

A special meeting of the Wakefield City Council was held on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 2:45 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, and DeFavero  
CALL Absent: Councilmembers Mann and Granato  
Also Present: Richard Brackney, City Manager

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Special Meeting was to discuss and take any action necessary on a Contract to lease equipment as part of the City's SAW Grant Project.

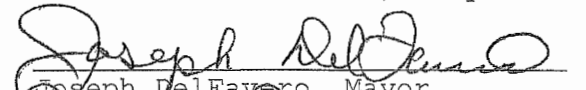
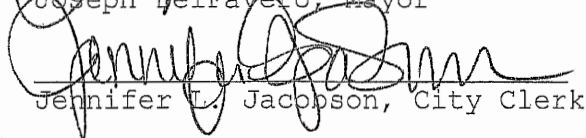
Tarro moved, Wiita seconded, that based on a recommendation from the Saw Grant Project Engineers, the Council approve an Equipment Lease Agreement between the City of Wakefield and Teledyne Isco, of Lincoln, Nebraska, to lease two flow meters, for a total Agreement Rate of \$18,856.80, to perform project related work. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

PUBLIC None  
COMMENT

ADJOURN- Tarro moved, Wiita seconded, CARRIED, that the meeting  
MENT adjourn at 3:01 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk

Approved: 3/13/2017

  
Joseph DeFavero, Mayor  
  
Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk

A regular meeting of the Wakefield City Council was held on Monday, March 13, 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, and Granato  
CALL Absent: Councilmember Tarro  
Also Present: Richard Brackney, City Manager; Ray O'Dea, City Attorney; and approximately 10 guests

CONSENT a) February 27, 2017 regular City Council meeting minutes; b)  
AGENDA March 6, 2017 Special City Council meeting minutes; c) February 22, 2017 Gogebic County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes; d) February 9, 2017 Gogebic Range Water Authority meeting minutes; and e) February 2017 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.

BRIEF  
PUBLIC None  
COMMENT

APPROVAL Granato moved, Mann seconded, CARRIED, that the Agenda be  
OF THE amended to add New Business item e) Planning/Zoning MSU; and f)  
AGENDA Eugene Maki Day.

UNFIN- a) Planning Commission Appointment- Granato moved, Mann seconded,  
FINISHED CARRIED, that the Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Mrs.  
BUSINESS Bethany Anderson to fill the unexpired term on the Wakefield Planning Commission with her term commencing immediately and expiring on December 31, 2019.

b) Civil Infraction Ordinance Number 221- The City Manager conducted the First Reading of Ordinance Number 221, entitled Municipal Infraction Ordinance, which is an Ordinance providing for Municipal Civil Infractions of certain City of Wakefield Ordinances and penalties pursuant thereto; establishing procedures relating thereto; authorization of which City of Wakefield Officials can issue Civil Infraction Tickets and Appearance Tickets; penalties; procedures relating to such matters; and identification of Ordinances to be enforced. Granato moved, Mann seconded, that the Council schedule the Second Reading of Ordinance Number 221 and a Public Hearing for the March 27, 2017 meeting. A copy of the full ordinance is available in the City Offices for review.

c) Ordinance Number 222- The City Manager conducted the First Reading of Ordinance Number 222, an Ordinance to repeal Ordinance Number 169, and reinstate Zoning Fees in Section 155.921 of the City's Code. The proposed \$200.00 fee would be applicable for Variances, Home Occupation Permits, and Conditional Use Permits. Wiita moved, Granato seconded, that the Council schedule the Second Reading of Ordinance Number 222 and a Public Hearing for the March 27, 2017 meeting.

d) Amend Section 150.02- Michigan Building Code Ordinance- The City Manager discussed amending Section 150.02 to replace wording. No action was necessary.

e) International Property Maintenance Code Ordinance- The Manager discussed adding the International Property Maintenance Code Ordinance. Granato moved, Mann seconded, CARRIED, that the Council authorize the City Manager to proceed with drafting an International Property Maintenance Code Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

a) March 2017 (partial) Invoices- Mann moved, Wiita seconded, that the Invoices be approved as presented and ordered paid. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

b) Eddy Park Campground Hosts- Wiita moved, Mann seconded, that the City hire Jim Favero and Joanne Popkowski as the 2017 Campground Hosts for \$1,000 as paid in the past. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

c) Gogebic Range Water Authority Resolution- Granato moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council adopt a Resolution authorizing the GRWA to sell a Revenue Bond, which is required because the City of Wakefield is a member of the GRWA. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

d) 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget Worksession- Granato moved, Wiita seconded, CARRIED, that the Council schedule a Budget Worksession for Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 3:00 P.M.

e) Michigan State Extension Office- Planning/Zoning Workshop- Wiita moved, Mann seconded, that any members of the Council and Planning Commission be authorized to attend the April 18, 2017 workshop in Bessemer at a cost of \$65.00 per person. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

f) Eugene Maki Day- Granato moved, Mann seconded, that the City declare March 14, 2017 as Eugene Maki Day in the City of Wakefield and publish a Notice acknowledging the many years of dedicated service Mr. Maki provided to the City over they years. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

Neil Londo commented on the Gogebic Range Water Authority resolution and water rates. Andy Hill thanked the Council for remembering Mr. Eugene Maki.

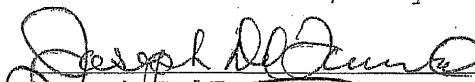
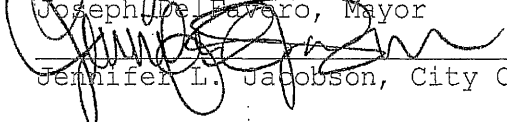
ADJOURNMENT

Granato moved, Mann seconded, CARRIED, that the meeting adjourn at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer Jacobson, City Clerk

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

3/27/2017

  
Joseph Del Favero, Mayor  
  
Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk

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ROLL Present: Councilmembers Wiita, Mann, DeFavero, Tarro, and Granato  
CALL Absent: None  
Also Present: Richard Brackney, City Manager; and approximately 19 guests

CONSENT a) March 13, 2017 regular City Council meeting minutes; b)  
AGENDA December 21, 2017 Gogebic County E911 Committee meeting minutes;  
c) February 16, 2017 Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management  
Authority meeting minutes. Granato moved, Mann seconded, that  
the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Motion CARRIED, all  
voting yes by roll call vote.

BRIEF  
PUBLIC None  
COMMENT

APPROVAL Granato moved, Tarro seconded, CARRIED, that the Agenda be  
OF THE amended to add New Business item e) Fire Hall Improvements; and f)  
AGENDA Gogebic County Sheriff Department Update.

UNFIN- a) City Manager Evaluation- Granato moved, Wiita seconded,  
FINISHED CARRIED, that the Council approve the request from the City  
BUSINESS Manager to discuss his evaluation in closed session at the end of  
the meeting.

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

b) Eddy Park Campground Requests- Mann moved, Wiita seconded,  
that the City permit Niko Hewitt to sell bundled firewood and  
permit Antonio and Emily DeFavero to sell bagged ice at the  
Campground again this year and waive the \$3.00 per day vendor  
permit. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote,  
except DeFavero, who abstained.

c) Council Worksession- Tarro moved, Wiita seconded, CARRIED,  
that the Council schedule a Worksession for Thursday, March 30,  
2017 at 3:30 P.M.

d) Utility Rates- After a lengthy discussion Granato moved,  
Wiita seconded, that the Council schedule a Public Hearing for  
Monday, April 10, 2017 to discuss increasing utility rates for  
the Water, Sewer, and Electric Utilities. Motion DEFEATED, on a  
three to two vote. Mann moved, Tarro seconded, that the Council  
increase the Water Operating Fixed Charge from \$8.00 to \$10.00  
per month and the Sewer Operating Fixed Charge from \$.60 to  
\$2.60 per month with the next billing and schedule a Public  
Hearing for Monday, April 10, 2017 to discuss raising Electric  
Rates at a proposed \$.005 per kilowatt charge. Motion CARRIED,  
all voting yes by roll call vote.

e) Fire Hall Improvements- Granato moved, Mann seconded, that the Council authorize the Fire Chief to recommend repairs and obtain bids for the required work, which will be paid for out of the City's Fire Department Building Maintenance Fund. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

f) Gogebic County Sheriff's Department Update- Undersheriff Ross Solberg was present and briefly discussed the new reporting system and new format of reports. No action was necessary.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT Loraine Mussatti commented on Water/Sewer rates, meters, and the City opting out of Public Act 152. Roseann Finco commented on the Public Hearings for Ordinances. Mark Garske commented on the utility meters.

CLOSED SESSION Bargaining Unit Negotiations and City Manager Evaluation- Granato moved, Tarro seconded, that the Council go into closed session at 6:22 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; and Section 8 (a), to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent, if the named person requests a closed hearing. A person requesting a closed hearing may rescind the request at any time, in which case the matter at issue shall be considered after the rescission only in open sessions. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote. Wiita moved, Mann seconded, that the Council return to open session at 9:01 P.M. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote. No action was taken on the Bargaining Unit Contract. Granato moved, Mann seconded, CARRIED, that based on the City Manager evaluations, the Council begin discussions to develop a new Contract with the City Manager.

ADJOURNMENT Tarro moved, Wiita seconded, CARRIED, that the meeting adjourn at 9:02 P.M.

Approved: 4/10/2017

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer Jacobson, City Clerk

John C Granato  
John Granato, Mayor Pro Tem  
Jennifer L. Jacobson  
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