

Minutes

Town Council Meeting

June 22, 2023

The Wakefield Town Council held a called meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall with the following present: Brian M. Laine, Mayor; O. E Parker, III, Council President; Francis Chambers, Michael W. Kessinger, Dennis P. Mason, Darlean Whiting, Brian K. Wills, Council members; Robyn L. Croft, Treasurer; Bonita Meyers, Clerk.

Called to Order: The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call and Adoption of Agenda: The clerk called the roll; all members were present.

Mr. Kessinger moved to adopt the agenda as presented; Mrs. Whiting seconded, and Council voted unanimously by raised hands to accept the motion.

Adoption Of Budget, Set Tax Levies

Mr. Parker made a motion to adopt the 2023-2024 proposed budget as presented and set the following tax levies: 0.12 cents per \$100 of the assessed value of real estate, mobile homes, and public service; this is an increase from 0.093 cents per \$100; 0.86 cents per \$100 of the assessed value of personal property and machinery & tools. The percentage of personal property tax relief for qualifying vehicles is 65%. The sale of electricity will increase by 3%. The water connection fee (Tap Fee) will increase from \$1400.00 to \$3500.00.

The sale of water base rate will increase as follows:

Residential In Town:	from \$15.00 to \$18.00 (a \$3.00 increase)
Residential Out of Town:	from \$30.00 to \$33.00 (a \$3.00 increase)
Commercial In Town:	from \$15.00 to \$23.00 (an \$8.00 increase)
Commercial Out of Town:	from \$30.00 to \$38.00 (an \$8.00 increase)
Industrial Water:	from \$24.00 to \$32.00 (an \$8.00 increase)

Mr. Kessinger seconded, and Council's vote was unanimous.

Executive Session: Finance On a motion by Mr. Parker the Council moved into Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. to discuss Investment Public funds under Section 2.2-3711 A.29 of the Code of Virginia. The Council reconvened at 7:28 p.m., all members certifying to the best of their knowledge that only lawfully exempted public business matters for which this executive session was called were heard, discussed, or considered in private.

Mrs. Chambers motioned to transfer all bank accounts to Towne Bank at 5% money market interest, except the water account and the general fund account; Mrs. Whiting seconded, and Council voted unanimously by raised hands to accept the motion.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Brain M. Laine, Mayor

Bonita JC Meyers

Bonita Meyers, Clerk