

CITY OF WHITEHALL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 23, 2015

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

ABSENT: Holmstrom

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Sweeting, City Clerk Bourdon, City Manager Huebler

Mayor Hatch called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Garden Room.

Council Member Bartholomew called for a moment of silence for Orville Smith who passed on Saturday, June 20, 2015.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Whalen, seconded by Bartholomew, CARRIED to excuse Council Member Holmstrom from tonight's meeting and excuse Council Member Sikkenga from the Sept. 8th meeting. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Bartholomew, CARRIED, to approve the June 9 meeting minutes. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Bartholomew, seconded by Whalen, CARRIED, to approve the account payables in the amount of \$538,517.33 and checks be drawn in their several amounts. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Bartholomew, Whalen, Cabala, Sikkenga and Hatch; No – None; Absent – Holmstrom.

COMMUNICATIONS

Friends of the Playhouse, MAF Minutes & President's Report, PTAC, Wastewater Minutes

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

Mayor Hatch announced that Helen Fink would like to provide a tour of the Meinhardi building before or after a council meeting. After discussion it was decided to go before the July 28th meeting – arrive by 6:50, leave by 7:20 pm.

City Manager Huebler announced that Fruitland Township is withdrawing from the White Lake Ambulance Authority effective August 1st.

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen announced that that visitation for Orville Smith will be held from 2-4 and 6-8 on Friday, June 26th and 10 am on Saturday, June 27th with the funeral at 11 a.m. on Saturday. All events will be held at the high school.

Council Member Cabala asked if the Master Plan needed to be approved by council. City Manager Huebler will check into it. She also asked if there was a Tannery update, which there is none. She also commented on Republic Waste's high pricing. Mayor Hatch commented that he addressed this. City Manager Huebler reported that the City staff will investigate further.

Council Member Sikkenga asked the status of the Slocum Street project and City Manager Huebler commented that they are 2-3 weeks behind schedule. He will touch base with the engineer and pass along the updated timeline to council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Freedom of Information Act

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Whalen; after some clarifying questions the motion was CARRIED, to approve the Public Summary of FOIA and FOIA Procedures and Guidelines. All ayes.

B. Street Closure

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Cabala. CARRIED to approve the closure of Lake Street from Thompson Street to Sophia Street commencing at 8 am, Saturday, July 4th, through the conclusion of the fireworks display. All ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bartholomew, supported by Whalen that the Council meeting be adjourned at 7:51 p.m. All ayes.

Emery M. Hatch, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk