

A regular meeting of the Wakefield City Council was held on Monday, January 22, 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; and approximately 18 guests

CONSENT a) January 8, 2018 regular City Council meeting;  
AGENDA b) December 27, 2017 regular Gogebic County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes; c) December 21, 2017 regular Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority meeting minutes; d) December Income and Expense. Mann approved as presented. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

BRIEF  
PUBLIC None  
COMMENT

APPROVAL Wiita moved, Tarro seconded, Motion CARRIED, that the  
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AGENDA

UNFIN- a) Fire Department Update- Mike Yon, Fire Chief, informed  
ISHED the Council that the Fire Department had around 140 kids  
BUSINESS attend activities at the Fire Hall for Fire Safety Week. The current fire trucks that the Fire Department have are 1991 and 2006. Both trucks have regular maintenance and are MDOT certified and certified to pump water. Due to the age of the trucks they are needing more repairs. The Fire Department is looking into adding on to their current building as they are in need of 1 to 1½ additional stalls. The department will be looking into adding new equipment gear as their current gear is 10 years. The fire department will continue to look into grants and use the moneys raised from fundraisers, such as their meat sale and the fishing contest, to help purchase items needed for the department. No action

taken. Mr. Granato thanked the Fire Department for all the do.

b) Ambulance Service- Mike Yon, Fire Chief, informed the Council that Beacon Ambulance is no longer housing an ambulance in Wakefield's Fire Hall. Aspirus has contacted Mr. Yon stating that they may be interested in housing one of their ambulances at Wakefield's Fire Hall. No Action needed. Richard recommended forming a committee to include himself and two Councilmembers to negotiate with Aspirus and bring information back to the City Council. Mann moved, Tarro seconded, to support the Mayor's appointment of Councilmembers Wiita and Anderson to the Ambulance Committee along with City Manager, Richard Brackney, Motion CARRIED.

c) Civil Service Commission Letter of Interest- Anderson moved, Mann seconded, that Karen Manson be appointed to the Civil Service Commission for a three year term expiring on December 31, 2020. Motion CARRIED.

d) Janitor- City Manager informed the Council that the person originally hired for this position was not able to be reached after numerous attempts. City Manager is recommending that the City hires the second person in line, Mary Miskovich. Mann moved, Tarro seconded, that the City hires Mary Miskovich for 2 hours per day times 5 days a week at the rate of \$10.00 per hour. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

e) Planning Commission Letter of Interest- Mann moved, Tarro seconded, that Karen Manson be appointed to the Planning Commission for a three year term expiring on December 31, 2020. Motion CARRIED.

f) Michigan Western Gateway Trail Authority Appointment- Tarro moved, Mann seconded, to delegate Bob Blaskowski and John Granato to the MWGTA with the term expiring with the next City Council election. Motion CARRIED.

NEW  
BUSINESS

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

- b) Budget Amendment- Mann moved, Wiita seconded, approve the Budget Amendment as presented to the Council. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.
- c) WLUCTV-6 CAN-A-THON Thank You- The City of Wakefield received a Thank you for our participation in this years WLUCTV-6 Can-A-Thon. No Action taken.
- d) Gogebic Medical Care Facility Agreement- Tarro moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council approve a Safe House Agreement between the City and Gogebic Medical Care Facility for 2018. Motion CARRIED
- e) Sanitary Sewer Disposal Agreement with GMCF- Tarro moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council approve a Sanitary Sewer Disposal Agreement between the City and Gogebic Medical Care Facility for 2018. Motion CARRIED
- f) Library Board Appointment- Anderson moved, Tarro seconded, that Laraine Mussatti be appointed to the Library Board for a five year term expiring on January 31, 2023. Motion CARRIED.
- g) Gogebic Mental Health Agreement- Mann moved, Anderson seconded, that the Council approve a Temporary Shelter Agreement between the City and Community Mental Health until further notice. Motion CARRIED.
- h) Southwest Bathrooms- the Council was Notified that the Southwest Restroom at Sunday Lake have been winterized and closed for the remainder of the winter. No Action taken.
- i) Spring Clean-up- Mann moved, Tarro seconded, that the City have a Spring Clean-up on Friday, May 18, 2018 from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. with no tires being collected this year. Motion CARRIED.
- j) Asbestos BIDS- Three bids were received for the asbestos removal for 1404 Pierce St and 1010 Bedell St. After reviewing the bids and based on the recommendations of the City Manager, Mann moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council approve the \$3,994.00 total

bid from Pearson Asbestos Abatement of Escanaba, Michigan. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

k) Architect Proposal- Proposal for a vaulted area in the Municipal building to store documents. The cost to draw up specifications, plans, oversee the work being done and draw up document being used for the bidding of the constructions work. Mann moved, Tarro seconded, to accept John Larson Architect to go ahead with the design for the amount of \$5,725.00. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

l) Managers Report to Council- 1) The City recently fixed a water line at the intersection of Anderson and 4<sup>th</sup>. 2) The Front end loader developed a problem in the drive line. The front end loader is at Nortrax in Ashland for repairs. 3) The sander truck transmission has been taken to Duluth to be rebuilt at the cost of \$3,000.00. 4) The City experienced a power outage on January 14<sup>th</sup> in the area of River St. Dave Semenak and Mike Grayson responded and restored the power. On January 15<sup>th</sup> more brushing was done in this area to reduce the chance of a reoccurrence. 5) Snow removal has continued and except to start removing the build-up in the coming week. 6) Brushing has been taking place in the Verona area with the chipper. It's anticipated that pole transfers will take place as weather permits. 7) The frost level is at 46¼ inches and we have not had a general problem with water freezing in homes. The City let runs have begun. 8) The City Christmas tree has been taken down and the street decorations will be done by Monday. 9) The next snow event is being anticipated. 10) Fire hydrants are being cleared by the Water and DPW department and will continue throughout the winter.

m) Retiree Insurance- Mann moved, Tarro seconded, the we accept the retiree hospitalization coverage for retirement at age 60 with 10 years of service and age 55 and 20 years of service, until contract is ratified. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

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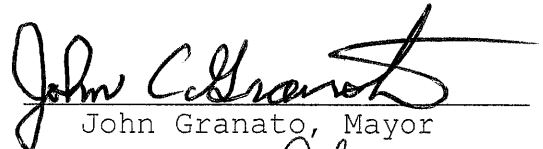
EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT Mr. Mike Yon commented on the GMCF request and questioned about the company that the City goes through for their fire extinguishers. Marco asked the cost of the asbestos removal.


ADJOURN- MENT Mann moved, Anderson seconded, Motion CARRIED, that the meeting adjourn at 6:27 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Ahonen, City Clerk

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

2/12/18

  
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John Granato, Mayor

  
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Susan Ahonen, City Clerk