

A regular meeting of the Wakefield City Council was held on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Wakefield Municipal Building with the Acting City Clerk presiding and leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE The Acting City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to the Councilmembers, who were elected at the November 7, 2017 Election.

ROLL CALL Present: Councilmembers Wiita, Tarro, Anderson, Mann, and Granato

Absent: None

Also Present: Richard Brackney, City Manager; Ray O'dea City Attorney and approximately 17 guests

ELECTION OF MAYOR The Acting City Clerk declared nominations for the Office of Mayor open. Councilmember Mann nominated Councilmember Granato, Councilmember Anderson Seconded. Mann Moved, Anderson seconded, CARRIED, that the nominations be declared closed and a unanimous vote be cast for Councilmember Granato. Mayor Granato began to chair the meeting.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM The Mayor declared nominations for the Office of Mayor Pro-Tem open. Mayor Granato nominated Councilmember Tarro, Mann seconded. Granato moved, Mann seconded, CARRIED, that the nominations be declared closed and a unanimous vote be cast for Councilmember Tarro.

CANVASS OF VOTES Mann moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council approve the Gogebic County Board of Canvassers report of the November 7, 2018 General Election. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

MEETING DATES Wiita moved, Tarro seconded, CARRIED, that the council continue to meet on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 5:30 P.M.

OFFICAL NEWSPAPER Mann moved, Anderson seconded, CARRIED, that the Wakefield News/Bessemer Pick and Axe be designated as the City's official newspaper.

- APPOINT- Mann moved, Tarro seconded, Motion CARRIED, that the  
MENTS Council approve Mayor's appointments of Councilmembers  
Wiita and Anderson to the Planning Commission, Tarro  
and Wiita to the Chamber of Commerce, Anderson and  
Mann to the Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management  
Authority Board, Wiita to the Commission on Aging,  
Granato and Mann to Gogebic Range Water Authority with  
Councilmember Anderson and City Employee Dave Semenak  
as At Large Representatives, Anderson and Tarro to the  
City's Building Committee, Anderson and Granato to the  
City Equipment Committee, Wiita and Tarro to the  
Northern Michigan Public Service Academy Board,  
Anderson and Granato to the Ojibway Correctional  
Facility Community Liaison Committee, Anderson and  
Mann to the City's Finance Committee, Wiita and Mann  
to the City's Health Insurance Committee, Tarro and  
Mann to the City's City Manager Contract Committee,  
and Granato and Mann to the City's Personnel  
Committee.
- DEPOSI- Mann moved, Anderson seconded, CARRIED, that the City  
TORIES obtain the same depositories as we have been.
- CONSENT a) October 23, 2017 regular City Council meeting  
AGENDA minutes and November 1, 2018 Special meeting minutes;  
b) October 11, 2017 and October 25, 2018 regular  
Gogebic County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes;  
c) October 12, 2017 regular Gogebic Range Water  
Authority meeting minutes. Mann moved, Wiita seconded,  
that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.  
Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.
- BRIEF Mr. Blaskowski asked if New Councilmember Anderson  
PUBLIC received an orientation packet and if not recommended  
COMMENT he receive one to keep him up to speed.
- APPROVAL Mann moved, Anderson seconded, CARRIED, that the Agenda  
OF THE be amended to add and be approved, New Business, item  
AGENDA j) Vactor Truck Repair to the New Business.
- UNFIN- a) Bedell Property Auction- Mann moved, Wiita seconded,  
ISHED that the Bid of \$501 be honored. Motion CARRIED, all  
BUSINESS voting yes by roll call vote.

b) Campground Rates- Tarro moved, Wiita seconded to implement the new Campground Rates and schedule for reservation. Motion CARRIED

NEW  
BUSINESS

a) WLUCTV-6 Can-A-Thon- Tarro moved, Mann seconded, that the Council conduct a food collection from November 13, 2017 to December 6, 2017. Motion CARRIED.

b) Gogebic County Plat Book Ad- Mann moved, Tarro seconded, that the City places an Ad in the Gogebic County Plat Book currently being made. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

c) City Christmas Tree- Tarro moved, Wiita seconded, that the City Christmas Tree be placed by the Visitors Center on M-28. Motion CARRIED.

d) Holiday Dinner- Wiita moved, Mann seconded, that employees be allowed to attend Holiday dinner limited to their lunch period. Motion CARRIED.

e) Holiday Gift- Mann moved, Tarro seconded, that the Holiday Gift be removed from the agenda per the recommendation from City Attorney. Motion CARRIED.

f) 2018 Western Upper Peninsula Regional Prosperity Initiative Resolution- Mann moved, Wiita seconded, that the City support the WUPPRPI resolution. Motion CARRIED.

g) Authorize City Manager to sign Letter of support for the Western Upper Peninsula Regional Prosperity Initiative Resolution- Mann moved, Wiita seconded, that the City Manager sign a letter of Support. Motion CARRIED.

h) October (Final) & November (Partial) Invoices- Mann moved, Tarro seconded, to approve and pay Invoices as presented. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

i) Blue Cross Blue Shield- Mann moved, Wiita seconded, that we accept the Blue Cross Blue Shield as presented. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote, except Tarro, who abstained.

j) Vactor Truck- Tarro moved, Anderson seconded, that the City waive the bidding process and go ahead with the expenditures in that this is a priority. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

EXTENDED Andy Hill questioned who bought the Bedell property.  
PUBLIC Jeanine Frank asked about the City supporting the  
COMMENT Ojibway Correctional Facility at this time as the State is considering the closure of the facility. Marco Movrich informed the community that our rates at the Sunday Lake Campground are cheaper than others in our area. Bob Blaskowski brought up the issue of business closings and the policies that the City has related to this. Andy Hill thanked that Council for retaining the WNBPA as the official Newspaper for the City of Wakefield. Mayor John Granato thanks the community.

ADJOURN- Mann moved, Wiita seconded, Motion CARRIED, that the  
MENT meeting adjourn at 6:17 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Ahonen, Interim City Clerk

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

John Granato, Mayor

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Susan Ahonen, Interim City Clerk