

CITY OF WHITEHALL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2014

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Sweeting, City Manager Huebler, City Clerk Bourdon, 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 Cabala, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to approve the agenda. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Whalen, CARRIED, to approve the March 25, 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 \$ 114,499.26 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

Blueprint Update, Central Dispatch Minutes, Revenue Sharing, SAW Grant, The Terrapene, White Lake Senior Center Minutes, White Lake Fire Authority Jan. & Feb. Board Reports.

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

Whalen commented on the Revenue Sharing document and DEQ report indicating that the funding just is not there; however, it was nice to see from the Terrapene that White Lake will be home for the Muskies once again which will be good for the fishing and tourist business.

Sikkenga sought to clarify if the city is still receiving a percentage of revenue sharing from the state and Huebler confirmed that we still are receiving a percentage, roughly a couple hundred thousand.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

The Mayor proclaimed April 25, 2014 as Arbor Day and May 1, 2014 as National Day of Prayer.

Huebler reported that the fuel tank at Fetch would be pumped out this week, removed next week and then the soil would be tested.

Huebler provided a map on the Ellenwood Landing Sediment Barrier plan and shared that Ellenwood proposed to create a sedimentation barrier. Huebler has notified our engineering firm to review the application and assess if there will be any detrimental effects to our marina.

Cabala thanked the city clerk for providing the packet electronically. She also noted that Earth Day is April 22, commented that Huebler did a thorough job on the downtown presentation, and suggested that we consider hiring a downtown manager for the future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Playhouse Liquor Sales Request – Killer Blues

Motion by Cabala, seconded by Whalen, CARRIED, to approve the request to sell alcohol at the Annual White Lake Blues Festival on Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm. All ayes.

It was confirmed that Killer Blues has a liquor license.

B. Tag Day Request – Knights of Columbus

Motion by Bartholomew, seconded by Sikkenga, CARRIED, to approve the Knights of Columbus tag day request for Saturday, September 13, 2014. All ayes.

C. FOIA Coordinator

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Bartholomew, CARRIED, to approve the designation of City Clerk Brenda Bourdon as the City of Whitehall Freedom of Information Act coordinator. All ayes.

D. Ordinance 14-01: Signs

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to approve Ordinance 14-01 to amend Article XXIII of the City of Whitehall Zoning Ordinance by adding:

§15-23-3 SIGNS PERMITTED IN ALL DISTRICTS

- (H) Tourist-oriented directional signs the location of which shall be set by the City of Whitehall Planning Commission or its designee. The city may permit TODS as defined by MCL 247.402 within its jurisdictional boundaries as provided by and pursuant to MCL 247.403(7).

Whalen requested a definition of Tourist-oriented directional signs and Sweeting responded that it is a sign used to provide motorists advance notice of tourist oriented activities. Passing of the ordinance allows our committees to review placement of signs for appropriateness.

Roll Call Vote: Yes - Bartholomew, Smith, Whalen, Cabala, Holmstrom, Sikkenga, and Hatch; No: None; Absent: None.

E. Appointment

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Bartholomew, CARRIED, to approve Mayor Hatch's appointment of Sande Sandel to complete the unexpired

term of Ernest Switanowski for the Library Authority. Term to expire 12/31/2015. All ayes.

F. Non-Discrimination Plan

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Smith, CARRIED, to approve the City of Whitehall's Title VI Non-discrimination plan. All ayes.

Whalen wished to thank Laurie Audo for her work on this document.

PUBLIC COMMENT

| State Representative, Collene Lamonte, 10115 Walsh Road, Montague, MI, provided updates on road funding and the personal property tax revenue replacement bill, which hinges on a vote in the August primary. She also shared proposed changes currently being discussed in the House during the budget process on EVIP funding and road funding with changes in gasoline tax and registration fees.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Emery M. Hatch, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk