

CITY OF WHITEHALL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 28, 2014

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

ABSENT: Bartholomew and Holmstrom

ALSO PRESENT: Student Representative Bishop, City Attorney Sweeting, City Clerk Bourdon, Police Chief Squiers, and City Manager Huebler

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 Whalen, CARRIED, to approve the agenda. All ayes.

PUBLIC HEARING – TAX ABATEMENT

Mayor Hatch opened the public hearing at 7:31 pm. City Manager Huebler provided background on the Industrial Facility Tax Exemption Application submitted by Alcoa Thermatech Operations for a potential \$16.3 million expansion to their facility adding 25 more jobs. While the expansion has not been approved yet, the tax abatement request is moving forward to meet the October 31st deadline. Taxing jurisdictions have been notified. Dave Punola and Darrell Copley were on hand for any questions. With no questions, the public hearing was closed at 7:33 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Smith, CARRIED, to approve the October 14 meeting minutes. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Smith, seconded by Whalen, CARRIED, to approve the account payables in the amount of \$ 319,974.79 and checks be drawn in their several amounts. Roll Call Vote: Yes - Smith, Whalen, Cabala, Sikkenga, and Hatch; No: None; Absent: Bartholomew and Holmstrom.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner Invitation, MAF Minutes, Marina Advisory Minutes, MML Annual Convention Report, Solid Waste Minutes & Financials

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Smith to excuse Council member Bartholomew for his absence. All ayes.

Council member Smith was glad to see the leaf pickup program has started.

Council member Cabala provided information on the October 30th 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 5th from 6 pm to 8 pm at the White Lake Community Library.

Student representative Bishop announced that the Whitehall High School Fall Choir Concert is being held on Thursday at 7 pm at the High School auditorium.

Council member Sikkenga heard a rumor regarding the leaf pickup equipment being out of service and wondered if that affected the schedule. City Manager Huebler commented that he had not heard anything, but did see one of their trucks on a flatbed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 14-30: Tree Maintenance Bid

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Sikkenga, CARRIED, to approve the Tree Maintenance bid resolution awarding the low, qualified bid to Borgman Tree Service for \$5,800.

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

B. Ordinance 14-02: Possession of Tobacco by Minors

Motion by Smith, seconded by Whalen, CARRIED, to approve amendments to chapter 130 entitled "Disorderly Conduct" by adding section 130.06 Possession of Tobacco by Minors.

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

C. Ordinance 14-03: Destruction of Property

Motion by Smith, seconded by Whalen, CARRIED, to approve amendments to chapter 130 entitled "Disorderly Conduct" by amending section 130.01 (B)(35) Destruction of Property.

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

D. Ordinance 14-04: Prowling

Motion by Smith, seconded by Whalen, CARRIED, to approve amendments to chapter 130 entitled "Disorderly Conduct" by amending section 130.01 (B)(36) Prowling.

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

E. Ordinance 14-05: Identification

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Cabala, CARRIED, to approve amendments to chapter 130 entitled "Disorderly Conduct" by adding section 130.01 (B)(38) Identification.

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

F. Resolution 14-31: Truck Accessories Bid

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Sikkenga, CARRIED, to approve the Truck Accessories bid resolution awarding the low, qualified bid to Shults Equipment, LLC for \$36,215.

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

G. Resolution 14-32: Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Sikkenga, CARRIED, to approve the resolution awarding an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate to Howmet Corporation Thermatech Operations for real property in the amount of \$1,150,000 for twelve years and for personal property in the amount of \$15,583,000 for seven years.

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

H. Resolution 14-33: Marina Rates

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Cabala, CARRIED, to approve the Marina rates as recommended by the Marina Manager and Marina Advisory Board: slips 1-13 and 23-30 at \$1,299; slips 14-22 at \$999; slips 31-47 at \$899; and slips 48-50 at \$699 and that such rates would be increased annually until they are more closely matched to other rates on White Lake. In addition, monthly rates would be eliminated and we would adopt the Commission yet to be established transient rates.

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

I. Resolution 14-34: SAW Engineering

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Cabala, CARRIED, to approve the execution of the Professional Services Agreement for completing the tasks under the SAW Grant.

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

J. Resolution 14-35: Utility Rates

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Smith, CARRIED, to approve setting the sewer rate at \$4.10 per 1,000 gallons and the water rate at \$1.80 per 1,000 gallons, effective January 1, 2015.

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

K. Assessing Policy

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Cabala, CARRIED, to approve the Assessing policy regarding public inspection of assessment records as required by the Treasury Department. All ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Five students from Montague High School's government class introduced themselves fulfilling their government assignment.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Emery M. Hatch, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk