

City of Wakefield Council Meeting
Monday, March 4th, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Mayor Chryssovergis called the regular council meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence.

Present were Mayor Chryssovergis, Betsy Liebau, Patrick Simon, Rhiannon Webster, Jared Reyner.

Absent: Neal Summerson, Julie Murphy

Consent Agenda

Betsy motioned to accept consent agenda, Rhiannon 2nd, motion carried 4/0. Rhiannon made a motion to add charter ordinance that Julie received today, Jared 2nd, motion carried 4/0.

Public Comments

- Wakefield After Prom Committee donation presented in writing---Rhiannon asked that they come to April meeting.

Organizational Reports

***Pride**

- Betsy gave a brief update. Still looking for donations.

***WRA**

- Basketball finished, Soccer beginning –AnnMarie not here due to illness.

Employee Reports

Clerk- report given

- Hardship Applications discussed by Kyle:
 - o 806 Hickory---toilet leaking, lots of water used. Kyle recommended reducing it to half. \$573/6 months+
 - o 609 Juniper---leak, pt not living in the home. No reduction to cost recommended by Kyle. \$394/6 months+
 - o Patrick motioned to reduce water bills by 40% and spread remained to next 6 months bill, Jared 2nd, motion passed unanimously. 4/0

Superintendent- report given.

- Kyle discussed water leaks, well house electrical issues.
- Kyle had purchased equipment prior to his employment to repair hydrants as a contractor. He would like to offer the city to purchase these parts for immediate use in Industrial Park. Total cost would be \$1500 for 3 parts. Kyle will also need approval to contract D&R Plumbing to complete this job in Industrial Park. Rhiannon motions to purchase equipment from Kyle for \$1500, hire D&R Plumbing for \$800, Concrete \$600, Patrick 2nd, Motion passes 4/0.
- Kyle discussed sewer issues.
- Streets: Bids from APAC. Kyle will wait to bring to council until he finds a 2nd bid.
- Parks: Bids for tree trimming and limb removal.
- Equipment: Air compressor down, new one needed. Kyle to get quotes.
- Summer Hires: 2 summer hires, Richard and Levi as noted. Kyle recommends not to exceed \$28/hr for both summer hire positions. Betsy moves to not exceed \$28/hr between the 2 positions from May 1, 2024 – September 6, 2024, Jared 2nd, motion passes 4/0.

Police- report given.

- No questions

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Summer Events

- Fireworks: McGee Fireworks \$15K (Questions: Can they do the 4th of July?) —Table until next month, also waiting to hear bid from Rainbow.
- Potluck in the Park: Table until we know what Sage Steppe's plans are for events.

2. Summer Hires

- Application for Pool Lifeguards—put out to community again.

3. Pool Vacuum

- Quote received from Energy Center/Manhattan Pool for Aquabot Ultra Max--\$6500k, Prowler 920--\$1399.
- Jared motioned to purchase the Aquabot Ultra Max for \$6500, Rhiannon 2nd, Motioned carried 4/0.

4. City Website

- Julie recommends we go with Munibit for \$49.95/month. Jared motioned for Munibit for \$588 for 1 year, Rhiannon 2nd, motion passes 4/0.

5. Jayhawk Utility Software Contract

- Meter Reader is broke, old software, need to replace as we don't have any reading device at all currently. Updated reader \$1800 through Jayhawk Software. Betsy motioned to purchase \$1800 software, Patrick 2nd, motion passes 4/0.

6. Spring Clean Up

- Rhiannon motioned 1 clean up in the fall and purchase 5 dumpsters, Jared 2nd, motioned passed, 4/0.

7. Zoning Map

- Pat explained the maps that he is working on.

8. Executive Session to discuss legal matters with city attorney.

- Betsy made a motion to discuss legal matters with city attorney and with council, Brian Foster, and Kyle until 8:45pm, Rhiannon 2nd, Motion passed 4/0.
- Mayor Chryssovergis brought the meeting back to order at 8:45pm.

9. Lagoon Project Update

- Mayor to sign updated BG Consultants PER (new KDHE Regs), Patrick motioned Mayor to sign charter ordinance for sewer treatment, Rhiannon 2nd, motion passes 4/0.

10. Charter Ordinance for Sewer Treatment

- Jared Motion for Mayor to sign charter ordinance#12--- KSA12-621 for sewer treatment, Betsy 2nd, motion passes 4/0.

***ADJOURNMENT:**

- Jared Motion to adjourn meeting, Patrick 2nd, motion passes 4/0.

Betsy Liebau