



Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a regular meeting of Wickliffe City Council was called to order by Council Clerk Sandi Fink on Monday, November 10th, 2025 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at Wickliffe City Hall.

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

Council Members

Mayor

Law Director

Engineer

Service Director

Building Commissioner

Police Chief

Fire Chief

Gerhardstein, Jaworski, Koski, Thielman

Joseph Sakacs

Jeremy Iosue

(Peter J. Formica) George Stevens

Dave Krofcheck

Dino Capra

Jonathon Bush

Christopher Grossman

Excused: Council President Edward Levon, Councilperson Bala, Councilperson Salotto, Finance Director Michael Matas, Engineer Peter J. Formica, and Recreation Director Timothy Stopp

Election of Council President Pro Tem

Motion by Thielman, seconded by Koski, that Councilperson Gerhardstein be elected Council President Pro Tem for the November 10th, 2025 meeting.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Yes: Gerhardstein, Jaworski, Koski, Thielman

No: None

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Thielman, seconded by Jaworski, that the minutes of the Wickliffe City Council regular meeting of October 27th, 2025 be approved as presented.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Yes: Gerhardstein, Jaworski, Koski, Thielman

No: None

Motion carried. **October 27th, 2025 regular meeting minutes approved.**

Reports and Communications from Mayor/Safety Director

Mayor Sakacs read his written report.

He added that small piles of leaves that are raked to the curb slow down the Service Department as they travel around the City picking up leave. He asked that these small piles be put into the Kimble containers.

Reports and Communications from Director of Law

Law Director Iosue had no report.

Reports and Communications from Council President

Council President Levon had no Reports or Communications. Council President Pro Tem Gerhardstein also had no reports or communications.

Additions or Amendments to Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

Administrators

A. *Police Chief (Bush)*

Chief Bush noted he 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 reported there has been a number of fires in surrounding communities. He suggested checking/servicing furnaces, smoke detectors, and carbon monoxide detectors as well as batteries in these units to make sure all is in working order. The Fire Department has programs that can assist those who may not have a detector.

There were no questions or comments for the Fire Chief.

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

Finance Director Matas was excused.

There were no questions or comments for the Finance Director.

D. *Engineer (Formica) Written Report Submitted*

Engineer Formica was excused; Mr. George Stevens was present in his place. Mr. Stevens had nothing to add to Mr. Formica's report.

There were no 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 Jaworski inquired regarding missing portions of curbs on Rt. 84. He noted he has noticed there are multiple places along Rt. 84 where curbing is not present. He asked if this is on a punch list, or if it was left for the City to deal with. Mr. Krofcheck noted the City has discussed this with the contractor, as well as sections where water has been accumulating. The contractor will need to fix these items. Mr. Jaworski asked what the timeframe is on this, since it is likely the asphalt plants will be closing soon. Mr. Krofcheck noted concrete work (like curbing) could continue, but hopefully most of the work can be completed.

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

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

Building Commissioner Capra noted he had nothing to add to his written report.

Councilperson Jaworski inquired regarding the Premier building, asking if it is close to demolition, since the windows are now mostly gone. Mr. Capra isn't one hundred percent sure, and was unable to make the calls today to inquire. He noted he will let Council know this week if he is able to connect with anyone. He believes it will be soon. Mayor Sakacs added he was told November, but he believes it will be in December. He has asked to be notified when the demolition will begin. He also added that Lenore Pikus has been selected as the new Building Inspector and is scheduled to begin next Monday, November 17th. She is fully certified and he is excited to welcome her. He stated the Building Department is now solid.

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

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

Recreation Director Stopp was excused.

There were no questions or comments for the Recreation Director.

Audience Participation

Council President Pro Tem Gerhardstein opened Audience Participation to those in attendance at 7:10 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.

After multiple calls inquiring if anyone would like to address Wickliffe City Council and there being no reply, Council President Pro Tem Gerhardstein closed Audience Participation at 7:11 PM.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports.

Commission Reports

There were no Commission Reports.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

A. Council Appointment to the CRA Housing Council

Council President Pro Tem Gerhardstein suggested a motion to appoint Mr. Michael Fishwick of the Planning Commission to the CRA Housing Council. Clerk Fink noted Mr. Fishwick is the Planning Commission appointment. She noted Mr. Neal Slaby, who was one of two Council appointed members, has resigned; Council will need to appoint a new member. Mr. Gerhardstein apologized for the confusion, and asked if any Councilmembers had a suggestion for an appointment, or if they wished to table this item until the next meeting. Since there were no suggestions, Council President Pro Tem Gerhardstein asked the clerk to please move this item to the agenda for the next Council Meeting.

Ordinances

Law Director Iosue noted he will read the title of this ordinance, however, due to the requirements of CH 1341, a two-thirds vote of all the members of Council is required.

Council President Pro Tem Gerhardstein noted that since there are only four members of Council present, we will be unable to pass a number of the ordinances on tonight's agenda. Mr. Iosue noted any legislation on emergency reading or zoning changes require two-thirds of those elected to Council, which is five Council members. We do not have enough members present tonight to pass these items. The items that are listed as Emergency will be First Reading tonight and remain as Emergency at the next Council Meeting. The rezoning ordinance will be tabled until the next meeting. The items that are on third reading tonight, with the exception of the rezoning ordinance, can be voted on since we do have a quorum.

OR2025-47 *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 **THIRD READING**

Ordinance 2025-47 tabled until the next meeting (November 24th, 2025).

OR2025-49 *By Title Only* An ordinance amending sections of Chapter 1315 Commercial-Manufacturing and Industrial Districts of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio **THIRD READING**

Motion by Koski, seconded by Thielman, that Ordinance 2025-49 be adopted as presented.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Yes: Gerhardstein, Jaworski, Koski, Thielman

No: None

Motion carried. **Ordinance 2025-49 adopted.**

OR2025-50 AMENDED *By Title Only* An ordinance adopting a cybersecurity policy for the City of Wickliffe, Ohio **THIRD READING**

Motion by Thielman, seconded by Koski, that Ordinance 2025-50 AMENDED be adopted as presented.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Yes: Gerhardstein, Jaworski, Koski, Thielman

No: None

Motion carried. **Ordinance 2025-50 AMENDED adopted.**

OR2025-51 *By Title Only* An ordinance amending certain sections of Chapter 935 - Sewer Regulations and Rates of the codified ordinances of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio; and declaring an emergency (E)

Ordinance 2025-51 will be on First Reading at the next meeting (November 24th, 2025) since there were not enough members of Council present to suspend the rules of Council to move it to third and final reading for passage as an emergency.

Councilperson Jaworski suggested it be moved to Second Reading at the next Council Meeting, and Law Director Iosue agreed.

Ordinance 2025-51 will be on SECOND Reading at the next meeting (November 24th, 2025) since there were not enough members of Council present to suspend the rules of Council to move it to third and final reading for passage as an emergency.

OR2025-52 *By Title Only* An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio to enter into a participation agreement with the Lake County Board of Commissioners for the provision of a comprehensive healthcare plan for certain employees of the city; and declaring an emergency (E)

Ordinance 2025-52 will be on SECOND Reading and remain as an emergency at the next meeting (November 24th, 2025).

OR2025-53 *By Title Only* An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio to enter into a contract with Reliance Standard Life Insurance Company for the provision of life insurance coverage for certain employees of the city; and declaring an emergency (E)

Ordinance 2025-53 will be on SECOND Reading and remain as an emergency at the next meeting (November 24th, 2025).

OR2025-54 *By Title Only* An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio to enter into a contract with MetLife Vision Insurance Company for the provision of vision care benefits for certain employees of the city; and declaring an emergency (E)

Ordinance 2025-54 will be on SECOND Reading and remain as an emergency at the next meeting (November 24th, 2025).

OR2025-55 *By Title Only* An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio to enter into a contract with MetLife Dental Life Insurance Company for the provision of dental benefits coverage for certain employees of the city; and declaring an emergency (E)

Ordinance 2025-55 will be on SECOND Reading and remain as an emergency at the next meeting (November 24th, 2025).

Resolutions

There were no Resolutions.

Other Legislation

There was no Other Legislation.

Miscellaneous

Council President Pro Tem Gerhardstein called for a meeting of the Finance Committee to discuss the 2026 Budget and the 2026 Temporary Budget on Monday, November 17th, 2025 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at Wickliffe City Hall.

Mayor Sakacs wished to welcome Council-elect Ward 2 Mr. Justin Ball.

Councilperson Thielman asked if a councilperson would be permitted to be nominated to the CRA Housing Council, as he would be interested if this is permissible. Law Director Iosue noted he will look into this.

Adjournment

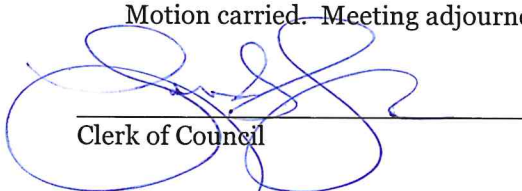
Motion by Jaworski, seconded by Koski, to adjourn the meeting.

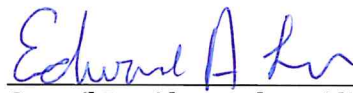
Roll Call:

Yes: Gerhardstein, Jaworski, Koski, Thielman

No: None

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.



Clerk of Council

Council President and Presiding Officer