



# The City of Wickliffe

## City Council Special Meeting Minutes July 14th, 2025

A special meeting of Wickliffe City Council was called to order by Council President Levon on Monday, July 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Wickliffe City Hall.

The following were present at Roll Call:

Council President  
Council Members  
Mayor  
Law Director  
Finance Director

Edward Levon  
Bala, Gerhardstein, Jaworski, Koski, Salotto, Thielman  
Joseph Sakacs  
Jeremy D. Iosue  
Chlondra Hunter

Excused: Service Director Dave Krofcheck, Police Chief Jonathon Bush, Fire Chief Christopher Grossman, Building Commissioner Ray Sack, Recreation Director Tim Stopp

### Legislation

**25-36** *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; and declaring an emergency (E)

Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Koski, the rules of Wickliffe City Council be suspended and Ordinance 2025-36 be placed on third and final reading.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Yes: Bala, Gerhardstein, Jaworski, Koski, Levon, Salotto, Thielman  
No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Koski, that Ordinance 2025-36 be adopted as presented.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Yes: Bala, Gerhardstein, Jaworski, Koski, Levon, Salotto, Thielman  
No: None

Motion carried. **Ordinance 2025-36 adopted.**

**OR2025-37** *By Title Only* An ordinance confirming the appointment of Michael Matas as Director of Finance of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio; authorizing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency (E)

Motion by Salotto, seconded by Thielman, the rules of Wickliffe City Council be suspended and Ordinance 2025-37 be placed on third and final reading.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Yes: Bala, Gerhardstein, Jaworski, Koski, Levon, Salotto, Thielman  
No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Thielman, seconded by Bala, that Ordinance 2025-37 be adopted as presented.

Discussion: Mayor Sakacs noted he wished to appoint Mr. Michael Matas as the Finance Director. Mr. Matas comes to us highly recommended and with many years of experience in government finance. He was with Lake County for seventeen years and most recently with the County Health Department. He considered coming here a few years ago, but it didn't work out at the time. We would like to welcome him to Wickliffe.

Roll Call:

Yes: Bala, Gerhardstein, Jaworski, Koski, Levon, Salotto, Thielman  
No: None

Motion carried. **Ordinance 2025-37 adopted.**

**RES 2025-11** *By Title Only* A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between the City of Wickliffe, Ohio, and Stanley Steemer (Lazar Bros., Inc.), and LAZ KIDS LLC; and declaring an emergency (E)

Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Thielman, the rules of Wickliffe City Council be suspended and Resolution 2025-11 be placed on third and final reading.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Thielman, seconded by Gerhardstein, that Resolution 2025-11 be adopted as presented.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried. **Resolution 2025-11 adopted.**

## Adjournment

Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Bala, to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing by division; Section 121.22(G)(2) of ORC To consider the purchase of property (both real and personal, tangible or intangible), or to consider the sale of property (either real or personal) by competitive bid if disclosure of the information would give a competitive advantage to the other side; and Section 121.22(G)(5) of ORC regarding matters required to be kept confidential by federal law, federal rules, or state statutes.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:05 PM.

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

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried. Meeting reconvened at 7:42 PM.

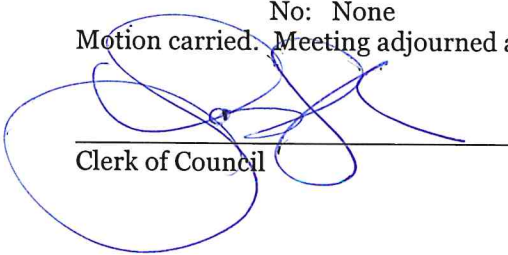

Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Koski to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

  
Clerk of Council  
Council President and Presiding Officer