

CITY OF WHITEHALL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 28, 2015

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Student Representatives Mikkelson and 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 Garden Room.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Cabala, seconded by Whalen, CARRIED, to approve the agenda. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to approve the April 14 meeting minutes with suggested amendments. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Smith, seconded by Bartholomew, CARRIED, to approve the account payables in the amount of \$254,840.72 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

Community Center Minutes

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ellie Dennis of 1007 Alice Street spoke against proclaiming a National Day of Prayer because it violates separation of church and state.

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

Mayor Hatch proclaimed May 7, 2015 as National Day of Prayer.

City Manager Huebler reported that representatives of the Friends of the Playhouse (Huebler, Beth Beaman and Tom Spencer) attended the County Commissioners work session for the new Quality of Life Bond renewal. The current one expires September 2016 so they are looking into making this a future ballot proposal. There are a host of groups that would like to be a part of the bond in addition to the Howmet Playhouse.

Student representative Mikkelson announced that the band festival will be on Thursday.

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen brings greetings from sunny Italy.

Council member Cabala announced that on April 29, from 6-8 pm at the Community Service Building, the PAC is sponsoring an education workshop where seven presenters will focus on continuing issues for White Lake. She also announced that at the end May the PAC will be no longer be the Public Advisory Committee, but an expanded group which will continue to meet for strategic planning. She is also working on a documentary. Cabala also inquired about the fundraising efforts for the Playhouse. City Manager Huebler responded that they are on hold while the Quality of Life Bond Issue is being investigated.

Student representative Bishop announced that the last Choir concert will be May 15 at 7 pm.

Council member Sikkenga announced that they have welcomed the Grand Haven group to the A-1 expansion. It started as a 3-4 person operation and is now up to 30 something.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Memorial Day Parade Request

Motion by Smith, seconded by Bartholomew, CARRIED, to approve the Memorial Day Parade request for Monday, May 25, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. All ayes.

B. Floodplains

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Sikkenga, CARRIED, to adopt ordinances 15-01 and 15-02 to maintain compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Smith, Whalen, Cabala, Holmstrom, Sikkenga, Bartholomew, and Hatch; No: None; Absent: None.

C. Alcoa Tax Abatement – Hearing May 12th

Motion by Bartholomew, seconded by Smith, CARRIED, to schedule a public hearing on the Alcoa tax abatement for May 12, 2015. All ayes.

D. Tannery Bay Planned Unit Development – Hearing May 26th

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to schedule a public hearing on the Tannery Bay Planned Unit Development for May 26, 2015. All ayes.

E. White Lake Ambulance Authority

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Bartholomew, CARRIED, to propose that the White Lake Ambulance Authority modify the Fiscal Year 2015/16 budget to be balanced without local subsidy.

Discussion was held on what other municipalities had decided, what the financial outlook is for the Authority, and other options.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bartholomew, supported by Smith that the Council meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m. All ayes.

Emery M. Hatch, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk