

A regular meeting of the Wakefield City Council was held on Monday, June 26, 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 15 guests

CONSENT a) June 12, 2017 regular City Council meeting minutes; b) May
AGENDA 18, 2017 regular Gogebic County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes; c) May 24, 2017 regular Gogebic County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes; d) Gogebic County Sheriff's Department April 2017 and May 2017 reports; and e) May 31, 2017 Expense and Income Report. Granato moved, Tarro seconded, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

BRIEF
PUBLIC None
COMMENT

APPROVAL Granato moved, Mann seconded, CARRIED, that the Agenda be amended
OF THE to add New Business items; i) Gravel Bid; and Closed Session-
AGENDA Bargaining Unit Negotiations.
AGENDA

UNFIN- a) Housing Commission Appointment- Granato moved, Tarro seconded,
FINISHED that the Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Ms. Judith
BUSINESS Levra to another five year term on the Wakefield Housing Commission, which will begin on July 1, 2017 and terminate on June 30, 2022. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

b) Utility Billing Clerk- The City Manager informed the Council that Mrs. Sue Ahonen was hired on as one of the part time Utility Billing Clerk's and began work on June 23, 2017. No action was necessary, however, the Council welcomed Mrs. Ahonen.

c) Bargaining Unit Layoff- After a brief discussion, Mann moved, Tarro seconded, that the Council layoff the least senior Bargaining Unit Employee effective August 22, 2017. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

d) Campground Internet- A discussion took place on the options available for enhancing the WI-FI at the campground. Granato moved, Mann seconded, CARRIED, that the Council take no action on the WI-FI.

NEW a) Beach Water Testing- The City was notified that the Western
BUSINESS Upper Peninsula District Health Department received another grant to test the Sunday Lake Beach water again this summer. The Beach water will be tested weekly for nine weeks at no cost to the City. Test results can be found on the Department of Environmental Quality website: www.deq.state.mi.us/beach/.

- b) June (partial) 2017 Invoices- Mann moved, Wiita seconded, that the invoices be approved as presented and ordered paid. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.
- c) Utility Billing Software- Granato moved, Mann seconded, that the Council approve a two year Contract with Tyler Technologies for the Utility Billing/Payroll and General Ledger software for a rate of \$10,070 per year, which will expire on July 31, 2019. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.
- d) American Electric Power- After a brief discussion, Granato moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council approve the Tenth Amendment to Market Based Rate Full Requirements Agreement with AEP, which extends the Delivery Period to January 1, 2025 through May 31, 2027. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.
- e) City Manager Personal Leave- Granato moved, Mann seconded, that the Council authorize the Payroll Clerk to pay City Manager Richard Brackney for his unused Personal Leave, rather than carry it over to the next fiscal year. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.
- f) Budget Amendments- After a brief discussion, based on the recommendation of the City Treasurer and Finance Committee, Granato moved, Mann seconded, that the Council adopt the Budget Amendments in various accounts. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.
- g) Utility Charge off- Granato moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council authorize charging off \$2,189.26 in bad debt that is considered uncollectable for delinquent utility accounts. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.
- h) Wakefield Fire Department Donation- City Clerk/Firefighter Jennifer Jacobson made a presentation on a donation made by the Fire Department. The Wakefield Volunteer Fire Department donated four Water Rescue Discs (ResQ Discs) which will be mounted in Public Use areas around Sunday Lake and can be used during any type of water emergency should the need arise. The Fire Department will also house two on the primary response vehicles. No action was necessary, but the Council thanked the Fire Department.
- i) Gravel Bids- Tarro moved, Mann seconded, that the City accept the \$10/yard bid from Smily's Excavating for 1,000 yards of 22A road gravel. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

EXTENDED
PUBLIC
COMMENT

Marcia Jurakovich thanked the Fire Department; multiple comments were heard on the Wi-Fi at the Campground.

CLOSED
SESSION

Bargaining Unit Negotiations- Granato moved, Tarro seconded, that the Council go into Closed Session at 6:23 P.M., pursuant to MCL 15.268, Section 8(c), for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement (CBA) if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote. Mann moved, Tarro seconded, that the Council return to open session at 7:11 P.M. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote. No action was taken.

ADJOURN-
MENT

Tarro moved, Mann seconded, CARRIED, that the meeting adjourn at 7:12 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Jacobson, City Clerk

Approved: _____

Joseph R. DeFavero, Mayor

Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk