

A regular meeting of the Wakefield City Council was held on Monday, October 14, 2019 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 CALL Present: Councilmembers Wiita, White, Anderson, Tarro, and Granato  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Robert Brown, City Manager; City Manager; Ray O'dea, City Attorney; and approximately 14 guests

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

CONSENT AGENDA a) September 23, 2019 regular City Council meeting minutes; b) September 12, 2019 Gogebic Range Water Authority meeting minutes; c) August 27, 2019 regular Wakefield Public Library meeting minutes; d) September 25, 2019 regular Wakefield Public Library meeting minutes; e) September (final) and October (partial) Invoices; f) Revenue and Expense 2019 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report. Tarro moved, Anderson seconded, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING a) Vacating of Lot- Tarro moved, Anderson seconded, to open Public Hearing at 5:31 pm. Tarro moved, White seconded, to close the Public Hearing at 5:35 pm.

b) Forward Wakefield- White moved, Tarro seconded, to open Public Hearing 5:36 pm. Members from Forward Wakefield presented the Council with future plans for the property. Wiita moved, Tarro seconded, to close the Public Hearing at 5:50 pm.

PRESENTATION a) Regional Hospice- Matt Agree Volunteer Coordinator for Regional Hospice presented the Council with a letter. Regional Hospice is asking for the City's assistance with the 2020 annual Polar Plunge at Sunday Lake on Saturday, March 7, 2020. Tarro moved, Wiita seconded, that the City of Wakefield assist Regional Hospice with their 14<sup>th</sup> annual Polar Plunge on Saturday, March 7, 2020. Motion CARRIED.

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BUSINESS a) Community Service Participating Organization-  
Tarro moved, White seconded, to authorize the City  
Manager, in conjunction with the City Attorney, to  
create a policy allowing persons with Court Ordered  
Community Service to serve their time with the City of  
Wakefield and bring the policy to the City Council for  
final approval. Motion CARRIED.

NEW  
BUSINESS a) Forward Wakefield Resolution- Tarro moved, Anderson  
seconded, to approve Resolution 266, exempting certain  
property owned by Forward Wakefield Development  
Corporation from Ad Valorem Taxation for Economic  
Development Purposes. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by  
roll call vote.

b) Peters Street Vacating Resolution- Tarro moved, Wiita  
seconded, to approve Resolution 267 and vacate a portion  
of Peters Street as defined in the Resolution and  
supporting attachments. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes  
by roll call vote.

c) Ordinance #229 Zoning Appeal- First read, second  
reading and Public Hearing are set for Monday,  
November 11, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

d) Ordinance #230 Winter Street Parking- First read,  
second reading and Public Hearing are set for Monday,  
November 11, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

e) Road BIDS- Anderson moved, Tarro seconded, to  
reject all bids and authorize the City Manager to  
release a new RFP in the Spring of 2020. Motion  
CARRIED.

f) Budget Amendments 2019/2020- Wiita moved, Tarro  
seconded, to approve Resolution 268 amending the  
2019/2020 Fiscal Budget. Motion CARRIED, all voting  
yes by roll call vote.

g) Automated External Defibrillator Donation- Wiita  
moved, Tarro seconded, to accept a donation of  
\$2,200.00 from AEP Energy Partners and authorize the  
City Manager to Purchase an AED Physio-Control Life

Pack 2 CR Defibrillator for use at the City Municipal Building. Motion CARRIED.

h) Stateline Multi-Use Trail Surface Lease Extension-Tarro moved, Anderson seconded, to approve the Stateline Multi-Trail Surface Use Leave Addendum for a period not to exceed three(3) years, and authorize the City Manager to affix their signature to the Addendum. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were heard from Steve Hamilton.

MANAGER REPORT

City Manager presented a recap of recent events.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

CLOSED SESSION

a) For a strategy session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement MCL 15.268(c)- Anderson moved, Tarro seconded, to enter into Closed Session for a strategy session connected with the negation of a collective bargaining agreement MCL 15.268(c) at 6:20 P.M. Anderson moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council return to open session at 6:39 P.M. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

White moved, Anderson seconded, Motion CARRIED, that the meeting adjourn at 6:40 P.M.

Approved: 10/28/19

  
John Granato, Mayor

  
Susan Ahonen, City Clerk