



Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a regular meeting of Wickliffe City Council was called to order by Council President Ed Levon on Monday, April 28th, 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, Thielman
Mayor	Joseph Sakacs
Law Director	Jeremy D. Iosue
Assistant Finance Director	Terry Ness
Engineer	Peter J. Formica
Property Maintenance Inspector	Dino Capra
Recreation Director	Timothy Stopp
Police Chief	Jonathon Bush
Fire Chief	Christopher Grossman

Excused: Councilperson Salotto, Finance Director Chlondra Hunter, Service Director Dave Krofcheck, Building Commissioner Raymond Sack

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Thielman, that the minutes of the Wickliffe City Council Meeting of April 14, 2025 be approved as presented.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried. **April 14, 2025 meeting minutes approved.**

Reports and Communications from Mayor/Safety Director

Mayor Sakacs read his written report.

Council President Levon noted it was unprecedented that the Mayor read Councilwoman Salotto's email. He had planned to read it.

Reports and Communications from Director of Law

Law Director Iosue had nothing to report.

Reports and Communications from Council President

Council President Levon had no Reports or Communications.

Additions or Amendments to Agenda

Councilperson Koski asked that Chapter 1323 Fences be added to New Business. Council President Levon added this as Item A to New Business.

Council President Levon added 2nd Council Meeting in May to New Business as Item B.

Administrators

A. *Police Chief (Bush)*

Chief Bush noted he had nothing to add.

There were no questions or comments for the Police Chief.

B. *Fire Chief (Grossman)*

Chief Grossman reported that after a few weeks in the shop, the ladder truck is back in service.

He also suggested that all check their power outage supplies in preparation for the huge windstorm that is forecasted for this area tomorrow. Councilperson Bala noted during previous storms, we have had many wires down and asked the Chief to review the protocol for this situation. Chief Grossman noted in the past, the Fire Department coiled up downed lines and left for the utility companies (if they were not “hot” – they always test them first with their equipment). Now, their process is, after checking with the homeowner, they cut them if possible as close to the home as possible. Most lines are phone and not used. Residents should call either 911 or the non-emergency line (440-943-1212) to report a downed line of any type. Mr. Bala noted the coiled lines which remain don’t look nice.

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

C. *Finance Director (Hunter)*

Finance Director Hunter was excused, Assistant Finance Director Terry Ness nothing further to add.

There were no questions or comments for the Finance Director.

D. *Engineer (Formica) Written Report Submitted*

Engineer Formica reported he had nothing to add to his report.

Council President Levon inquired regarding his report. He asked for clarification on the portion that mentions Douglas Road, asking if it is the entirety of Douglas, or if it is the portion of Douglas that is south of Grant. Mr. Formica clarified it is the portion of Douglas south of Grant.

There were no questions or comments for the Engineer.

E. *Service Director (Krofcheck)*

Service Director Krofcheck was excused.

There were no questions or comments for the Service Director.

F. *Building Commissioner (Sack)*

Property Maintenance Inspector Capra was present in place of the Building Commissioner. He noted the Building Department had nothing to add.

Councilperson Gerhardstein asked when the Building Department will start enforcing the grass cutting. Mr. Capra noted they have already begun issuing violations.

There were no questions or comments for the Building Commissioner.

G. *Recreation Director (Stopp)*

Recreation Director Stopp noted he had nothing to add.

Councilperson Koski inquired regarding the pond at Green Ridge Golf Course. Mr. Stopp stated the pond is full and this week they will be working on pumps. He noted it is not complete and asked the engineer to speak to the status. Mr. Formica noted the contractor will soon have a schedule regarding the completion of grading, etc. The Service Department has been putting in many hours recently working on repairing pipes and getting the irrigation system set up. He also noted they will push the dredging materials into a tidier area until fall when it will be taken care of. It was noted it will be seeded temporarily.

Mayor Sakacs noted there was a meeting last Thursday at the course and communication has been much better. Everything that needs to be completed there is on a list, and the goal is to have it in the best shape possible by the golf outing at the beginning of June. It is a priority and the Service Department has been fantastic with all they have been doing there. Councilperson Jaworski wanted to be sure the remainder of the dredging material that must remain until fall is seeded or covered and Mr. Formica assured him it would be seeded temporarily.

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

Audience Participation

Council President Levon opened Audience Participation to those in attendance at 7:11 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.

Jim Lis, of 29717 Arthur Avenue, asked how profitable Green Ridge Golf Course is. Recreation Director Stopp noted that whatever profits made are put back into the course.

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 7:13PM.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from the April 21st, 2025 meeting were presented by Council President Levon. *Written Report Submitted*

Motion by Levon, seconded by Gerhardstein, authorizing the Law Director to create legislation to create a revenue line item in the General Fund for the collection of revenue from adult use cannabis from dispensaries in the City.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Levon, seconded by Jaworski, authorizing the Law Director to review and modify the CT/Verdantas contract according to the modifications set forth in the Finance Committee meeting as well as create legislation allowing the Mayor to sign the contract.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Commission Reports

Board of Zoning Appeals report from the April 24, 2025 meeting presented by Councilperson Gerhardstein. *Written Report Submitted*

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

A. Chapter 1323 Fences (Councilperson Koski)

Councilperson Koski noted that after review of this section, she believes there are clarifications needed and asked this be added to committee for further discussion. Council President Levon added Chapter 1323 Fences to the Legislation and Welfare Committee.

B. 2nd May Meeting

Council President Levon noted the fourth Monday in May is Memorial Day. He noted he would entertain a motion to move the second meeting in May to Monday, May 19th, 2025 in Council Chambers at City Hall at 7:00 PM.

Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Jaworski, to move the second regular Council Meeting in May to Monday, May 19th, 2025 in Council Chambers at City Hall at 7:00 PM.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Ordinances

OR2025-22 *By Title Only* An ordinance amending the City of Wickliffe Zone Map referred to in Section 1341.80 of the Wickliffe Codified Ordinances rezoning one parcel owned by the Rabbinical College of Telshe Yeshiva in Wickliffe, Ohio **SECOND READING**

OR2025-23 *By Title Only* An ordinance amending Chapter 1175 Vacant Property/Building Registration of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio; and declaring an emergency (E)

Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Jaworski, the rules of Wickliffe City Council be suspended and Ordinance 2025-23 be placed on third and final reading.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Bala, that Ordinance 2025-23 be adopted as presented.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried. **Ordinance 2025-23 adopted.**

Resolutions

There were no Resolutions.

Other Legislation

There was no Other Legislation.

Miscellaneous

Councilperson Gerhardstein noted he would like to call a Legislation & Welfare Committee meeting for Monday, May 5th, 2025 at Wickliffe City Hall Council Chambers at 7:00 PM to discuss the following topics: Chapter 1323 Fences, Chapter 1521 Open Burning, and Incomplete Building Projects. Council President Levon called for this meeting to cover the stated topics.

Adjournment

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

Roll Call:

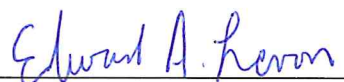
Yes: Bala, Gerhardstein, Jaworski, Koski, Levon, Thielman

No: None

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.



Clerk of Council



Council President and Presiding Officer