



Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a regular meeting of Wickliffe City Council was called to order by Council President Levon on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at Wickliffe City Hall.

The following were present at Roll Call:

Council President	Edward A. Levon
Council Members	Bala, Gerhardstein, Jaworski, Koski, Salotto, Thielman
Mayor	Joseph Sakacs
Law Director	Jeremy Iosue
Finance Director	Michael Matas
Engineer	Peter J. Formica
Service Director	Dave Krofcheck
Building Commissioner	Dino Capra
Recreation Director	Timothy Stopp
Police Chief	Jonathon Bush
Fire Chief	Christopher Grossman

Excused: Law Director Jeremy Iosue

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Thielman, that Councilperson Salotto be permitted to abstain from voting on the minutes of the Wickliffe City Council regular meeting of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Thielman, that the minutes of the Wickliffe City Council regular meeting of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 be approved as presented.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried. **December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 regular meeting minutes approved.**

#### **Reports and Communications from Mayor/Safety Director**

Mayor Sakacs read his written report.

He also thanked Council President Levon and Councilperson Salotto for their service to the City.

#### **Reports and Communications from Director of Law**

Law Director Iosue was excused. Prosecutor Mike Kenny had no report.

#### **Reports and Communications from Council President**

Council President Levon 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 had nothing to report.

There were no questions or comments for the Police Chief.

### **B. Fire Chief (Grossman)**

Chief Grossman had nothing to report.

There were no questions or comments for the Fire Chief.

### **C. Finance Director (Matas)**

Finance Director Matas noted Terry Ness' last day will be December 26<sup>th</sup>, and he wished to thank Terry for his dedicated work over the last two years.

There were no questions or comments for the Finance Director.

### **D. Engineer (Formica) Written Report Submitted**

Engineer Formica had nothing to report, and wished all a Merry Christmas.

There were no questions or comments for the Engineer.

### **E. Service Director (Krofcheck)**

Service Director Krofcheck had nothing to report.

Councilperson Bala noted that the Service Department has done a great job on the streets.

There were no questions or comments for the Service Director.

### **F. Building Commissioner (Capra)**

Building Commissioner Capra had nothing to report.

There were no questions or comments for the Building Commissioner.

### **G. Recreation Director (Stopp)**

Recreation Director had nothing to report.

There were no questions or comments for the Recreation Director.

## **Audience Participation**

Council President Levon opened Audience Participation to those in attendance at 7:05 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 Levon closed Audience Participation at 7:06PM.

## **Committee Reports**

There were no Committee Reports.

## **Commission Reports**

Councilperson Koski noted there was a Senior Center Board meeting today. The Raffle was successful. They made over \$4,400.00 and had over 86 baskets. Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser.

Councilperson Jaworski noted there will not be a Planning Commission meeting in January.

## **Old Business**

There was no Old Business.

## New Business

There was no New Business.

## Ordinances

**OR2025-56 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, 2026 and ending March 31, 2026 **THIRD READING**

Motion by Thielman, seconded by Gerhardstein, that Ordinance 2025-56 be adopted as presented.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried. **Ordinance 2025-56 adopted.**

**OR2025-58 By Title Only** An ordinance amending and revising Chapter 769 Tourist Homes and Motels related to Short-Term Rentals of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wickliffe **THIRD READING**

Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Koski, that Ordinance 2025-58 be adopted as presented.

Discussion: Councilperson Jaworski noted he would like to echo his previous comments; he believes this hurts the community, as it is potential housing for people who could move into the City.

Roll Call:

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

No: Jaworski

Motion carried. **Ordinance 2025-58 adopted.**

**OR2025-59 By Title Only** An ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio to transfer a sum of money from the General Fund to various funds; and declaring an emergency (E)

Motion by Thielman, seconded by Bala, the rules of Wickliffe City Council be suspended and Ordinance 2025-59 be placed on third and final reading.

Discussion: Councilperson Gerhardstein asked why we are moving money into the swimming pool fund during winter. Mr. Matas noted this is done each year. He noted if the fund balance is low he will inform Council.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Salotto, that Ordinance 2025-59 be adopted as presented.

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried. **Ordinance 2025-59 adopted.**

## Resolutions

There were no Resolutions.

## Other Legislation

There was no Other Legislation.

## Miscellaneous

Councilperson Bala wished to thank Maria for her time served.

Councilperson Salotto thanked all for the opportunity to serve the City for the last eight years. She noted it was an honor and a pleasure and suggested that others pursue this as a way to serve the City.

Councilperson Thielman also thanked Ms. Salotto for her service noting she had some wonderful ideas and was a breath of fresh air, adding it was nice to serve with a classmate. He also thanked Council President Levon for his leadership over the last eight years; noting that is it not an easy role.

## Adjournment

Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Bala, to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session, following a five minute break, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3) Per ORC 121.22 G (8)

*To consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, provided that both of the following conditions apply:*

- (a) *The information is directly related to a request for economic development assistance that is to be provided or administered under any provision of Chapter 715., 725., 1724., or 1728. Or sections 701.07, 3735.67 to 3735.70, 5709.40 to 5709.43, 5709.61 to 5709.69, 5709.73 to 5709.75, or 5709.77 to 5709.81 of the Revised Code, or that involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project.*
- (b) *A unanimous quorum of the public body determines, by a roll call vote, that the executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project.*

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:11 PM.

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

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried. Meeting reconvened at 7:20 PM.

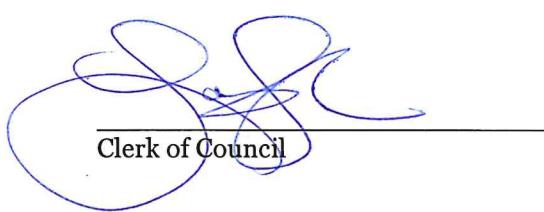
Motion by Gerhardstein, seconded by Koski to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call:

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

No: None

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.



Clerk of Council



Council President and Presiding Officer