

A regular meeting of the Wakefield City Council was held on Monday, January 8, 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, Tarro, Mann, Anderson and Granato

CALL Absent: none
Also Present: Richard Brackney, City Manager; Ray O'Dea, City Attorney; and approximately 11 guests

CONSENT AGENDA a) December 11, 2017 regular City Council meeting minutes and December 18, 2017 special City Council meeting minutes; b) November 21, 2017 and December 13, 2017 regular Gogebic County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes; c) November 9, 2017 and December 14, 2017 regular Gogebic Range Water Authority meeting minutes; d) November 21, 2017 regular Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority meeting minutes; e) September 6, 2017 regular Gogebic County E911 Committee meeting minutes; f) November Income and Expense. 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, Motion CARRIED, that the Agenda be amended to add New Business, item u) Tailgate Sander.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS a) Planning Commission- Tarro moved, Mann seconded, that Mr. Marco Movrich be appointed to the Planning Commission for a three year term ending December 31, 2020. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

b) Civil Service- Mann moved, Anderson seconded, to re-advertise for the opening on the Civil Service Board. Motion CARRIED.

c) Janitor- Mann moved, Witta seconded, to offer Miss Katie Pope the janitor position at the hourly pay set

at \$10.00. Motion CARRIED.

NEW
BUSINESS

a) 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Audit- Mr. Ahonen presented the Audit Report. Mann moved, Tarro seconded, that the council accept the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Audit. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

b) OPEB(Other Post Employment Benefits)- Mann moved, Anderson seconded, to obtain quotes for actuarial study to be completed and recorded. Motion CARRIED. Mann moved, Wittta seconded, to put \$5000.00 into a restricted fund monthly for OPEB. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

c) Fire Department Update- Mann moved, Tarro seconded, to table at this time. Motion CARRIED

d) Ambulance Service- Mann moved, Tarro seconded, to table at this time. Motion CARRIED

e) December(final) and January(partial) Invoices- Mann moved, Wittta seconded, that the invoices be approved as presented and ordered paid. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

f) Brushing- the discussion took place relating to the optimization of time while brushing trees. No action is Necessary.

g) Municipal Clerk Association Conference- Mann moved, Anderson seconded, that the Council deny paying the \$600.00 tuition for Susan Ahonen, City Clerk, to attend the MAMC Institute form March 11/16, 2018 in Mount Pleasant, Michigan. Motion CARRIED.

h) Community Mental Health Thank you- A thank you letter was presented to the Council for the use of the City Municipal Building on 12/12/2017. No action needed.

i) City Council Meeting Dates for 2018- Tarro moved, Mann seconded, that the City Council Meeting Dates be accepted for 2018. Motion CARRIED.

j) New Voting Machine System Resolution- Mann moved,

Anderson seconded, that the Council adopt the resolution as presented. Motion CARRIED.

k) MDOT Performance Resolution- Witta moved, Anderson seconded, that the Council adopt a Performance Resolution which allows the City of Wakefield to complete work within the State Highway Right of Way on behalf of the Michigan Department of Transportation. Motion CARRIED.

l) Ojibway Correctional Facility- The City of Wakefield received a letter from Mr. Tom Casperson, State Senator, stating that Ojibway Correctional Facility will not be closing at this time. Tarro moved, Mann seconded, Motion CARRIED

m) Bessemer Township Sewer Contract- Contract has expired at this time. Anderson moved, Witta seconded, to put on file with no action needed at this time. Motion CARRIED

n) Proposed Workshop- Tarro moved, Anderson seconded, to schedule a work session for Monday, January 15, 2018 at 3:30 P.M. Motion CARRIED

o) Michigan Western Gateway Trail Authority Appointment and Letter of Support- Tarro moved, Mann seconded, that the City of Wakefield continue to support and remain members of the MWGTA, also to pay \$522.50 which is our share of the Liability Insurance Coverage for the year. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote. Mann moved, Witta seconded, the appointments to the MWGTA be tabled till the next City of Wakefield Council meeting. Motion CARRIED

p) Asbestos Abatement- Witta moved, Tarro seconded, to call for BID's to remove asbestos at 1010 Bedell and 1404 Pierce. Motion CARRIED

q) Energy Optimization- an update was given to the Council that the City has passed out over 1000 LED 60 watt equivalent light bulbs of our 3000 light bulb goal. No Action Needed

r) Wakefield-Marenisco School District Tax Collection- Mann moved, Tarro seconded, that the Council approve the City collecting the Wakefield-Marenisco School District taxes as done in the past for a fee of 1% of the tax levy and authorize the appropriate signatures. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

s) Public Act 95- Mann moved, Tarro seconded, that the Council continues to opt out of Public Act 95, which would asses a \$1.00 per month charge to residents on each electric meter within the City of Wakefield. By opting pit, the City cannot DISCONNECT Electric Utilities during the winter months. Motion CARRIED

t) Renewable Energy Plan- Mann moved, Tarro seconded, to place information on file and place the required Ad in the WNBPA on January 11, 2018. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

u) Tailgate Sander- Mann moved, Anderson seconded, that the City place an Ad in the WNBPA calling for BIDs to sell the City's Tailgate Sander with BIDs starting at \$500. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

EXTENDED
PUBLIC
COMMENT

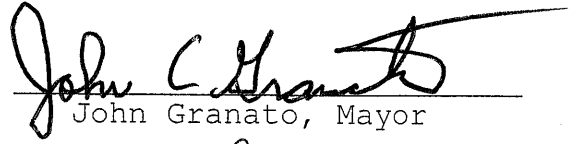
Marco Movrich questioned Karl Ahonen why the City's water department is in the deficit and if there's something that the City could do rather than increase the water rates. Marco also questioned the cost related to the Verona location sewer and why the City didn't put in their own lift station. Andy Hill is concerned over the unfunded limited liability. Councilmember Tarro questioned why the City keeps the Southwest bathroom near Sunday lake open all winter.

ADJOURN-
MENT

Mann moved, Anderson seconded, Motion CARRIED, that the meeting adjourn at 6:51 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Ahonen, City Clerk

Approved: 1/22/18


John Granato, Mayor


Susan Ahonen, City Clerk