and a half years of paying the officer based on his training. He noted it is three years for a Fortune 500 company after getting a Master's; he doesn't understand why we are lowering the time to two years. Councilperson Salotto noted it is not a Master's Degree, and this is a competitive landscape where we want to attract good officers. She believes the four year requirement puts us at a disadvantage, and thinks the two years is a great compromise. She believes there should be some sort of staying, but thinks the two years is more reasonable than four and will not be as much of a deterrent. Councilperson Koski believes the councilmembers who are against this forget that the Police Chief is in favor of this, and he knows more as he just lost someone since this was noted voted on originally; she believes we should follow the advice of the Chief who knows more than us. Councilperson Salotto asked all to recall that the Chief was against this originally for the same reasons she just mentioned – competitively it does not put us in a good light. She noted we were burned and that stings and is disruptive, but at the same time this is a good compromise putting in some longevity, but not so much that it is a deterrent. Councilperson Gerhardstein noted all should remember that this came about then we hired a gentleman who was added to the payroll, used a city car everyday to travel to classes paid for by the residents, and was paid every day on the clock for six months of school by the residents. Since the Chief asked for this to come back on exactly the way it was because the residents paid for a gentleman who got six months of school and a city car then we got burned, he agrees with the Chief that we should leave it this way of that is how the Chief wants it written. Councilperson Bala asked how many times this has happened. The Chief noted this is the first time. Councilperson Jaworski noted this is only regarding OPOTA as other training has no fee associated. Chief Bush noted this is correct, as OSB doesn't charge us. He also noted we cannot recoup the wages. Councilperson Thielman noted this will not recoup the drive fees or anything other than \$4,000.00. He stated this would hang over someone's head for an entire four years, and doesn't understand as it is not a Master's education – there is a big difference. There would be no claw-back for salary, use of car or mileage, just the cost of the class. He requested we vote on the motion. Mr. Levon noted he understands it's not the same as a Master's, but noted a first four year police officer is

paid very similarly to a person with a Master's; someone with a Bachelor's does not make what a first year officer is paid. Councilperson Jaworski noted he will take it a step further and compare it to what the building trades do with their apprenticeship programs where they have claw-backs as well, and are usually four to five year programs. With no further discussion, Mr. Levon called for a Roll Call. Mr. Bala asked for clarification on what the vote is for and Mr. Levon noted it is on whether or not to amend OR2025-04.

Roll Call:

Yes: Bala, Salotto, Thielman

No: Gerhardstein, Jaworski, Koski, Levon

Motion Failed.

New Business

A. Planning Commission Recommendation Letter

Council President read the letter dated March 5, 2025 from the Planning Commission to Council regarding the recommendation for the rezoning of the Telshe Yeshiva property located at 2688 Bishop Road from IR to R1-75 (see attached).

Mr. Levon called for a Public Hearing of Wickliffe City Council to consider this rezoning application as required by Section 1341.30 of the Codified Ordinances on April 9th, 2025 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at Wickliffe City Hall.

Ordinances

OR2025-02 AMENDED By Title Only An ordinance accepting a highway easement granted by 28825 Euclid Avenue, LLC. unto the City of Wickliffe, Ohio as to a portion of the property located at 28825 Euclid Avenue in said city **THIRD READING**

Motion by Bala, seconded by Salotto, that Ordinance 2025-02 AMENDED be adopted as presented.

Discussion: Councilperson Gerhardstein noted he was not available to participate in the discussion of this topic when it was in Committee. He noted he does not believe that the residents should, in any way, be paying to have any part of private property plowed or salted by the City at their expense. Councilperson Bala stated the cost of this is minimal compared to what these companies are putting into our City and paying income tax. He believes that for us to take over and salt and plow once they improve the street is minimal. He asked what the price of salt is, and Service Director Kroccheck noted it is approximately \$49.00 per ton. Mr. Bala noted for approximately \$100 and ten minutes of time, and it is a safety issue, it is an investment for these companies and is well worth it. Councilperson Koski noted she is not convinced that the citizens [roads] would be plowed prior to that street and is not in favor of this. Mayor Sakacs noted that for approximately four months when it snows, it will only take five minutes when they do the route for the hills. He also noted it is a safety issue. He stated they came to us to request we dedicate the street, which we do not plan to do, but the City has been called upon several times to go on private property to assist in multiple ways to use City services to help and we do it and this is no different. He noted it is a private business, but it is a road, and our previous Service Director noted it [the road] should have been dedicated from the beginning. He stated this is helping by performing a not-even five minute pass and salt. He reiterated the City does other things to help others. Councilperson Gerhardstein was unsure how this affects public safety as it is two businesses, and the Mayor corrected him noting it is three businesses. Councilperson Gerhardstein noted he believes this is opening Pandora's Box, wondering where it will stop, and asking what if any of the new businesses that are coming in, since we are judging this based on Economic Development, ask for something similar. He stated that street has been plowed and salted for twenty-five years by the owners of the property, and noted it shouldn't change to public safety because it is a new business. He noted there are plenty of streets in Wickliffe that remain unplowed and unsalted for hours during a snow storm because they are not on the main/hill routes, and this would be plowed and salted before other streets as this would be on the hill route. He noted since it is private property they should take care of their own property. The Mayor noted he did not say it would be

before, and Mr. Gerhardstein interrupted noting he did say it would be on a hill route, which is plowed and salted before the side streets. The Mayor noted one of the stipulations was that the resident's streets would not be neglected, and this would be last. The Mayor also reiterated the City does, and has done, this. Councilperson Koski found it amusing that the Mayor said it only takes five minutes and Mr. Bala says it only takes ten minutes, but earlier this year, on a Friday, when people have to get to work, it was after 11:00 AM when her street (which is on a hill route), was still not cleared. She noted she is not convinced that the resident's streets would be a priority over this, and she is not in favor of this. Councilperson Salotto noted we have amazing snow removal, stating the Service Department does a phenomenal job and doubted Ms. Koski waited that long. Ms. Koski interrupted to emphasize she did wait that long, and Ms. Salotto continued, noting it was a substantial snowfall, since this is not the norm. She stated our City works faster than any other city she has ever come across, and we are known for this [snow removal] and she appreciated it. She understands this is a sticking point and acknowledged it is private property, but it is an important economic development for us. She stated it is tremendous we have tremendous businesses going into that area. She believes it is good will and not out of line. Her issue is comparing it to causing the residents to suffer which she does not believe is the case here, noting that would never happen. She believes this is goodwill for a new opportunity. Councilperson Thielman agrees with Ms. Salotto, noting Mr. Mayer came here to speak and was excited to bring his business here and talked about us taking over that street (dedicating it). He believes this is a compromise as they will repair and improve it [the road] and we will plow and salt it. He believes it should be tied to Economic Development. He stated the Mayor is the CEO, and is in charge of Economic Development, and he is working hard to bring businesses in. He stated that how we treat businesses and private business owners goes a long way down the line. He believes the Mayor should be allowed the latitude to ask for this and he is in favor of it. Mayor Sakacs noted the snow storms were kinda crazy this year. He noted residents have no issues calling all the time to voice their concerns, but he only received one complaint throughout the season regarding snow removal, so he does not believe the residents are being neglected what-so-ever. Councilperson Bala noted there is a route that the City workers take when plowing, and stated to Ms. Koski that cul-de-sacs are usually last, but she noted her street is on the hill route. Mr. Levon noted it is up to the Service Department to determine the status of Ms. Koski's street. Mr. Bala noted he received no complaints from residents about snow removal. He has heard in the past that Wickliffe is not friendly to businesses and this is another example of that, and it brings a black eye to us. He stated that with the millions they are spending, we should spend the \$500.00.

Roll Call:

Yes: Bala, Salotto, Thielman

No: Gerhardstein, Jaworski, Koski, Levon

Motion Failed.

OR2025-04 By Title Only An ordinance enacting Chapter 149.06 Officer Training Payment and Reimbursement of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio **THIRD READING**

Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Jaworski, that Ordinance 2025-04 be adopted as presented.

Discussion: Mr. Bala asked for clarification that this was the officer training payment ordinance, and Mr. Levon noted it was.

Roll Call:

Yes: Gerhardstein, Jaworski, Koski, Levon

No: Bala, Salotto, Thielman

Motion carried. **Ordinance 2025-04 adopted.**

OR2025-07 AMENDED 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, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025 **SECOND READING**

OR2025-08 *By Title Only* An ordinance providing for the compensation of Appointed Officials of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio; and repealing any and all other ordinances or parts thereof that may be inconsistent with this ordinance **SECOND READING**

OR2025-09 *By Title Only* An ordinance providing for the compensation of Certain Salaried and Hourly Employees of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio; and repealing any and all other ordinances or parts thereof that may be inconsistent with this ordinance **SECOND READING**

OR2025-10 *By Title Only* An ordinance providing for the compensation of Certain Employees of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio and repealing any and all other ordinances or parts thereof that may be inconsistent with this ordinance **SECOND READING**

OR2025-11 AMENDED *By Title Only* An ordinance providing for the compensation and other employment provisions for Part-Time Firefighters of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio and repealing any and all other ordinances or parts thereof that may be inconsistent with this ordinance **SECOND READING**

OR2025-12 *By Title Only* An ordinance providing for the compensation and other employment provisions for Special Police Officers of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio and repealing any and all other ordinances or parts thereof that may be inconsistent with this ordinance **SECOND READING**

OR2025-13 *By Title Only* An ordinance providing for the compensation and other employment provisions for the Part-Time Public Safety Dispatchers of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio and repealing any and all other ordinances or parts thereof that may be inconsistent with this ordinance **SECOND READING**

Resolutions

There were no Resolutions.

Other Legislation

There was no Other Legislation.

Miscellaneous

There was no Miscellaneous Business.

Adjournment

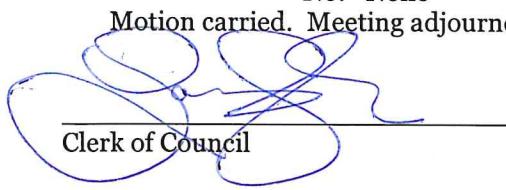
Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Thielman, to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call:

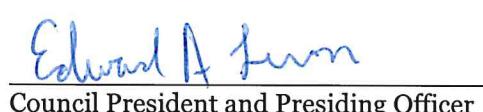
Yes: Bala, Gerhardstein, Jaworski, Koski, Levon, Salotto, Thielman

No: None

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.



Clerk of Council



Edward A. Furr
Council President and Presiding Officer