

CITY OF WHITEHALL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2014

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Sweeting, City Manager Huebler, City Clerk Bourdon, Police Chief Squiers, DPW Director Armstrong

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 May 27, 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 \$ 386,041.85 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

Ambulance Authority Board Minutes and Public Hearing on Proposed Budget Minutes, Great Lakes Water Safety Class, Phase III Committee Notes, Senior Center Minutes

Cabala commented that there are lots of good ideas reflected in the Phase III notes. Smith asked if the City was helping with the White Lake Ambulance repairs. Huebler commented that according to the lease the repairs are their responsibility.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Thompson and Roger Scharmer from the White Lake Historical Society provided information on the Celebrate White Lake event held at Goodrich Park. The Saginaw Voyagers, a reenactment group, will be part of this event and will be rowing their birch bark canoe across White Lake. The Historical Society was asking for special permission to allow the historical reenactment group to sleep in Goodrich Park as part of the event on Friday, July 11th.

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Smith, CARRIED, to approve the special request to allow the Saginaw Voyagers to sleep in Goodrich Park as part of the historical reenactment. All ayes.

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

Mayor Hatch presented length of service awards to the following employees: Brandon Parsons – 5 years, Paul Young – 10 years, Travis Bolles – 10 years (not present), Brandon Mahoney 15 years, Derek Sova – 15 years, Doug Morris – 20 years, Pam Atchison – 25 years.

Police Chief Squiers presented Sgt. Morris with the Meritorious Excellence Award and Officer Chris Mahoney with the Professional Excellence and the 2013 Chief's Commendation (Officer of the Year) awards.

City Manager Huebler explained that James Rose submitted the restated articles for the White Lake Area Solid Waste Authority and the city council should forward comments to him and he will forward to Rose.

Council member Cabala commented that Celebrate White Lake is on July 12th and that the Jackson is coming and docking. There will also be tours on White Lake. She also inquired about the tree trimming being performed by Consumers. Huebler informed her that the ordinance was sent to Consumers and any complaints on the trimming should be communicated to City Hall.

Council member Whalen commended all those who worked on the Taste of White Lake. It was an excellent event.

Council member Smith commented that lots of yards need to be mowed. Police Chief Squiers added that several citations have been issued.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 14-12: MERS

Motion by Bartholomew, seconded by Smith, CARRIED, to approve Resolution 14-12 allowing MERS contributions to be remitted monthly rather than bi-weekly. Roll call vote: Yes – Bartholomew, Smith, Whalen, Cabala, Holmstrom, Sikkenga and Hatch; No – None; Absent – None.

B. Resolution 14-13: Charitable Gaming License

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Cabala, CARRIED, to approve Resolution 14-13, charitable gaming license for Team Hannah. Roll call vote: Yes – Bartholomew, Smith, Whalen, Cabala, Holmstrom, Sikkenga, and Hatch; No – None; Absent – None.

C. Resolution 14-14: Playhouse Marquee

Resolution 14-14: Playhouse Marquee was tabled by the Mayor until more information could be obtained.

D. Resolution 14-15: Fetch Brewing Liquor License

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Sikkenga, CARRIED, to approve Resolution 14-15, recommending that the new Small Wine Maker License for Fetch Brewing Company be considered for approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Roll call vote: Yes – Bartholomew, Smith, Whalen, Cabala, Holmstrom, Sikkenga and Hatch; No – None; Absent – None.

E. Resolution 14-16: Street Improvements

Motion by Bartholomew, seconded by Smith, CARRIED, to approve Resolution 14-16 awarding the 2014 Street Improvement project to White Lake Excavating for the low bid of \$1,212,757.25. Roll call vote: Yes – Bartholomew, Smith, Whalen, Cabala, Holmstrom, and Hatch; No – Sikkenga; Absent – None.

F. White Lake Little League Funnel Field Dugouts

Motion by Smith, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to approve construction of four dugouts at Funnel Field funded by Meijer Corporation with all coordination and payment going through the White Lake Little League who will donate the dugouts to the City of Whitehall upon completion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bartholomew, supported by Smith that the Council meeting be adjourned at 8:04 p.m. All ayes.

Emery M. Hatch, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING

June 12, 2014

PRESENT: S. Sikkenga, E. Hatch, E. Whalen, T. Cabala, O. Smith.

ABSENT: J. Bartholomew, J. Holmstrom

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy City Clerk Sandel, Playhouse Director Beaman

Mayor Hatch called the Special Meeting to order at 5.00 p.m. in the Council Chambers for the purposes of discussing the Playhouse marquee sign.

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Sikkenga, to remove Resolution 14-14 from the table and open the floor for discussion.

Beaman, Director of the Howmet Playhouse, explained to Council the changes being made to the original bid request. Cabala made the suggestion that the donor bar at the top be removed and replaced with a scrolling display, which will intermittently thank the different donors. A separate plaque also recognizing the donors will be placed in the Playhouse.

Motion by Whalen seconded by Sikkenga, CARRIED, to approve Resolution 14-14. All ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Hatch declared the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Emery M. Hatch, Mayor

Sandra L. Sandel, Deputy City Clerk