

CITY OF WHITEHALL  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
January 26, 2016

PRESENT: Tanya Cabala, Ellie Dennis, Debi Hillebrand, Jeff Holmstrom, Patrick Landis, Steve Salter, and Edward Whalen

ABSENT: City Manager Huebler

ALSO PRESENT: Student Representatives Lachlan Moore and Alexis Snyder, City Attorney Sweeting, Police Chief Squiers, and City Clerk Bourdon

Mayor Whalen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

#### APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

Motion by Salter, seconded by Landis, CARRIED, to approve the amended agenda. All ayes.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Cabala, seconded by Salter, CARRIED, to approve the January 12 meeting minutes. All ayes.

#### APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Salter, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to approve the account payables in the amount of \$119,759.87 and checks be drawn in their several amounts.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Salter, Holmstrom, Hillebrand, Landis, Cabala, Dennis, and Whalen; No – None; Absent – None.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Brownfield, BLT Annual Report, Downtown Advisory, Fire Annual Report, Friends of the Playhouse, LDFA, Local Officers Compensation Committee, MAF, TIFA, Wastewater, White Lake Environmental Network

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

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Bruce Froelich, Montague City Council, urged Whitehall to move forward in a supportive way with the White Lake Ambulance Authority.

Jerry Rowe, 114 E. Lincoln, commented on snow being pushed into the streets from the sidewalks and embarrassing Christmas decorations.

#### MESSAGES FROM MAYOR

Motion by Hillebrand, seconded by Landis, CARRIED, to approve Mayor appointments of Tanya Cabala to the Fire Board and Jeff Holmstrom, Ellie Dennis, and Steve Salter to the Emergency Medical Committee. All ayes.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Resolution 16-03 Poverty Exemption

Motion by Cabala, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to approve Resolution 16-03, adopting the attached poverty exemption policies and guidelines.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Cabala, Holmstrom, Hillebrand, Landis, Salter, Dennis, and Whalen; No – None; Absent – None.

##### B. Resolution 16-04 Residents Right to Protest

Motion by Hillebrand, seconded by Landis, CARRIED, to resolve the Board of Review to permit both residents and non-resident taxpayers to protest to the Board of Review in writing, without the necessity of personal appearance by the taxpayer or the taxpayer's representative, provided such written protest is received on or before the second Tuesday in March of the tax year at issue.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Hillebrand, Landis, Salter, Cabala, Dennis, Holmstrom, and Whalen; No – None; Absent – None.

C. Resolution 16-05 Tannery Engineering

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Salter, CARRIED, to authorize the City Manager to execute the attached Prein & Newhof Professional Services agreement.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Holmstrom, Salter, Hillebrand, Landis, Cabala, Dennis, and Whalen; No – None; Absent – None.

D. Tag Day Request

Motion by Hillebrand, seconded by Salter, CARRIED, to approve the tag day request for Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 8 am – 12 pm. All ayes.

E. Property Sales – no action taken.

F. Staffing

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Salter, CARRIED, to postpone addressing the staffing request. All ayes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Rowe asked if we need a Veteran's exemption resolution since we have a resolution on Poverty Exemption. Attorney Sweeting replied that we do not.

Bruce Froelich sought clarification on the Emergency Medical Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Salter, supported by Holmstrom that the Council meeting be adjourned at 6:43 p.m. All ayes.

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Edward L. Whalen, Mayor

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Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk