

A regular meeting of the Wakefield City Council was held on Monday, January 9, 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, Tarro, DeFavero, Mann, and Granato
CALL Absent: None
Also Present: Richard Brackney, City Manager; and 15 guests.

CONSENT a) December 27, 2016 regular City Council meeting minutes; b)
AGENDA October 26, 2016 regular Library Board meeting minutes; c)
December 14, 2016 regular Gogebic County Board of Commissioners
meeting minutes; d) December 8, 2016 regular Gogebic Range Water
Authority meeting minutes; and e) November 7, 2016 Regular Plan-
ning Commission meeting minutes. Granato moved, Wiita seconded,
that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Motion CAR-
RIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

APPROVAL Granato moved, Wiita seconded, CARRIED, that the Agenda be
OF THE amended to remove New Business, item a) 2015-16 Fiscal Year Audit
AGENDA Presentation.

BRIEF Bryan Flohaug suggested that a Christmas tree be planted by the
PUBLIC Wakefield Municipal Building so we have a tree every year.
COMMENT

UNFIN-
FINISHED None
BUSINESS

NEW a) December (final) 2016 and January (partial) 2017 Invoices-
BUSINESS Granato moved, Mann seconded, that the Council approve the invoices
as presented and ordered paid. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by
roll call vote.

b) City Manager Contract- A discussion on the City Manager's
current Contract, which is expiring in May 2017 and renewing Mr.
Brackney's contract took place. The Councilmembers expressed that
there are no apparent concerns with Mr. Richard Brackney's
performance, but need to conduct an evaluation to comply with the
Contract language. Granato moved, Mann seconded, CARRIED, that the
Council table action on a drafting a new contract until after an
evaluation is complete.

c) Summer Tax Collection- Granato moved, Wiita 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.

f) Policy Worksession- Tarro moved, Wiita seconded, CARRIED,
that the Council schedule a Worksession for Thursday, January
12, 2016 at 3:00 PM to review and discuss the City's current and
future Policies and Plans.

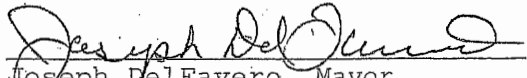
EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT Marco Movrich commented on the City Manager's contract and stated the Council should consider a multi-year Contract.

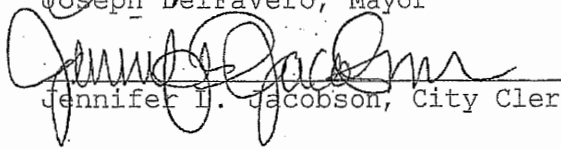
ADJOURNMENT Granato moved, Tarro seconded, CARRIED, that the meeting adjourn at 5:49 P.M.

Approved: _____

1/23/2017

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Jacobson, City Clerk


Joseph DelFavero, Mayor


Jennifer I. Jacobson, City Clerk

A regular meeting of the Wakefield City Council was held on Monday, January 23, 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 CALL Present: Councilmembers Wiita, Tarro, DeFavero, Mann, and Granato
Absent: None
Also Present: Richard Brackney, City Manager; Ray O'Dea, City Attorney; Karl Ahonen, City Auditor Makela, Pollack, and Ahonen, PLLC; and 19 guests.

CONSENT AGENDA a) January 9, 2017 regular City Council meeting minutes; b) December 15, 2016 regular Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority meeting minutes; c) January 26, 2017 Gogebic County Task Force meeting notice; and d) December 2016 Expense and Income Report. Granato moved, Wiita seconded, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Granato moved, Mann seconded, CARRIED, that the Agenda be amended to add New Business, City Manager Report, item 5) Rotary Request

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT A request to obtain information on the City's unfunded liabilities during the Audit Presentation was made by Andy Hill.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS a) Municipal Infraction Ordinance- The City Attorney informed the Council that he is working on the Municipal Infraction Ordinance and will having information available in the next few days.
b) RV Parking/Zoning Ordinance- The City Attorney is working to draft an RV Parking/Zoning Ordinance which will be presented to the Planning Commission.

NEW BUSINESS a) 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Audit- Mr. Ahonen presented the Audit Report. After a brief discussion, Granato moved, Mann seconded, that the Council approve the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Audit. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

b) January 2017 Invoices- Granato moved, Tarro seconded, that the Council approve the invoices as presented and ordered paid. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

c) Budget Amendments- Tarro moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council approve the Budget Amendments, as recommended by the Finance Committee. Motion Carried, all voting yes by roll call vote.

d) Library Board Appointment- Mann moved, Tarro seconded, CARRIED, that the Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Mrs. Pauline Pikka to the Library Board with her term commencing on February 1, 2017 and terminating on January 31, 2022.

e) Civil Service Commission- Tarro moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council authorize the City Manager to publish a Notice requesting interested persons to apply for a vacancy on the Civil Service Commission. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

f) City Manager Evaluation- Tarro moved, Mann seconded, CARRIED, that the Council schedule a Worksession for Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 3:30 P.M. to conduct the six month evaluation.

g) City Clerk/City Treasurer Request- Mann moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council approve a \$1.00 per hour wage increase for the City Clerk and the City Treasurer effective January 24, 2017 and require that evaluations and performance reviews be conducted for the non-union employees each December. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

h) Maria Lane Paving- Mann moved, Tarro seconded, that the Council authorize the City Manager to contact Coleman Engineering to obtain additional information on the Maria Lane Paving project to finalize paving plans for Spring 2017.

i) Policy Worksession- It was the consensus of the Council to hold a Policy Worksession at the same time as the City Manager Evaluation session, which is scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 3:30 P.M.

j) Municipal Clerk's Association Conference- Granato moved, Tarro seconded, CARRIED, that the Council deny paying \$600.00 for Mrs. Jennifer Jacobson, City Clerk to attend the March 12-17, 2017 Clerk's Conference in Mount Pleasant.

k) SAW Grant Update- Mr. Robb Anderson, GEI Consultants, discussed the current projects and proposed projects that will begin in Spring 2017 as part of the SAW Grant. Mr. Anderson stated that the project is on schedule. No action was necessary.

l) City Manager's Report- 1) Snowshoe Trails- The City Manager thanked Mr. Rod Ritter for his efforts in developing and maintaining snowshoe trails on the City's Section 10 Property; 2) Community Garden- Michigan Technological University will be developing a Community Garden in the City of Wakefield. The location will be determined by the Students; 3) Office Closure- The office counter has been closed on occasion during the lunch hour due to illness and other circumstances; 4) Snowman- The City Manager acknowledged the work done by the volunteers to construct the City Snowman again this winter and due to efforts of Chris Whitburn, the Snowman was featured on ESPN Sports; and 5) Rotary Request- Granato moved, Wiita seconded, CARRIED, that the City approve a request from the Wakefield-Bessemer Rotary Club to place a tire on the Sunday Lake for a fundraising event and permit the Club to place a camera on the Visitors Center to verify date and time of the tire sinking.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT Marcia Jurakovich asked how big of a space will the garden require. Neil Londo commented on the sewer on Anderson Avenue and the City Crew completing work on Maria Lane; Jeanine Franck commented on the traffic on Maria Lane; Marco Movrich commented on the curbing and sidewalk proposed for Maria Lane.

CLOSED SESSION Bargaining Unit Negotiations- Tarro moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council go into closed session at 6:30 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, Tarro seconded, CARRIED, that the Council return to open session at 7:06 P.M., motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT Tarro moved, Mann seconded, CARRIED, that the meeting adjourn at 7:07 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Jacobson, City Clerk

Approved: February 13, 2017

Joseph DeFaverio
Joseph DeFaverio, Mayor
Jennifer L. Jacobson
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