

CITY OF WHITEHALL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 25, 2014

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

ABSENT: None

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

Mayor Hatch called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Council member Smith asked for a moment of silence to pay respects to Norm Ullman.

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 Smith, CARRIED, to approve the November 11 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 \$168,744.38 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

ACEC Engineering Merit Award Letter, Central Dispatch Minutes, Downtown Advisory Minutes, Fire Authority July & August Board Reports, Friends of the Playhouse Minutes, MAF Minutes, The Muser, Senior Center Minutes, Wastewater Minutes, Wildlife Habitat Council

Council member Cabala commented that it would be nice to have a pine tree near Big Johns so travelers would see a nice tree coming into town.

Council member Smith wanted to thank the Fire Authority for their fine reports. They are very informative.

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.

Council member Sikkenga thanked the Mayor for replacing him on the Ambulance Authority board.

Student representative Bishop announced that the school musical, Little Shop of Horrors, was held last weekend.

Council member Cabala commented that strategic planning for White Lake is underway. They will be establishing new goals and reaching out for input.

Council member Whalen announced the Christmas parade on December 6th and the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party on December 11th and encouraged the council to notify the clerk of attendance plans.

Council member Smith thanked the DPW for keeping up with the roads.

Mayor Hatch wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. TEDF Grant

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Smith, CARRIED, to authorize staff to submit an application for an MDOT TEDF grant in the amount of \$75,000.

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

B. Utility Rates

Motion by Bartholomew, seconded by Smith, CARRIED, to adopt a 2015 sewer rate of \$4.10 per 1,000 gallons and a water rate of \$1.77 per 1,000 gallons.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bartholomew, supported by Smith that the Council meeting be adjourned at 7:47 p.m. All ayes.

Emery M. Hatch, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk