

CITY OF WHITEHALL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 26, 2014

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

ABSENT: Holmstrom

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Sweeting, City Clerk Bourdon, and City Manager Huebler, 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 Bartholomew, CARRIED, to approve the agenda. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Whalen, CARRIED, to approve the August 12 meeting minutes. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Smith, seconded by Bartholomew, CARRIED, to approve the account payables in the amount of \$ 215,829.71 and checks be drawn in their several amounts. Roll Call Vote: Yes - Bartholomew, Smith, Whalen, Cabala, Sikkenga, and Hatch; No: None; Absent: Holmstrom.

COMMUNICATIONS

Central Dispatch Minutes, Coal Tar Sealcoats, MAF Minutes, Marina Monthly Report, Rotary Letter, Solid Waste Authority Property Acquisition, Wastewater Minutes

Council member Cabala shared information on coal tar sealcoats and the risks.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Elaine Harsh of Crosswinds commented that she had nothing else to add in regards to the water bill appeal but would be available for any questions.

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

Mayor Hatch announced the Bridge Walk being held on Labor Day at 10 am starting in Montague.

Council member Whalen moved to excuse council member Holmstrom who had to leave on a call; seconded by Bartholomew; all ayes.

Council member Whalen informed council that he needs to be excused from the October 14, 2014 council meeting. Bartholomew moved to excuse Whalen for the requested date; seconded by Smith; all ayes.

Council member Cabala commented that the tire collection went well with 2,500 tires collected. She also commented that the August 4th recycling meeting went well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Resolution 14-25: Crosswinds Water Appeal

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Sikkenga, to approve Resolution 14-25, as a compromise of a disputed amount and due to the extenuating circumstances, hereby requires payment of no less than \$425.99 by Crosswinds to be made no later than October 10, 2014.

Council member Smith added that he disagreed with the resolution because of the extenuating circumstances and felt that they should owe nothing. Council member Bartholomew reminded council that according to the City Charter, water could not be free. Roll call vote: Yes – Bartholomew, Whalen, Cabala, Sikkenga, and Hatch; No – Smith; Absent – Holmstrom.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 14-26: Truck Bid

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Smith, CARRIED, to award the plow truck chassis bed to West Michigan International for the low State bid amount of \$81,965.31. Roll call vote: Yes – Bartholomew, Smith, Whalen, Cabala, Sikkenga, and Hatch; No – None; Absent – Holmstrom.

B. Tannery Grant Extension

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Cabala, CARRIED, to approve the extension of the Tannery grant contract to September 15, 2015. All ayes.

C. Goodrich Parking Lot Lights

Motion by Bartholomew, seconded by Smith, CARRIED, to authorize the execution of the grant agreement with Consumers Energy for \$1,639 towards the \$1,814 conversion to LED lights. The City will match \$175 which would be recouped in two months of energy savings. Roll call vote: Yes – Bartholomew, Smith, Whalen, Cabala, Sikkenga, and Hatch; No – None; Absent – Holmstrom.

D. Homecoming Parade Request

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Bartholomew, CARRIED, to approve the Whitehall Homecoming Parade request for Friday, October 3, 2014 scheduled to begin at 5:30 pm. All ayes.

E. Traffic Control Orders 204-207

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Sikkenga, CARRIED, to approve presented Traffic Control Orders 204-207 with amended recommendations for 204 and 207. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Absent: 1; Abstained: 1 (Smith).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bartholomew, supported by Smith that the Council meeting be adjourned at 7:56 p.m. All ayes.

Emery M. Hatch, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk