

A regular meeting of the Wakefield City Council was held on Monday, June 11, 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 Granato, Wiita, Mann, and Anderson

CALL Absent: Tarro
Also Present: Richard Brackney, City Manager; Ray O' dea, City Attorney and approximately 28 guests

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget/ordinance Number 224- Mann moved, Wiita seconded, CARRIED, that the Public Hearing be opened at 5:31 P.M. After a brief discussion concerning Truth and Taxation Notice. The taxpayers will experience a 0.3114% increase for 2018. Wiita moved, Anderson seconded, to close the Public Hearing at 5:36 P.M. Mann moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council adopt Ordinance Number 224, entitled 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget which includes the 0.3114% tax increase. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA a) May 29, 2018 regular City Council meeting; b) March 21, 2018 regular 911 meeting minutes; c) May 10, 2018 Gogebic Range Water Authority meeting minutes. Mann moved, Anderson seconded, to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Mann moved, Anderson seconded, that the Agenda be amended to add Unfinished Business, d) Storage Room. Motion CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS a) 2018-2019 Budget/Ordinance 224- After a brief discussion of the Truth and Taxation, Wiita moved, Mann seconded, that the Council override the Headlee Amendment. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

b) Split Rock- After a brief discussion, Mann moved, Anderson seconded, to disregard the request from the Split Rock Trail Association to pay 50% of the \$1,260.00 bill for gravel and the moving of a dozer. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

c) Fire Hydrant Flushing- City Council was informed that the City crew has been flushing hydrants and is about half way done. The City crew will continue flushing hydrants around the third week of June. No action was taken.

d) Storage Room- The question was asked why the Storage Room project hasn't been started yet. An update was given by the City Manager.

NEW
BUSINESS

a) May(Final) and June(Partial) Invoices- Mann moved, Wiita seconded, to accept the invoices as presented and ordered paid. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

b) Planning Commission Recommendation- City Council heard the recommendation from the Planning Commission to grant the Variance at 112 Lepisto Avenue to build a garage with a minimum set back of 10 feet off of Hill Street. Anderson moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council approve the requested Variance. Motion CARRIED.

c) Electric Pole Replacement- Discussion took place on replacement of approximately 50 Utility pole at the rough estimated amount of \$1,500 to \$2,000 per poles from Hooper Construction to contract out this service. The amount stated would include the pole and all line transfers required. Mann moved, Anderson seconded, to request that the City Electric Department replace 6 Utility Poles in the next two weeks before the next Council meeting. Motion CARRIED.

d) Water Line Replacement Olson Rd- The line on Olson Rd has a leak and has had numerous leaks over the years. The cost to replace this line is estimated at \$125,000 per Coleman Engineering. Mann moved, Anderson seconded, place record on file. Motion CARRIED.

e) Additional Beach Amenities- After a brief discussion, Mann moved, Wiita seconded, to purchase an additional raft at the approximate cost of \$1,200. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes, except Anderson, who voted no.

f) Summer Youth Workers- No action taken.

g) Utility Charge Offs 2018- Mann moved, Wiita seconded, that the Council authorize charging off \$11,138.98 in bad debt that is considered uncollectable for delinquent utility accounts. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

h) Delinquent Utility Special Tax Liens 2018- Mann moved, Anderson seconded, that the City lien \$15,408.64 in delinquent utilities onto Summer Tax bills. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

i) Schedule Public Hearing to Close out Urgent Need Infrastructure Grant- Wiita moved, Mann seconded, to schedule a

Public Hearing for June 25, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. to close out the Urgent Need Infrastructure Grant. Motion CARRIED.

j) Cemetery Decorations- Council was informed of the issue with numerous items being left on Gravesites. Cemetery Care information will be published in the local newspaper. No action was taken.

k) Jurakovich Street Closure Request/Traffic Control- Anderson moved, Mann seconded, that the Council approve Traffic Control Order Number 81-2018, which authorizes the closure of Hancock Street from Smith Street to Brotherton Street on July 3, 2018 for the annual Jurakovich Block Party. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

l) Capital Improvement 5 Year Plan- Mann moved, Wiita seconded, that the City Manager have a working Capital Improvement Plan by July 9, 2018 Council meeting to present to the Council. Motion CARRIED.

m) Energy Capacity- After a brief discussion, Mann moved, Anderson seconded, that the City join in as group to seek Energy Capacity until the end of the City's contract. Motion CARRIED.

n) Managers Report- 1) The City Manager along with three Council members attended the UP Summit in Houghton. The meeting was informative. 2) The new raft is in the water and the swim area. The Buoys will be installed once the decals are finished and applied. 3) The asbestos abatement on the properties at 1404 Pierce Street and 1010 Bedell Ave are complete. The next action has been discussed with Mike Yon, Fire Chief, as to the possibility of a training exercise for the Department. 4) The work on the Municipal Building is moving forward. John Larson, Architect, has determined the window specification that he feels best meets the City's need. The project has seen delays due to the numerous instances of asbestos and lead paint issue in the building. 5) The work on the Campground is ongoing. In the restrooms, all lights have been changed to LED. Plumbing work continues. Two campsites have been leveled and dead trees removed.

EXTENDED
PUBLIC
COMMENT

ADJOURN
MENT

Mann moved, Wiita seconded, Motion CARRIED, that the meeting adjourn at 6:49 P.M.

Approved: 6/25/18

John C Granato
John Granato, Mayor

Susan Ahonen
Susan Ahonen, City Clerk