

CITY OF WHITEHALL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2014

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Manager Huebler, City Attorney Sweeting, Chief Squiers, Student Representatives Jacobs and Loudermilk, Administrative Assistant Wildfong.

Mayor Hatch called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Bartholomew, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to approve the agenda. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Bartholomew, CARRIED, to approve the December 17, 2013 minutes as amended. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Smith, seconded by Bartholomew, CARRIED, to approve the account payables in the amount of \$ 359,096.39 and checks be drawn in their several amounts. Roll Call Vote: Yes - Bartholomew, Cabala, Holmstrom, Sikkenga, Smith, Whalen and Hatch.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Minutes: Brownfield, Central Dispatch, Downtown Advisory, LDFA, Muskegon Area First, Officers Compensation, Senior Center, TIFA.

B. Miscellaneous: BLT Annual Report, Central Dispatch Audit, and Goals Update.

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Sikkenga, CARRIED. to approve the Communications. All ayes

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

Manager Huebler introduced Beth Beaman, the new Howmet Playhouse manager.

Mayor Hatch requested to be excused from the next four City Council meetings (January 28, February 11 and 25 and March 11) as he will be on vacation.

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Smith, CARRIED, to grant permission for Hatch to be excused from these meetings. All ayes.

Whalen recently attended the Michigan Technical Assistance seminar in Holland.

Miranda Jacobs updated Council on the first place win her team had at the regional BPA conference. This allows them to go to state competition later in the year.

Smith wanted to say thank you to the DPW maintenance crew for doing such a great job keeping the streets clean so far this winter.

Cabala wanted to remind everyone about the upcoming PAC meeting on January 22 where the topic will be removing two impairments on White Lake. She commented also on how good it is to see the Police Department on facebook. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Sikkenga commented on the extra revenue collected by the State of Michigan. He suggested that a good use for it would be giving back to the citizens so it can be used for street repairs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 14-01. Marina Transient Rates

Brief explanation given by Miranda Jacobs who works at the marina on the three rate categories.

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Holmstrom that Resolution 14-01, Whitehall Municipal Marina Transient Rates, be adopted by Whitehall City Council.

Roll call vote: Yes – Bartholomew, Cabala, Holmstrom, Sikkenga, Smith, Whalen, Hatch.

B. Resolution 14-02. Shoreline Restoration

Jeff Auch spoke briefly on shoreline preservation and the grant received from Federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. The upcoming Public Advisory Council meeting to be held January 22 will discuss removing impairments and the Public Advisory Council would like assurances that the work will be preserved.

Motion by Bartholomew, seconded by Smith, that Resolution 14-02, Shoreline Restoration, be adopted by Whitehall City Council.

Roll Call vote: Yes – Bartholomew, Cabala, Holmstrom, Sikkenga, Smith, Whalen, Hatch.

C. Tag Day Requests

Received tag day requests for 2014 from Habitat for Humanity for April 26, Senior Center for June 28, and CROP for October 4.

Motion by Cabala, seconded by Whalen, CARRIED, that 2014 Tag Day requests be approved. All ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

County Commission Chair Ken Mahoney, 8008 Old Channel, attended the groundbreaking for the new Muskegon County jail building on January 17. He commented this project has been a long time coming and the new building will be safer for the general public and officers.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Smith that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Bartholomew. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. All ayes.

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Emery M. Hatch, Mayor

Patricia Wildfong, Administrative Assistant