

A regular meeting of the Wakefield City Council was held on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Wakefield Municipal Building with Mayor DeFavero presiding and leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL Present: Councilmembers Wiita, Mann, DeFavero, Tarro, and Granato
CALL Absent: None
Also Present: Richard Brackney, City Manager; and approximately 14 guests

CONSENT a) May 8, 2017 regular City Council meeting minutes; b) April
AGENDA 20, 2017 regular Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority meeting minutes; c) April 13, 2017 regular Gogebic Range Water Authority meeting minutes; d) April 26, 2017 regular Gogebic County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes; and e) April 2017 Expense and Income Report. Granato moved, Wiita seconded, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

BRIEF Mayor DeFavero commented on the excellent turnout for the Spring
PUBLIC May 19 and 20, 2017 clean-up.
COMMENT

APPROVAL Granato moved, Mann seconded, CARRIED, that the Agenda be approved
OF THE as presented.
AGENDA

UNFIN-
FINISHED None
BUSINESS

NEW a) May (Partial) 2017 Invoices- Mann moved, Granato seconded,
BUSINESS that the invoices be approved as presented and ordered paid.
Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

b) Wakefield-Marenisco Golf Scramble Donation Request- Tarro moved, Mann seconded, CARRIED, that the Council approve a request from the Wakefield-Marenisco School Athletic Fund Golf Tournament to donate two \$50.00 of camping certificates for their June 10, 2017 event.

c) Buttercup Popcorn Wagon Request- Tarro moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council authorize Mrs. ToniAnn Anderson to put the Buttercup Popcorn Wagon in Eddy Park and waive the \$3.00 per day vendor fee in appreciation of Mrs. Anderson providing a convenience to our Park Users. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

d) Wakefield Housing Commission Appointment- Granato moved, Mann seconded, CARRIED, that the Council publish a notice in the Wakefield News/Bessemer Pick and Axe requesting letters of interest for the Wakefield Housing Commission Board.

e) Summer Youth- Because of Language in the City's Charter pertaining to nepotism, Granato moved, Mann seconded, that the Council that the Council hire Nick Tarro for the summer months. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote, except Tarro, who abstained. The Council was informed that the Department of Human Services has funding available to provide 1 summer youth and a few adult workers for the City through the Michigan Rehabilitation Services Work Force Program. Granato moved, Tarro seconded, that the Council authorize the hiring of 5 summer youth workers (including Mr. Tarro) for the Summer Months.

f) AEP Conference- Mann moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council authorize the City Manager and Councilmember Granato to attend an AEP Conference in Eau Claire, WI on June 8 and 9, 2017. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote, except Granato, who abstained.

g) Fourth of July Celebration Donations- Wiita moved, Tarro seconded, that the Council donate \$1000 to the Wakefield Fireworks Committee and \$1000 to the Wakefield Fourth of July Committee (\$500 Township share/\$1,500 City share), which is part of the Wakefield City/Township Services Agreement and authorize the City Staff to assist in completing the required Fireworks display permits. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

h) MML Annual Dues- Mann moved, Granato seconded, that the Council approve a \$1,977.00 invoice from the Michigan Municipal League for the City's annual Membership Dues. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

i) City Manager's Report- 1) Eddy Park Donation- The City received a \$250 donation from Mr. Jim Wourinen, Section 12 Automotive, to be used towards Eddy Park Improvements; 2) Gogebic County Land Bank- The City Manager informed the Council that he and the Clerk signed a release of interest for the City to obtain a vacant lot on the 1300 block of Hancock Street to be used for Public Interest, which would allow the County Land Bank to sell the vacant lot outright; 3) Spring Clean up- The City Manager recapped the 2017 Spring Clean-up, in which the City and Township combined efforts collected over 4,000 tires and many tons of debris from our residents. It was a very successful event and many people expressed gratitude to the City and Township for hosting a Clean-up.

EXTENDED
PUBLIC
COMMENT

Clerk Jennifer Jacobson informed the Council and Public that the Wakefield Fire Department presented two \$250 scholarships to Wakefield-Marenisco Seniors Easton Hamel and Darienne Korpi during the W-M Honor's Assembly earlier in the day. Marcia Jurakovich commented on the Sewer System near her house and vendor permits. Councilmember Pat Mann commented on the Campground rates and reservation rules. Andy Hill commented on the Eddy Park signs for

Dogs and Bicycles. Jerry Anderson commented on a water leak on his property.

ADJOURN- Mann moved, Tarro seconded, CARRIED, that the meeting adjourn
MENT at 6:26 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Jacobson, City Clerk

Approved: _____

Joseph R. DeFavero, Mayor

Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk