

CITY OF WHITEHALL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2015

PRESENT: Bartholomew, Cabala, Hatch, Holmstrom, Sikkenga, Smith, and Whalen

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Sweeting, City Clerk Bourdon, City Manager Huebler, Student Representatives Bishop and Mikkelson, and Police Chief Squiers

Mayor Hatch called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Bartholomew, seconded by Sikkenga, CARRIED, to amend the agenda to remove item 9b. Resolution 15-01: White Lake Ambulance Authority. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Bartholomew, CARRIED, to approve the December 23 meeting minutes. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Smith, seconded by Bartholomew, CARRIED, to approve the account payables in the amount of \$427,849.89 and checks be drawn in their several amounts. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Bartholomew, Smith, Whalen, Cabala, Holmstrom, Sikkenga, and Hatch; No: None; Absent: None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Minutes, Downtown Advisory Minutes, LDFA Minutes, Planning Commission Minutes, Planning Commission Year End Report, TIFA Minutes

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Bartholomew, CARRIED, that the communications be received and placed on file. All ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

Mayor Hatch shared that a resident could not find the Master Plan on our website as referenced in our newsletter. Chief Squiers, in-house IT, informed him that we are currently experiencing issues with our website and are in the process of resolving it.

Council member Sikkenga commented that he is happy to see snowmobile activity downtown and asked if there were any complaints. Chief Squiers reported that there has been one complaint regarding speeding down Slocum.

Council member Holmstrom commented that the sledding hill is being well used and Fetch is offering hot cocoa. He also commented that DPW is doing a good job on the roads.

Council member Cabala provided information on the Sustainability Network activities which will include an increased emphasis on recycling.

Student representative Mikkelson announced that the National History Team is currently preparing for the District competition and that Solo & Ensemble will be held at the end of January.

Council member Smith gave kudos to the DPW for a fine job with the roads.

Council member Bartholomew requested to be excused from the February 24th meeting. Moved by Whalen, seconded by Sikkenga, CARRIED, to excuse Bartholomew from the February 24th Council meeting. All ayes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Tag Day Requests

Motion by Bartholomew, seconded by Smith, CARRIED, to approve tag day requests for Habitat for Humanity for April 18th, 2015 and Knights of Columbus on September 19, 2015. All ayes.

B. Resolution 15-01: White Lake Ambulance Authority

Removed from Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bartholomew, supported by Smith that the Council meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m. All ayes.

Emery M. Hatch, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk