

CITY OF WHITEHALL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2015

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

ABSENT: Hatch

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

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen 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 Bartholomew, CARRIED, to approve the January 27 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 \$91,423.08 and checks be drawn in their several amounts. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Bartholomew, Smith, Whalen, Cabala, Holmstrom, and Sikkenga; No: None; Absent: Hatch.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ambulance Authority Minutes, Tannery Quarterly Report

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Hillebrand, 234 S. Mears Ave, commented that snowmobiles have been traveling across his property as well as on the sidewalks on their way to the bike trail. He has asked the snowmobilers to use the other side of the street and at times they do, but they have continued to be an ongoing nuisance.

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

City Manager Huebler reported the renovations that occurred in the office area and invited council to see the improvements, which included paint and carpet.

Council member Smith suggested we erect signs to direct the snowmobilers and contact the snowmobile club to pass on concerns.

Council member Cabala recommended that reminders of the snowmobile rules be posted on the website or in a special mailing. She also wanted to compliment City Manager Huebler on his work with the Ambulance Authority. She has received several positive comments from people about his involvement. Cabala reported that on February 17th, 2 pm at City Hall, the PAC will present an update on final remediation activities at the tannery site. She also commented that the County is interested in getting more involved with recycling looking at central processing to increase residential recycling.

Council member Sikkenga commented on the snowmobile issue and asked if we could look into a way of making the north side more useable for the snowmobile traffic.

Council member Smith requested to be absent from the March 10th council meeting. Motion by Bartholomew, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED to approve Smith's absence on March 10th. All ayes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Tag Day Requests

Motion by Bartholomew, seconded by Smith, CARRIED, to approve tag day requests for American Legion for Friday, May 15, 2015, Old Newsies for Saturday, December 5, 2015, the Child Abuse Council for Saturday, April 11, 2015, and Whitehall Band Boosters for Saturday, August 1, 2015. All ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tyler Grove, 5375 West McMillan, Whitehall, commented that he was visiting for an MCC political science class assignment.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bartholomew, supported by Smith that the Council meeting be adjourned at 7:46 p.m. All ayes.

Edward Whalen, Mayor Pro Tem

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk