

## Called Council Meeting October 25, 2023

The Wakefield Town Council held a called meeting on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 in the Town Hall with the following present: Mayor Brian M. Laine, O. E. Parker, III, Council President; Frances J. Chambers, Michael W. Kessinger, Dennis P. Mason, Darlean Whiting and Brian K. Wills, Councilmembers; H. Lane Chambers, Utility Committee Chair, Robyn L. Croft, Treasurer.

Mayor Laine called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The Treasurer called the roll of Council, all members were present.

Brian K. Wills moved to adopt the agenda as presented, Darlean Whiting seconded and Council's vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Croft discussed the electric rates and the need for an increase, the suggested increase is 12 percent. Lane Chambers explained why rates are so high and what drives the rates, which is the Green Initiative. The Council asked Mr. Chambers several questions and then discussed the proposed rate increase.

Lane Chambers then discussed the generator and why it is important to purchase two new generators. There was then discussion on the generator. Lane Chambers informed the Council that the generators are a package deal from Caterpillar. Lane also spoke about the True-up being higher than normal, it is possible that we get some of the True-up back with interest, it will all depend on how NERK rules.

O. E. Parker, III asked for a motion made to raise electric rates by 12 percent effective with the November 16, 2023 billing, Frances Chambers seconded, Council's vote was unanimous.

Mayor Laine asked Mrs. Croft to advertise in the paper the public hearing for the rate increase. The public hearing will be held at 6:30, November 13, 2023 before the regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Frances Chambers asked for a moment of silence for the Baldwin family. Darlean Whiting led all in attendance in prayer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

October 25, 2023 minutes continued

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Brian M. Laine, Mayor

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Robyn L. Croft, Treasurer