

A regular meeting of the Wakefield City Council was held on Monday, June 12, 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, Mann, DelFavero, Tarro, and Granato
 CALL Absent: None
 Also Present: Richard Brackney, City Manager; Ray O'Dea, City Attorney; Mr. Paul Anderson, Coleman Engineering; and approximately 15 guests

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget/Ordinance Number 223- Granato moved, Mann seconded, CARRIED, that the Public Hearing be opened at 5:33 P.M. The City Manager briefly discussed the Budget and the Truth in Taxation Notice. The taxpayers will experience a .44% increase for 2017 Comments from the Public were heard regarding the calculation to increase taxes. Comments were also heard about deferred maintenance and future expenses. There being no additional comments, Granato moved, Wiita seconded, CARRIED, that the Public Hearing was closed at 5:53 P.M. Mann moved, Granato seconded, that the Council adopt Ordinance Number 223, entitled 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget which includes the .44% tax increase. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA a) May 22, 2017 regular City Council meeting minutes; b) May 10, 2017 regular Gogebic County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes; c) April 26, 2017 regular Wakefield Public Library Board meeting minutes; and d) May 11, 2017 regular Gogebic Range Water Authority meeting minutes. Granato moved, Wiita seconded, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Granato moved, Mann seconded, CARRIED, that the Agenda be amended to add New Business items; j) Budget Process; and k) Pavilion Requests.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS a) Maria Lane Paving Bids- Mr. Paul Anderson, Coleman Engineering, presented the bid information as submitted by Angelo Luppino. After a brief discussion, Mann moved, Tarro seconded, that the Council approve Mr. Anderson's recommendation to accept the \$74,804.72 bid from Angelo Luppino for the Maria Lane Street Improvement Project with additional authorization given to the City Manager to authorize up to five percent (5%) contingency for the project, in the event a change order is required. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

b) 2001 Ford F-250 Truck Bids- Granato moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council approve the \$200.00 bid from Smily's Excavating for the 2001 Ford F-250 DPW Truck. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

c) Eddy Park Change House Engineering Report- Granato moved, Mann seconded, that the Council authorize demolition to the existing change house facility and research new change house design. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

NEW
BUSINESS

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

b) Planning Commission Requests (Walking Path/Block 3 Original Plat City Right of Way)- Granato moved, Mann seconded, CARRIED, that based on a recommendation of the Planning Commission, the Council deny a request to vacate an alley in Block 3 of the Original Plan between Brotherton Street and Sunday Lake Street. Walking Path Request- Granato moved, Mann seconded, CARRIED, that the Council place a notice in the newspaper encouraging residents to not park on the paved walking trails during the Fourth of July festivities as well as during little league games.

c) Fourth of July Committee/Glow Walk Request- Mann moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council approve the donation of the John Siira Pavilion for a June 30, 2017 Fourth of July Committee Glow Walk and Bon Fire Event to officially kick off the Wakefield Fourth of July Festivities. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

d) Semi-Annual Bridge Inspections- An informational update on the required Semi-annual Bridge Inspections was given by the City Manager. Mr. Brian Hintsala, AECOM, will perform the Bridge Inspections again this year for a cost of approximately \$2,100.00 which is similar to past years. Once the Inspection is complete, a report will be filed with the State of Michigan and presented to the Council. No action is necessary.

e) City Facility Authorization- Mann moved, Tarro seconded, that the Council authorize the City Manager to use his discretion in donating the use of the City's Pavilion's and Event Room for activities that can be seen as to benefit the Citizens of Wakefield.

f) Gravel Bid- Granato moved, Tarro seconded, CARRIED, that the Council authorize the City Manager to call for bids for 1,000 yards of 22A Gravel.

g) Generator Donation- The City Manager briefly discussed a generator that was donated by Gogebic County. The generator will be permanently installed at the Municipal Building, however, electrical and mechanical connections are required to install the generator. Granato moved, Wiita seconded, CARRIED, that the Council authorize the City Manager to call for electrical installation bids. Granato moved, Tarro seconded, CARRIED, that the Council authorize the City Manager to call for mechanical bids.

h) Council Worksession- It was the consensus of the Council to have a Worksession on Monday, June 19, 2017 at 10:00 AM.

i) Community Garden Update- The Manager updated the Council on the outcome of the May 31, 2017 meeting. Two raised garden beds would be constructed in the near future. No action is necessary.

j) Budget Process- During the preparation of the Budget, numerous discussions on staffing took place. Mann moved, Tarro seconded, that the Council pursue laying off the lowest senior Union worker, effective August 1, 2017. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote, except DeFavero, who voted no.

k) Pavilion Requests- Tarro moved, Mann Seconded, that the Council donate the use of the City's facilities to the Classic Cruisers on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 and to the Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, July 9, 2017. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

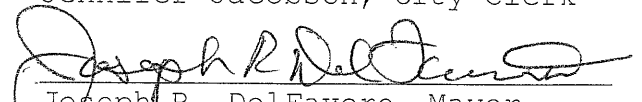
EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT Joe Trolla commented on utility disconnection fees; Bob Blaskowski commented on the visitors center deck and the Indian Statue, and the cost savings seen with the garbage collection change; Jean Koski commented on the mosquito control, the Electric in Site 4 at the Campground, and the WI-FI at the Campground; Loraine Mussatti commented on the proposed change house and asked about fire wood for the bon fire after the Glow Walk; Missy Sibley commented on her husband's wage verses new employees wages; Neil Londo commented on the Bargaining Unit Layoff; Kathy Phillips commented on the garbage collection.

ADJOURN- MENT Mann moved, Tarro seconded, CARRIED, that the meeting adjourn at 7:14 P.M.

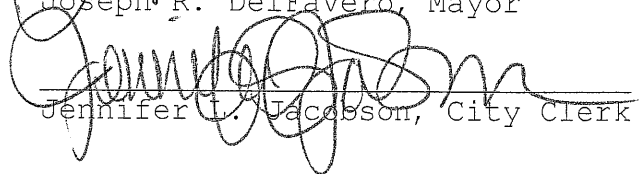
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6/20/2017

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Jacobson, City Clerk



Joseph R. DeFavero, Mayor



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