

CITY OF WHITEHALL  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
September 23, 2014

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

ABSENT: Smith

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Sweeting, City Clerk Bourdon, City Manager Huebler, Police Chief Squiers, and Playhouse Manager Beth Beaman

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 September 9 meeting minutes. All ayes.

#### APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Bartholomew, seconded by Whalen, CARRIED, to approve the account payables in the amount of \$ 151,023.93 and checks be drawn in their several amounts. Roll Call Vote: Yes - Bartholomew, Whalen, Cabala, Holmstrom, Sikkenga, and Hatch; No: None; Absent: Smith.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Community Mixer, Downtown Advisory Minutes, MAF Minutes

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

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

Council member Whalen inquired about new student representatives. City Manager Huebler responded that we have leads and we should have them by October.

Council member Cabala requested to have a coal tar sealcoat resolution. She also announced that October 4 would be the last nature walk of the year.

Mayor Hatch announced that the geese sculpture has been installed.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Resolution 14-27: Budget Amendment #1

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to approve the budget amendment: \$10,000 budgeted in LDFA for new industrial park entry signs would be eliminated, an additional \$78,000 would be passed through from LDFA to the various taxing jurisdictions, and that the City's General Fund share (\$40,500) of the pass through would be used towards the Resendes contract. LDFA will retain an adequate fund balance after these amendments to cover one full year of standard operating costs.

City Manager Huebler provided background information on the contributions of Ed Francis and the Ferris State architecture students. Tom Spencer, chair of the Friends of the Playhouse also provided information about the goals of the Friends of the Playhouse and the different committees.

Roll Call Vote: Yes - Bartholomew, Whalen, Holmstrom, Sikkenga, and Hatch; No: Cabala; Absent: Smith.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Salter asked about the siren on Friday and Chief Squiers responded that it was the regularly scheduled siren test.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bartholomew, supported by Holmstrom that the Council meeting be adjourned at 7:54 p.m. All ayes.

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Emery M. Hatch, Mayor

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Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk