

CITY OF WHITEHALL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 11, 2014

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

ABSENT: None

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

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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – FYE 2014 AUDIT

Paul Matz, Senior Manager of Rehmann reviewed the 2014 Fiscal Year audit noting that a clean or unmodified opinion was issued. He also reviewed several financial statements and answered questions from Mayor ProTem Whalen and Council member Sikkenga.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Bartholomew to accept the 2014 Fiscal Year audit as presented. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Whalen, CARRIED, to approve the October 28 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 \$144,391.53 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

Howmet Playhouse Annual Report, MATs Bus Information, WMSRDC

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

A. Appointments

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Sikkenga to confirm the Mayor's appointments as presented. All ayes.

Mayor Hatch stated that White Lake was officially delisted on October 30th as announced at the celebration held at the Book Nook. He credited Tanya Cabala for the success.

Council member Holmstrom complimented the leaf pickup program and stated it was nice to see that they are caught up.

Council member Cabala thanked the Mayor for the kind words and added that there were many people involved in the delisting and that the celebration at the Book Nook was very nice. She also commented that the Perceptions presentation on Muskegon Lake and White Lake occurred on November 5th and she will share the information with City Manager Huebler to distribute. She also shared that the recycling committee is looking at improvements for the transfer station.

Student representative Mikkelson announced that the National History Day Team will be presenting on D-Day at the School Board meeting on Monday, November 17th.

Council member Smith commented that the MATs bus is a welcome addition. City Manager Huebler commented that a future seasonal stop will be Michigan's Adventure. Council member Smith also commented that

there was a good turnout for Veteran's Day at the American Legion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 14-36: Computerized Tax Roll

Motion by Bartholomew, seconded by Smith, CARRIED, to approve the request for authority to use a computerized database as the tax roll and authorized the City Treasurer and Muskegon County Assessor to complete and sign the "Request for Approval of Computerized Tax Roll" form to be forwarded to the Office of the Michigan State Tax Commission and State Treasurer.

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

B. Resolution 14-37: Compact Tractor

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Smith, CARRIED, to award the Compact Tractor bid to Kent Equipment for the qualified, low bid of \$39,117.00.

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

C. Liquor Sales Request

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Whalen, CARRIED, to approve the liquor sales request by the Killer Blues Headstone Project for a fundraising event at the Howmet Playhouse on Saturday, December 20th from 7 pm – 11 pm. All ayes.

D. 205 South Franklin Street

Motion by Bartholomew, seconded by Cabala, CARRIED, to authorize staff to accept sealed bids for the double lot parcel located at 205 South Franklin Street – minimum bid of \$8,000 per lot or \$16,000 for both.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bartholomew, supported by Smith that the Council meeting be adjourned at 8:03 p.m. All ayes.

Emery M. Hatch, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk