

A regular meeting of the Wakefield City Council was held on Monday, August 28, 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; Ray O'Dea, City Attorney; and approximately 11 guests

CONSENT a) August 28, 2017 regular City Council meeting minutes; b) July 20, 2017 regular Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority meeting minutes; c) August 9, 2017 regular Gogebic County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes; d) August 9, 2017 Beach Water Testing Results; e) June and July 2017 Gogebic County Sheriff's Department Report; and f) July 2017 Expense and Income Report. Mann moved, Granato seconded, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

BRIEF
PUBLIC None
COMMENT

APPROVAL Mann moved, Wiita seconded, CARRIED, that the Agenda be approved
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AGENDA

UNFIN- a) Cardboard Box Boat/Kayak Race Update/Campground Review- The
ISHED Council was updated on the first annual cardboard Box Boat/Kayak
BUSINESS races. Mr. Jim Favero, Campground Host briefly discussed the
Campground Reservation Policy going forward and informed the
Council and Public that the current revenue to date is \$46,712.02.
No action was necessary.

b) RV Ordinance Update- The Council was informed that the City
Attorney is drafting a Recreational Vehicle Ordinance. No action
was necessary.

c) NMPSA Seminar/Medical Marijuana Update- The City Manager briefly
discussed the August 23, 2017 Northern Michigan Public Service
Academy Seminar on the upcoming Laws regarding Medical Marijuana.
No action was necessary.

d) Hydrant Flushing Update- As requested at the August 14, 2017
meeting, the City Manager presented a list of Fire Hydrants that
have been flushed in 2017, which was produced by Mr. Dave Semanak,
Electric/Water Department Foreman. No action was necessary.

NEW
BUSINESS

a) Gogebic Range Water Authority Rate- A discussion on a water rate increase for the Gogebic Range Water Authority (GRWA) took place. Based on a recommendation of the City Attorney, Granato moved, Mann seconded, that the water rate for the GRWA be increased from \$1.20 per 1,000 gallons of water to \$1.2305 per 1,000 gallons of water effective with the October 1, 2017 Utility Billing. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

b) Cemetery Lift Station- The City Manager informed the Council that the Cemetery Lift Station pumps were sent out to be repaired and the City's portable pump is in place until the permanent pumps are back in place.

c) Sander/Spreader Box Purchase- Based on a recommendation of the Equipment Committee, the City purchased a used sand spreader box from the County Road Commission for \$2,500.00. No action was necessary.

d) Blight/Demolition- The City is preparing the necessary documents to obtain ownership of the property located at 111 Bedell Avenue. Mann moved, Tarro seconded, that the City Manager be authorized to call for bids for the demolition and debris removal. Motion CARRIED, all votes yes on roll call.

e) Highland Copper Resolution- Granato moved, Tarro seconded, that the Council adopt Resolution Number 234, entitled "Resolution of Support for the Copper Mine in Gogebic County-Copperwood Project", which supports Highland Copper Company's efforts towards the development of a Copper Mine in Gogebic County. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

f) August (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.

EXTENDED
PUBLIC
COMMENT

Tim Lynott thanked the council for the Highland Copper Resolution. Robby Balduc commented on the GRSWMA contract. Missy Sibley commented on blight.

ADJOURN-
MENT

Tarro moved, Mann seconded, CARRIED, that the meeting adjourn at 6:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Jacobson, City Clerk

Approved: _____

Joseph R. DeFavero, Mayor

Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk