

CITY OF WHITEHALL  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
October 14, 2014

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

ABSENT: Whalen

ALSO PRESENT: Student Representatives Carlie Bishop and Maranda Mikkelson, City Attorney Sweeting, City Clerk Bourdon, Police Chief Squiers, and 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 Holmstrom, CARRIED, to approve the September 23 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 \$ 330,558.80 and checks be drawn in their several amounts. Roll Call Vote: Yes - Bartholomew, Smith, Cabala, Holmstrom, Sikkenga, and Hatch; No: None; Absent: Whalen.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Ambulance Authority Minutes, Brownfield Minutes, Downtown Advisory Minutes, Fire Authority Budget, Gazebo Plan, LDFA Minutes, Marina Report, The Muser, SAW Grant Award, Senior Center Minutes, Senior Happenings Newsletter, TIFA Minutes, Waste Water and Public Works Newsletter

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

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Mahoney from the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners announced that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at 2:30 pm for the new Youth Transition Center on Thursday, October 16 and on the same day at 4:30 pm there will be a Transportation and Community Development meeting at White River Township.

## MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

Mayor Hatch presented David Silk with his 10 year service award.

Council member Smith commented that he has received complaints regarding the food trucks not having to pay taxes and parking in 2 hour parking all day. He also stated that the bridge by Lions Park and Norman Park needs repair as well as the sidewalk in front of the White Lake Greenhouse. He also mentioned that the trees by Lion's Den are dying.

Council member Cabala provided information on the October 30<sup>th</sup> White Lake Restoration Celebration from 7 pm – 10 pm at the Book Nook and requested RSVPs for the event. She also commented that the Public Advisory Council will have a consultant present survey results on perceptions of Muskegon Lake and White Lake scheduled on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the White Lake Community Library.

Mayor Hatch announced that there will be a Library Fundraiser at the Pub on Sunday from 3-5 pm; tickets are \$15 and are available at the door.

Council member Holmstrom wanted to welcome Fetch to the downtown and commented that the place has been packed.

Council member Holmstrom requested to be excused from the October 28<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Moved by Sikkenga, seconded by Bartholomew. CARRIED to approve his absence. All ayes.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 14-28: Coal Tar Sealcoat

Motion by Bartholomew, seconded by Smith, CARRIED, to approve the Coal Tar Sealcoat resolution committing to educate the public on the dangers of coal tar sealcoat and to prohibit the use of coal tar sealcoats on City property.

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

B. Alcoa Tax Abatement – Public Hearing Date

Motion by Bartholomew, seconded by Smith, CARRIED, to approve the public hearing date of October 28, 2014 for an abatement application submitted by Alcoa Power and Propulsion. All ayes.

C. Resolution 14-29 – Playhouse Liquor Sales

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Cabala, CARRIED, to approve the Playhouse Liquor request for a fundraising event on October 25, 2014.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Three students from Montague High School government class introduced themselves.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bartholomew, supported by Smith that the Council meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m. All ayes.

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Emery M. Hatch, Mayor

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Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk