

City of Wakefield
Public Hearing/Council Meeting Tuesday, August 1, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor D called the public hearing to order and asked if any of the public wished to speak on the issue. Eric & Paula Krueger spoke in favor of the proposed zoning change from R1 to Commercial. Neal added that he agreed with the proposed zoning request with adding lighting. Betsy further added the PZ board recommendations regarding the addition of lighting and verified that the owners of said property would be putting up lights. Council voted unanimously to accept the zoning change request.

Call to Order

Mayor Dumler called the meeting to order at 7:10pm and POC Betsy led the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Present were Randy Garcia, David O'Dell, Betsy Liebau, Leza Chrysosovergis, Neal Summerson.

Consent Agenda

Betsy requested adding an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel matters following Lagoons update. Neal inquired about Bramlage bill, clerk informed it was for a billboard on I70.

Randy motioned to accept consent agenda with adding one Executive Session to follow Lagoons update, David 2nd, motion carried.

Public Comments

None

Organizational Reports

***Pride**

-Business of the Month: American Seamless Gutter

-YOM nominees: 502 Juniper, 901 Lakeside, 309 2nd, 804 Hickory. Randy motioned winner as 805 6th, Neal 2nd, motion passes, with Leza & Betsy abstaining.

-Meeting- Aug 15 @ 7pm at Community Center

***WRA**

-Balance: \$4233.75

-Pool party Aug 7 from 7-9pm. David motioned to allow WRA free admission for pool party, Neal 2nd, motion carried.

-BB season breakdown

-Flag Fball will be ran through Clay Center Parks & Recreation

***Pool Report**

2 parties scheduled

Moonlight Swim Aug 12. Planning on showing a movie. Admission will be \$2

Pool improvements for 2023: painting bottom of pool;

David motioned to have Moonlight Swim along with purchase of 10' blow up screen, tiki torches and raising admission to \$2, Neal 2nd, motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Gather for the Good Match Day

David motioned \$500 for Wakefield Bday Bash, Wakefield PRIDE, if any other organization wants a donation, they be present at Sept council meeting, Randy 2nd, motion carried with Leza & Betsy abstaining.

2. Lagoons update- Brian w/BG

Brian shared the Geology standings. He further shared Non-Discharging options: Irrigation Option and a Non-Discharging Option (see BG Memo). If council wants to move forward with a non-Discharging option, Phase II Geology would need to start ASAP. If Irrigation Option Phase II can wait (Brian is pushing for an Irrigation Option). Funding options:

CDBG Rules not published yet; KDHE potential for loan forgiveness up to \$1 million; USDA likely loan only due to low user rates.

Next Steps:

Based on Geology Report findings showing site is a viable location to move forward. We can begin property negotiations. Mayor will get with city attorney, Betsy, and Jeff and be ready to move at next council meeting.

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

Betsy motioned for executive session to discuss non-elected personnel matters until 8:40pm, Leza 2nd, motion carried.

Mayor Dumler brought the meeting back to order at 8:40pm.

Betsy motioned for executive session to discuss non-elected personnel matters until 8:45pm, Leza 2nd, motion carried.

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

Michael Holte accepted an offer to be our Chief of Police for \$25/hr based on a 86/hr per pay period with full benefits for himself & family. Betsy motioned to reimburse up to \$1000 for body armor, Randy 2nd, motion carried.

David motioned Michael to live within 15 miles (aeronautical) of town, Randy 2nd, motion carried.

4. **Ord. 1342, 1343 (STO & UPOC)**

Randy motioned to adopt Ord. 1342 STO & 1343 UPOC, Betsy 2nd, motion carried.

5. **Ord. 1344 (Evergy Franchise)**

Randy motioned to adopt Ord. 1344, Betsy 2nd, motion carried.

6. **Ord. 1345 (Short-term rentals) if ready**

Council discussed short-term rental ordinance

7. **Tree Dump- extend Saturday hours**

Randy motioned tree dump hours on every Saturday be extended from 8am-5pm, Betsy 2nd, motion carried. Jeff & Julie to get sign ready to be ordered.

8. **Water Rates**

Tabled to WS.

9. **Generator for Fire Station**

Rural FD is going to see about getting the county to help with purchase. No new quotes received yet. Mayor to reach out to Schmidtlein.

10. **Water Well Project update**

Additional dirt has been brought in, work is moving along with recent timeline given from Sargent Drilling.

11. **Pet Ord/Blight/Code Enforcement**

We can discuss this further after our new Police Chief gets involved. David inquired about needing clarification on what number to call for animals at large. After discussion, Clerk to add Jeff's number to website.

12. **USD 379 & Wakefield School update**

No new update

***Employee Reports**

Clerk- report given. David motioned Julie to attend League Annual Conference, Neal 2nd, motion carried.

Superintendent- David is concerned about Jeff doing work on 3rd St culvert that we paid county to complete the job. Mayor will take care of contacting county. David is wondering about tree limbs being trimmed on disc golf course and around t-ball field.

Police- NA

Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel matters

Neal motioned for executive session to discuss non-elected personnel matters until 9:50pm, Leza 2nd, motion carried.

Mayor Dumler brought the meeting back to order at 9:50pm.

***Adjournment**

Leza motioned to adjourn, David 2nd, motion passed.

City Clerk