

City of Wakefield Council Meeting
Monday, June 3rd, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

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

Present were Mayor Chryssovergis, Patrick Simon, Neal Summerson, Rhiannon Webster. Betsy Liebau was present via zoom. Jared Renyer was absent.

Consent Agenda

Neal motioned to accept consent agenda, Patrick 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

Public Comments

Mark Uhlik purchased property outside of town and wanted to introduce himself and his wife to council.

Organizational Reports

***Pride**

- next meeting June 17th.
- Commodities on June 14th.

***WRA**

- Tball, Softball, Baseball season kicked off. 107 total registrations. Many games scheduled for June & July last games scheduled for July 10th.
- Coaches are helping with marking fields.
- Will be seeking new board members in July.

Employee Reports

Clerk

- Rhiannon motioned to accept Advantage Computer quote for enhanced ACH with utility software for \$1140, Patrick 2nd, motion carried.

Superintendent

- Neal asked about meters replaced/repaired.
- Water pump house electrical upgrades (small upgrades \$1500-2000; larger upgrades \$7000-10,000). Neal motioned to approve \$5000 for upgrades with mayor authority up to \$10k, Rhiannon 2nd, motion carried.
- Kyle is asking the council to sign a thank you to Charlie with KRWA for his help.

- Animal control issues with city parks, dogs/cats not being leashed. It's getting better but asking to help spread the word about leashing animals in city parks, cleaning up after their animals.
- Pool filters need to be replaced in the near future.
- Park bathrooms will remain locked due to vandalism. WRA board coaches have keys to unlock as needed.
- Neal inquired about blight at the property of 301 Elm. Notice has been given and improvements have been made. Property managers plan to address everything blighted.

Police

- report given
- Michael shared that last weekend was very busy in town. No huge issues.
- Neal asked if we participated in Click-It or Ticket? We did not this year.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Clay County Transportation- Don Wright

Mr. Wright did not attend.

2. Fireworks Stand

Neal motioned to charge a \$500 concession fee to sell fireworks at the Industrial Park. Motion dies for lack of 2nd. Patrick motioned for a \$250 concession fee, Rhiannon 2nd. Motion carried.

3. Library 2025 Budget

Library board presents the 2025 budget to the council.

4. Fireworks Ordinance 1354

Neal motioned to adopt Ord. 1354, Rhiannon 2nd, motion carried.

5. Clay County Park sewer rates 2025

There are 271 sites, the county being billed for 31 sewer taps. Mayor shared adding \$5 for 190 seasonal spots for 5 months. Neal motioned to charge CC Park \$5 for 190 campsites for 5 months (May-September) starting in 2025, Rhiannon 2nd, motion carried.

6. 3rd St. & Dogwood intersection

Superintendent and Police Chief suggested more signage, a speed hump (cost would be \$4,000)

7. Executive Session to discuss legal matters with the city attorney.

Rhiannon motioned for Executive Session to discuss legal matters with city attorney until 9:00pm, Patrick 2nd, motion carried.

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

Patrick motioned for Executive Session to discuss legal matters with city attorney until 9:08pm, Betsy 2nd, motion carried.

Mayor brought the meeting back to order at 9:08pm.

Patrick motioned to hire a specialized council to investigate land acquisition, Rhiannon 2nd, motion passes 4/1 with Neal nay.

***ADJOURNMENT:**

- Patrick motioned to adjourn the meeting, Betsy 2nd, motion carried.

City Clerk