

A regular meeting of the Wakefield City Council was held on Monday, July 10, 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; approximately 9 guests

CONSENT AGENDA a) June 26, 2017 regular City Council meeting minutes; b) June 14, 2017 regular Gogebic County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes; c) May 24, 2017 regular Wakefield Public Library Board meeting minutes; d) June 8, 2017 Gogebic Range Water Authority meeting minutes; and e) June 28, 2017 Beach Water Testing Results. Mann moved, Tarro 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 Mann moved, Wiita seconded, CARRIED, that the Agenda be approved as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

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

b) Financial Accounts- Granato moved, Tarro seconded, that the City authorize Sue Ahonen and Patricia Sperhake to be designated check signatories. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

c) Michigan Municipal League Workers Compensation Fund Election- Mann moved, Wiita seconded, CARRIED, that the Council authorize the City Manager to submit a cast ballot on behalf of the City for the five incumbents seeking re-election.

d) Property Donation- Granato moved, Tarro seconded, that the council accept a donation of a vacant parcel of land from Patty and the late Roger Bennetts on Budgick Road described as MB 16-43-1. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

f) Fire Department Officers- Granato moved, Wiita seconded, CARRIED, that the Council acknowledge the bi-annual Fire Department Election of Officers. The current Fire Department Officers Mike Yon, Fire Chief; Lou Boetto, Assistant Chief; and Jennifer Jacobson, Secretary/Treasurer; were unanimously re-elected for another two year term.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT Marcia Jurakovich commented on the Campground; Marco Movrich commented on blighted property at 1301 Putnam Street; and Mayor DeFavero complimented the efforts of the Fireworks Committee, Fourth of July Committee and all volunteers who helped make the Fourth an excellent turnout.

CLOSED SESSION Bargaining Unit Negotiations- Mann moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council go into Closed Session at 5:45 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. Granato moved, Mann seconded, that the Council return to open session at 6:19 P.M. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT Granato moved, Mann seconded, CARRIED, that the meeting adjourn at 6:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer Jacobson, City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Joseph R. DeFavero, Mayor

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Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk