

CITY OF WHITEHALL  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 11, 2014

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

ABSENT: Hatch

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Sweeting, Chief Squiers, City Manager Huebler, DPW Director Armstrong, DPW Maintenance Worker Bisson, and City Clerk Bourdon

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Bartholomew, CARRIED, to approve the January 28, 2014 minutes. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Smith, seconded by Bartholomew, CARRIED, to approve the account payables in the amount of \$ 82,947.54 and checks be drawn in their several amounts. Roll Call Vote: Yes - Cabala, Holmstrom, Sikkenga, Bartholomew, Smith, Whalen.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Friends of the Playhouse Minutes, MLGMA Institute Notes, Solid Waste Audit, Tannery Quarterly Report

Motion by Bartholomew, seconded by Smith, CARRIED, to approve the Communication. All ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Salter, 120 N. Livingston, expressed his appreciation for the minutes being accessible from the City of Whitehall website.

## MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen acknowledged two new city employees, Tom Bisson, DPW and Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk. He also announced that he and his wife attended Soups for Suits, fundraiser for the Muskegon Rescue Mission on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Whalen also alerted the Council that he will be absent for the March 11<sup>th</sup> ~~and March 14<sup>th</sup>~~ Council Meetings. Sikkenga, as senior council member, will run those meetings.

Motion by Holmstrom, supported by Bartholomew, APPROVED, to excuse Whalen from the March 11 meeting. All ayes.

Smith expressed his appreciation to the Department of Public Works for the condition of our streets. He also requested to receive the City Council Agendas electronically.

Cabala alerted the Council to the upcoming WLPAC meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the White Lake Community Library regarding the removal of impairments on White Lake. Cabala stated that the next newsletter should include mention of the City Council Agenda being accessible online and an announcement on Save the Date for the Garage Sale. Cabala would also like to receive the City Council packets electronically. Cabala has received complaints that the parking ~~lots~~ lanes downtown need snow removal.

Holmstrom expressed kudos to the DPW for doing such a great job keeping the streets cleared of snow. He also expressed the importance of removing snow around hydrants and mention of that in the Beacon would be helpful.

Sikkenga shared that the state has surplus funds and asked City Manager Huebler if that would benefit the city for the roads. City Manager Huebler responded that it is not likely.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Tag Day Request

Motion by Bartholomew, seconded by Smith. CARRIED, to approve the Tag Day Request for the Old Newsies. All ayes.

B. Consumers Energy Revised Contract

Motion by Smith, seconded by Sikkenga, CARRIED, to approve the Consumers Energy Revised Contract. Roll Call Vote: Yes - Cabala, Holmstrom, Sikkenga, Bartholomew, Smith, Whalen.

C. Brownfield Engineering

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to approve the Brownfield Engineering Proposal. Roll Call Vote: Yes - Cabala, Holmstrom, Sikkenga, Bartholomew, Smith, Whalen.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Salter questioned if there was a map available of all the hydrants in the city and if that could be shared in the Beacon. Salter also mentioned that as the snow melts the community should be alerted to remove any obstructions from drains.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bartholomew, supported by Smith that the Council meeting be adjourned at 8:02 p.m. All ayes.

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Edward L. Whalen, Mayor Pro Tem

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Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk