

City of Wakefield
Council Meeting Monday, May 1, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Mayor Dumler called the meeting to order at 7:00pm led the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence. Present were Randy Garcia, David O'Dell, Betsy Liebau, Leza Chryssovergis, Neal Summerson.

Consent Agenda

Randy motioned to approve consent agenda, Betsy 2nd, motion carried.

Public Comments

Raquel Cinco, of 610 Birch, addressed the council to advocate allowing of chickens.

Organizational Reports

***Pride**

- YOM – nominations end today
- Commodities- looking for help to pick up the loads
Next date is in June
- Applying for grants
- BOM- Ron's Wakefield Inn
- Meeting- May 15 @6:30pm at Community Center

***WRA**

- Balance: \$5,321.30
- Tball, softball, baseball updates
- Meeting (board will be working on setting meeting time)

***Pool**

-Manager has numerous ideas planned for the summer (raffles, sponsorships, movie nights, and other events).

Employee Reports

Clerk- report given. David likes idea about Veteran's banners.

Superintendent- Kyle updated council on status of pool, park bathrooms, tree dump, mo./qtr. testing, VFD for water tower, generators.

Pool-Received quote for a new LED light for the pool (150 watt- \$202.17 or 300 watt-\$312.62), looking at radios.

Police- report given.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Library Board (board member approval)

Mayor Dumler moves to appoint Janita Witty as President, Rita Luthi, Debbie McElhaney as library trustee 2023-27, council approves.

2. 2022 Audit

Neal motioned to accept 2022 audit done by VonFeldt, Bauer & VonFeldt and to submit to the state, David 2nd, motion carried.

3. Chicken Ordinance 1348

Betsy asked who was going to enforce the ordinance (ie. Superintendent, PD). Chief Holte shared that in Clay Center, the Chief does initial inspections. Renewals will be done annually and if any additions or changes to coop will need to be approved by Chief. The Superintendent shared concerns about chickens at-large and how time consuming it could be to catch a chicken. Council discussed more on chickens.

David motioned to adopt Ord. 1348 as is, Neal 2nd, motion passes 3/2 with Randy and Betsy nay.

4. Sewer lining project

No update

5. Summer Concert

David thinks we should send a letter stating. Betsy motioned to no longer host event Big Sexy Summer Concert in July, David 2nd, motion carried.

6. Lagoons

No update.

***Executive Session to discuss legal matters with city attorney**

Leza motioned to enter executive session to discuss legal matters with city attorney until 8:45pm, Betsy 2nd, motion carried.

Mayor Dumler brought the meeting back to order at 8:45pm.

Neal motioned to enter executive session to discuss legal matters with city attorney until 9:00pm, Randy 2nd.

Mayor Dumler brought the meeting back to order at 9:00pm.

***Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel matters**

David motioned to enter executive session to discuss non-elected personnel matters until 9:15pm, Randy 2nd, motion carried.

Mayor Dumler brought the meeting back to order at 9:15pm.

Neal motioned to enter executive session to discuss non-elected personnel matters until 9:30pm, David 2nd, motion carried.

Mayor Dumler brought the meeting back to order at 9:30pm.

***Adjournment**

Randy motioned to adjourn, David 2nd, motion carried.

City Clerk