

A regular meeting of the Wakefield City Council was held on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Wakefield Municipal Building with Mayor Granato presiding and leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL Present: Councilmembers Wiita, Mann, Anderson, Tarro, and Granato

CALL Absent: none
Also Present: Richard Brackney, City Manager; Ray O'dea, City Attorney and approximately 20 guests

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER- ATION Delinquent Account Amendment- Granato opened the Public Hearing at 5:31 P.M. for Ordinance #225 Amendment of Code #54.24(b)(2)(c) Delinquent Account. After the second reading and brief discussion. Tarro moved, Mann seconded, that the Council approve Ordinance #225 Amendment of Code #54.24(b)(2)(c) with the Ordinance effective date of December 25, 2018, this being 15 days after the enacted date. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote. Mann moved, Anderson seconded, that the Council close the Public Hearing at 5:33 P.M.

CONSENT AGENDA a) November 26, 2018 regular City Council meeting minutes; b) November 8, 2018 regular Gogebic Range Water Authority meeting minutes. Mann moved, Tarro seconded, to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Tarro moved, Wiita seconded, that Agenda be amended to add letter e) GEI Pavilion under Old Business, letters o) City Council 2019 Meeting Dates and p) Recreational Marihuana under New Business. Motion CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS a) Main Lift Station- Update was given by the City Manager. The proposal from XYLEM for the replacement pump at the main lift station has been reduced from \$16,760.76 to \$14,277.72. Tarro moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council approve replacing a second pump at the main lift station at the cost of \$14,277.72. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote. The replacement pump for the Verona Lift Station has been ordered at the cost of \$2,578.00.

b) Master Plan- Update was given to inform the Council that the Planning Commission will be updating the Master Plan and will be notifying the County and Wakefield Township that amendments will be made. No action was taken.

c) Recreation Plan- City Manager gave a brief update stating that the current survey will be updated and sent out to the City of Wakefield residents. No action was taken.

d) Capital Improvement Plan- Update per City Manager. No action was taken.

e) GEI Pavilion- City Council was given information with costs to update the Beach and John Siira Pavilions. GEI has the estimated construction cost of \$76,700.00 and Engineering cost of \$15,340.00 with a total of \$92,040.00 for the Beach Pavilion. GEI also has the estimated construction cost of \$58,700.00 and Engineering cost of \$11,740.00 with a total of \$70,440.00 for the John Siira Pavilion. Mann moved, Tarro seconded, that the Council place estimate on file at this time. Motion CARRIED.

NEW
BUSINESS

a) November (final) and December (partial) Invoices- Tarro moved, Anderson seconded, to accept the invoices as presented and ordered paid. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

b) Authorize Check Writing- After a brief discussion, Mann moved, Tarro seconded, that the Council give the City Treasurer authorization to pay all necessary invoices during the interim of Council meetings. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

c) Office Wall- City Council was updated on installation of the new wall in the Clerk's Office proposal. The Proposal to install the new wall is estimated to cost \$15,325.00 with a scissor style gate. The Council would prefer a garage style gate with an estimated cost of \$3,600.00. Mann moved, Tarro seconded, that the Council approve that the City revise the work order with Nasi Construction to include Office Security wall with exception of the style of the window security gate with the estimated cost of \$15,325.00, which doesn't include the garage window gate. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote. Further discussion took place related to installing a card reader on the City Municipal Building main entrance. This would eliminate the distribution of keys. Tarro moved, Wiita seconded, that the City hire Lindquist Electric to install card reading system on the main door of the City Municipal Building at the estimated cost of \$3,000.00. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

d) AEP Contract Capacity- Wiita moved, Mann seconded, that the Council approve the 13th Amendment to the Market Based Rate Full Requirement Agreement which is good through 2030 and authorize the appropriate signatures. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

e) Water Well Report- Water Well/Pump report was given to the Council with recommendations. The Council learned that one of the pumps at Chicago Mine is due for replacement at an estimated cost of \$66,529.39. After a brief discussion the Council decided the situation isn't an emergency at this time and will consult with the Gogebic Range Water Authority on this project.

f) Gogebic County Land Donation- the Council was notified that Gogebic County is willing to donate two parcels to the City of Wakefield. The parcels didn't sell on the County's two previous tax auctions. Parcels are located on Bedell Ave and Plymouth Location. Tarro moved, Anderson seconded, to accept the property donations from Gogebic County. Motion CARRIED.

g) Eat Smart Knapsack Program- the City will be one of the drop off location for the Eat Smart Knapsack Program. This is a program that provides in-need students in Gogebic County with a bag of nutritious and easy to prepare food over winter and spring break to supplement the meals they would have been receiving in school. No Action Necessary.

h) Office Personnel Wage Increase- Mann moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council prove 30 cent per hours raise for all three City Office Staff effective January 1, 2019. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

i) Economic Vitality Incentive Program- the Council was informed that Sherry Ravelli, City Treasurer, completed and submitted the City's EVIP information to the Department of Treasury making the City eligible to receive Revenue Sharing Funds. No Action Necessary.

j) Snowmobile Trail- the Council was updated that after reviewing the parking situation it has been determined that the area planned isn't a good area. A different area has been offered that will not affect the snowmobile trail. No action necessary.

k) City Utility Clerk Position- after a brief discussion. Mann moved, Tarro seconded, that the Council approve promoting the current Utility Billing Clerk from part time to full time with full benefits effective January 1, 2019. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

l) MML Manager Search- the City Manager search continues. The City Council will be looking to MML for advise on the City Manager search. No action was taken.

m) Gym/Community Room Rules- at this point the Gym/Community area is open for use. Anderson moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council accept current rules and open the gym area for use. Motion CARRIED.

n) Manager Report- 1) the multi-purpose floor and basketball backboards are installed. The rules that govern the use of the school gym will be enforced in the Community room. The school will block the times when they want the facility. Other times will be available thru the City Offices. The Community room will not be used as an unsupervised recreation center; 2) the Saw grant program is coming to a conclusion. A presentation will be made by GEI, who has been working on the project. A Special City Council meeting on January 21, 2019 at 5:00 PM has been agreed upon to make the presentation from GEI; 3) Michigan has passed the Regulation of Taxation of Marihuana Act. The law took effect on December 6, 2018; 4) a question was brought forward as to the green couch, chair and round table that are in the hall of the Municipal Building. It is the Councils wishes to get rid of them; 5) the annual meeting of the Region 13B Taskforce was held at the Gogebic Road Comm. Office. There are no projects scheduled for the Wakefield area. The City of Wakefield and the City of Bessemer share the voting on the Taskforce on an every other year basis; 6) City Manager is planning on taking time off from December 19th to January 7th. This time will be charged to a combination of personal leave and vacation time.

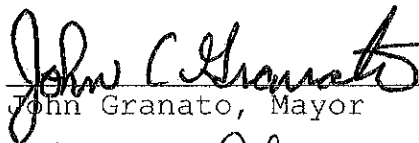
o) City Council Meeting Dates- Tarro moved, Anderson seconded, that the City Council Meeting Dates be accepted for 2019. Motion CARRIED.

p) Recreational Marihuana- After a brief discussion. Mann moved, Tarro seconded, that the Council instruct the City Attorney to draft up Marihuana Opt out Ordinance. Motion CARRIED.

EXTENDED
PUBLIC
COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT Mann moved, Tarro seconded, Motion CARRIED, that the meeting adjourn at 6:53 P.M.

Approved: 1/14/19


John Granato, Mayor


Susan Ahonen, City Clerk