A regular meeting of the Wakefield City Council was held on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 5:30 P.M. with Mayor Pro-Tem Shirkey presiding and leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Shirkey, Libertoski, Zeckovich, and Heikkila

Absent: White

Zeckovich moved, Heikkila seconded, to excuse mayor White from the meeting. Motion CARRIED.

Also Present: Robert A. Brown Jr., City Manager; and 9 guests present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Heikkila moved, Libertoski seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

a) March 11, 2024, regular Council meeting minutes;
b) March 18,2024, special Council meeting minutes
a) March (partial) Invoice. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT

none

PUBLIC INPUT

a) MDNR Trust Fund Grant Application- Heikkila moved, Libertoski seconded, to open the MDNR Trust Fund Grant Application Public Input session at 5:33 PM. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote. Presentation of the Phase I campground expansion was presented, and questions were accepted during the input session. Comments and questions were received by the following residents, Marty Ikola, 311 Chicago Mine Rd; Ashley Parker, 515 Chicago Mine Rd; Paul Maxinoski, 515 Chicago Mine Rd; Allison Kupitz, 212 Chicago Mine Rd; and Stepanie Pairolero, 510 Chicago Mine Rd with no objections of the Phase I campground expansion. Zeckovich moved, Heikkila seconded to close the Public Input session at 5:45 PM. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

b) MDNR Passport Grant Application- Zeckovich moved,

Libertoski seconded, to open the MDNR Passport Grant Application Public Input session at 5:45 PM. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote. Information related to the new dog park was presented, and questions were accepted during the input session. Comments and questions were made by the following residents concerning the campground expansion, Ashley Parker, 515 Chicago Mine Rd and Stepanie Pairolero, 510 Chicago Mine Rd who both were opposed to the placement of the dog park. Heikkila moved, Zeckovich seconded to close the Public Input session at 5:52 PM. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

UNFIN-ISHED BUSINESS

a)

NEW BUSINESS

a) Xcel Sunday Lake Loop Transmission Line-

a) Xcel ID #453-IDH0080

Heikkila moved, Libertoski seconded, to authorize the City Manager to execute the easement identified as 453-IDH0080, upon final review and approval by the City Attorney. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

b) DNR Trust Fund Application Resolution #356- Heikkila moved, Libertoski seconded, to approve Resolution 356 and authorize the City Manager to submit a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund application on behalf of the city. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

c) DNR Passport Application Resolution #357- Heikkila moved, Libertoski seconded, to approve Resolution 357 and authorize the City Manager to submit a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Passport application on behalf of the city. Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

d) MERS Temporary Employee Agreement Amendment- Zeckovich moved, Shirkey seconded, to approve the MERS agreement amendment as presented and authorize the City Manager to affix their signature to the agreement Motion CARRIED, all voting yes by roll call vote.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT	Marty Ikola of 311 Chicago Mine Rd voiced his concerns of Chicago Mine Rd being unsafe near the Little League field during Little League season and asked if there could be no parking on the road during this time frame.
MANAGER REPORT	City Manager updated the Council on recent events. Budget work session is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 8:00 AM.
COUNCIL COMMENTS	
ADJOURN-MENT	Heikkila moved, Zeckovich seconded, to adjourn at 6:04 PM, Motion CARRIED.

Approved: April 8, 2024

Calvin Shirkey, Mayor Pro-Tem

Susan Ahonen

Susan Ahonen, City Clerk