

A regular meeting of the Wakefield City Council was held on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Wakefield Municipal Building with Mayor Pro Tem Granato presiding and leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL Present: Councilmembers Wiita, Mann, Tarro, and Granato
 CALL Absent: Councilmember DeFavero
 Also Present: Richard Brackney, City Manager; Ray O'Dea, City Attorney; and approximately 21 guests

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION Municipal Infractions-Ordinance Number 221- The Mayor Pro Tem opened the Public Hearing at 5:31 P.M. The Clerk read the Ordinance. No Public Comments were heard. The Mayor pro tem closed the Public Hearing at 5:32 P.M. Mann moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council adopt Ordinance Number 221, entitled Municipal Infraction Ordinance, which will become effective on May 13, 2017. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION Ordinance Number 222- The Mayor Pro Tem opened the Public Hearing at 5:33 P.M. The Clerk read the Ordinance. Two comments from the public were heard. The Mayor pro tem closed the Public Hearing at 5:36 P.M. Wiita moved, Tarro seconded, that the Council adopt Ordinance Number 222, entitled an Ordinance to repeal Ordinance Number 169, and establish Zoning Fees, which will become effective on May 13, 2017. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION Electric Rates- The Mayor Pro Tem opened the Public Hearing at 5:36 P.M. The proposed rates were reviewed. Two comments from the public were heard. The Mayor pro tem closed the Public Hearing at 5:44 P.M. Mann moved, Tarro seconded, that the Council increase the Electric Rates as follows: Residential Electric Fixed Charge from \$4.25 per month to \$8.00 per month; Water Heating Fixed Charge from \$2.85 per month to \$4.00 per month; Water Heating Kilowatts Per Hour charge from \$0.0880 to \$0.0930; and Off Peak Rate per Kilowatt Hour charge from \$0.0450 to \$0.0475, effective with the May 1, 2017 Utility Billing. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA a) March 27, 2017 regular City Council meeting minutes; b) March 8, 2017 Gogebic County Board of Commissioner meeting minutes; c) January 24, 2017 regular Wakefield Public Library Board meeting minutes; d) March 9, 2017 Gogebic Range Water Authority meeting minutes; e) Thank you cards; and f) March 2017 Expense and Income Report. Mann moved, Wiita seconded, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT Mark Lane commented on the City Office Staff agenda item; Valerie Gerbig commented on the City Office Staff agenda item; Neil Londo questioned a comment made during the Electric Rate Public Hearing.

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

UNFIN-
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BUSINESS

a) Merit Network Internet- Mann moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council approve a Five Year Agreement between the City of Wakefield and Merit Network for Fiber Optic Internet Service for 1 Gbps Fiber Connection 10 Mbps Total Bandwidth for an annual cost \$2,898.00 per year. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

b) City Radios- After a discussion, Granato moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council rescind a motion made at the December 12, 2016 meeting, which stated "that the Council redevelop radio communications rather than cellphone use and authorize the City Manager to research radios and a new Federal Communication Commission license.". Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote. Mann moved, Tarro seconded, CARRIED, that the Council authorize the City to develop a policy for Employee Cellphone/ Internet Use.

c) Tire Grant- The Council was informed that the City and Township were awarded a \$7,000 grant to dispose of 3,500 tires during the joint Spring Clean-up that is scheduled for May 19 and 20, 2017. No action is necessary.

NEW
BUSINESS

a) Consumer Confidence Report- Wiita moved, Tarro seconded, that the 2016 Water Quality Report be approved. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

b) March (final) and April (partial) 2017 Invoices- Tarro moved, Mann seconded, that the invoices be approved as presented and ordered paid. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

c) City Office Staff- Mann moved, Wiita seconded, CARRIED, that the City Manager be authorized to receive applications for one part time General Office Assistant.

d) Building Permit Application- Tarro moved, Mann seconded, CARRIED, that the Council approve a Building Permit Application as submitted by the Building Inspector as the City's official Building Permit Application.

e) Mail Machine Bids- The City Manager briefly discussed the need for a new machine to fold, insert, and seal envelopes which is used for tax notices and bills, election absentee voter applications, utility bills and disconnect notices. Wiita moved, Tarro seconded, CARRIED, that the Council authorize the City Manager to call for bids on a new machine.

f) Campground Improvements- After a discussion on the need for new flooring and shower walls in the Campground Facilities, Tarro moved, Mann seconded, CARRIED, that the Council authorize the City Manager to call for bids.

g) Salvageable Equipment- Tarro moved, Mann seconded, that based on a recommendation of the Equipment Committee, a side plow that came with the recently purchased sand truck be declared surplus property and sold for a minimum bid of \$500.00. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

h) Budget Worksession- Tarro moved, Wiita seconded, CARRIED, that the Council schedule a Budget Worksession for Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 3:30 P.M.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT Marcia Jurakovich commented on the City Manager's Evaluation; Mark Lane commented on the Part-time Office Assistant; Andy Hill commented on the Mayor Pro Tem making a motion while chairing the meeting; Kay Wiita commented on Blight; the City Manager commented on the Community Garden and that the next regular City Council meeting (scheduled for 5:30 PM on April 24, 2017) has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 5:30, due to a scheduling conflict.

CLOSED SESSION Bargaining Unit Negotiations- Tarro moved, Mann seconded, that the Council go into closed session at 6:22 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, Wiita seconded, that the Council return to open session at 7:43 P.M. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote. No action was taken on the Bargaining Unit Contract.

ADJOURNMENT Tarro moved, Mann seconded, CARRIED, that the meeting adjourn at 7:44 P.M.

Approved: 4/25/2017

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Jacobson, City Clerk

John Granato
John Granato, Mayor Pro Tem

Jennifer L. Jacobson
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A regular meeting of the Wakefield City Council was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Wakefield Municipal Building with Mayor DelFavero presiding and leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL Present: Councilmembers Wiita, DelFavero, Tarro, and Granato
 CALL Absent: Councilmember Mann
 Also Present: Richard Brackney, City Manager; Ray O'Dea, City Attorney; and approximately 18 guests

CONSENT a) April 10, 2017 regular City Council meeting minutes; b)
 AGENDA March 22, and April 12, 2017 Gogebic County Board of Commis-
 sioner meeting minutes; c) March 16, 2017 Gogebic Range Solid
 Waste Management Authority meeting minutes; and d) Road Restriction Notice. Mann moved, Wiita 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, Tarro seconded, CARRIED, that the Agenda be approved
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 AGENDA

UNFIN- a) Coleman Engineering Maria Lane Presentation- Paul Anderson,
 FINISHED Coleman Engineering made a presentation on three options for bid-
 BUSINESS ding out the proposed Maria Lane Paving Project. After a brief
 discussion on the Alternate option that included paving City owned
 property, commonly known as the Bakery Parking Lot, Granato moved,
 Tarro seconded, that the Council authorize Coleman Engineering to
 call for bids for Option #3 with the Alternate, which includes
 complete restoration of Maria Lane, removal and replacement of the
 sidewalk and install new curbing; and additional paving of the
 City's property near the Bakery for an estimated cost of \$124,485.
 Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

b) Cell Phone Policy- Granato moved, Wiita seconded, that the
 Council adopt the Cell Phone Policy applicable to the City
 Employees as presented by the City Manager. Motion CARRIED, all
 voting yes by roll call vote.

c) Campground Bids- After a discussion, Granato moved, Wiita
 seconded, CARRIED, that the Council table action on a bid to
 renovate the Campground restroom facility.

d) Salvageable Equipment/Plow Bid- At the April 10, 2017 meeting,
 the Council approved calling for bids to sell a surplus snowplow,
 with a minimum bid of \$500.00. Tarro moved, Granato seconded, that
 the Council accept the \$500.00 bid from Mr. Matt Jacobson. Motion
 CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

e) Manager Contract- Granato moved, Wiita seconded, CARRIED, that the Council table any action on the City Manager's Contract until a full Council is present.

f) Eddy Park Beach Amenities- The Council authorized the City Clerk to research and spend up to \$2,500 to purchase additional beach amenities for the City's Beach at a previous meeting. The Council was informed that Jennifer Jacobson, City Clerk, purchased a 6 foot by 14 foot "splash pad" and a non-inflatable 8 foot by 10 foot classic swim raft for a total cost of \$1,759 from the Dock Shop in Arbor Vitae, WI. The City will not have 4 swimming beach amenities at the Sunday Lake Park.

g) Fire Hall Bids- Two bids for Fire Hall improvements were received. After reviewing the bids and based on a recommendation of the Fire Chief, Granato moved, Tarro seconded, that the Council approve the \$6,500 total bid from R.E.D. Construction of Ironwood, Michigan. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

NEW
BUSINESS

a) Budget Amendments- Granato moved, Tarro seconded, that based on a recommendation from the Finance Committee, the council approve the Budget Amendments as presented. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

b) April (partial) 2017 Invoices- Tarro moved, Wiita seconded, that the invoices be approved as presented and ordered paid. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

c) Summer Help Workers- Tarro moved, Wiita seconded, that the City authorize the City Manager to hire four summer youth employees who are at least sixteen years old and enrolled in full-time schooling. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

d) Council Representative Appointments- After a brief discussion, Granato moved, Tarro seconded, CARRIED, that the Council support the Mayor's appointments of Ms. Wiita to serve as the City's Representative to the City's Planning Commission; and Ms. Mann to serve on the Finance Committee.

e) Split Rock Trail Association Request- Granato moved, Tarro seconded, that the Council approve the request from the Split Rock Trail Association to release \$2872 in total funds to the efforts to begin trail construction. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

f) Recycling Dumpsters- Tarro moved, Wiita seconded, that, due to the Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority (GRSWMA) eliminating the co-mingled recyclable dumpster collection, the City discontinue the use of the dumpsters near the City's Quonset hut. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote. The City Manager and GRSWMA want residents to know that the GRSWMA is still taking Recyclables at the Transfer Station for no charge and is encouraging residents to continue to recycle.

g) Planter's Creek Information- The City of Wakefield received a letter of recognition from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for our continued efforts and improvements to our sewer system. The Award will be announced and presented by Mr. Steve Casey, DEQ District Supervisor, at the Upper Peninsula Wastewater Operator's Conference in May

h) Budget Worksession- Granato moved, Tarro seconded, CARRIED, that the Council schedule a Budget Worksession for Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 3:30 P.M.

i) City Managers Report- 1) W-M Project Clean Up/Earth Day Clean Up- Granato moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council submit a letter of appreciation and publish a notice in the Wakefield News/Bessemer Pick and Axe thanking the Wakefield-Marenisco School District and Mr. Chris Tweiten for their continued efforts in keeping our community clean and presentable; 2) Community Garden- The City Manager informed the Council and the Public that the Michigan Tech students that are working on the Community Garden took first place in the State Competition and the project continues to move forward. Anyone who is interested in taking part of the Community Garden is asked to contact the City Manager.

EXTENDED
PUBLIC
COMMENT

Jim Favero commented on the work at the Eddy Park Campground, wanted to thank Tom Smiljanich for his donation of equipment and also praised the W-M School District for their clean-up efforts around Sunday Lake. Andy Hill commented on cemetery maintenance, the spring clean-up and recycling. Marco Movrich commented on the Blight Ordinance. Terry Feters (GRSWMA) commented on the recycling program.

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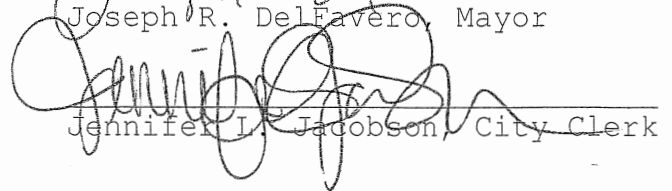
Tarro moved, Granato seconded, CARRIED, that the meeting adjourn at 6:47 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Jacobson, City Clerk

Approved: _____

5/8/2017


Joseph R. DeFavero, Mayor


Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk