

CITY OF WHITEHALL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 10, 2015

PRESENT: Cabala, Dennis, Hillebrand, Holmstrom, Landis, Salter, and Whalen

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Student Representative Alexis Snyder, Student Representative Lachlan Moore, City Attorney Sweeting, City Manager Huebler, Police Chief Squiers, DPW Director Armstrong, and City Clerk Bourdon

Clerk Bourdon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL

A. Oath of Office

Bourdon administered the oath of office to Ellie Dennis, Debi Hillebrand, Patrick Landis and Steve Salter as recently elected Council Members.

B. Election and Oath of Office of Mayor

Motion by Dennis, seconded by Hillebrand to nominate Tanya Cabala as Mayor.

Motion by Salter, seconded by Holmstrom to nominate Whalen as Mayor.

Motion by Landis, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to close nominations. All ayes.

Roll call vote for Cabala for Mayor: Yes – Hillebrand, Dennis, and Cabala; No – Salter, Landis, Holmstrom, and Whalen; Absent – None.

Roll call vote for Whalen for Mayor: Yes – Salter, Landis, Holmstrom, and Whalen; No – Hillebrand, Dennis, and Cabala; Absent – None.

Bourdon administered the oath of office to Whalen as Mayor.

C. Election of Mayor Pro Tem

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Whalen, CARRIED, to nominate and cast a unanimous vote for Steve Salter as Mayor Pro Tem. Roll call vote: Yes – Hillebrand, Salter, Landis, Cabala, Holmstrom, Dennis, Whalen; No – None; Absent - None.

Bourdon administered the oath of office to Salter as Mayor Pro Tem.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF THE WHITE LAKE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Jim Bolger and Ray Veeder presented an overview of services at the White Lake Community Library and reported a fiscally sound budget. Handouts were provided to council along with their annual Financial Report.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Salter, seconded by Hillebrand, CARRIED, to approve the October 27 meeting minutes. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Cabala, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to approve the account payables in the amount of \$106,506.04 and checks be drawn in their several amounts.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Cabala, Holmstrom, Dennis, Hillebrand, Salter, Landis, Whalen; No – None; Absent – None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ambulance Authority, Downtown Advisory, Economic Development Update, MML Convention Report, Muskegon Area Promise, WMSRDC

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

Mayor Whalen thanked council for the vote of confidence and encouraged new council members to look to our experienced council members for help and encouraged our Student Representatives to connect with not only the high school, but middle school as well for their reports.

Council Member Holmstrom welcomed the new members and encouraged them to ask questions.

Council Member Dennis thanked Whitehall for their votes and looks forward to working together.

Council Member Cabala welcomed the new members and will be at their service. She also announced that there will be an update on Dupont on Thursday, Nov. 12 at 6:30 at White River Township.

Mayor Pro Tem Salter was grateful for the votes of confidence from voters and is appreciative for the vote for Mayor Pro Tem. He looks forward to working together.

Student Representative Snyder reported that there is a fundraising effort currently underway for the community which includes a money drive competition between the different classes as well as donations, which can be dropped off at the high school.

Council Member Landis thanked the community for their votes and commented that it has been a neat experience.

Council Member Hillebrand thanked the community for their votes.

City Manager Huebler congratulated the new council on behalf of staff.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 15-26 Lot Split Request

Motion by Salter, seconded by Hillebrand, CARRIED, to approve the lot split request submitted by Mark Will for property located at 1036 South Mears Ave and 108 East Market Street. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Hillebrand, Salter, Landis, Cabala, Holmstrom, Dennis, and Whalen; No – None; Absent – None.

B. Resolution 15-27 Playhouse Roof Repairs

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Cabala, CARRIED, to award the Playhouse roof replacement to Bob's Roofing for the quoted amount of \$15,601 under City Ordinance §32.05 as an emergency purchase to protect the public health, safety, and welfare without complying with the bidding procedures set forth in Chapter 32: Purchasing and to authorize a budget amendment within the General Fund to provide the necessary funding for the roof replacement from excess fund balance. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Holmstrom, Cabala, Dennis, Hillebrand, Salter, and Whalen; No – None; Abstain – Landis; Absent – None.

C. Hanner Sewer Backup

Motion by Cabala, seconded by Hillebrand, CARRIED, to approve the insurance carrier's determination to settle the Hanner sewer backup claim directly for an estimated \$4,671.76. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Cabala, Hillebrand, Salter, Landis, Holmstrom, Dennis, and Whalen; No – None; Absent – None.

D. Retiree Pensions

City Council recently authorized an actuarial to determine the cost of a 2% increase for retiree pensions, which would cost the city \$48,633. It was rejected due to lack of support.

E. Barr Environmental

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Salter, CARRIED, to authorize the execution of the agreement for Brownfield Administration Services with Barr Engineering which acquired Horizon Environmental. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Holmstrom, Salter, Hillebrand, Landis, Cabala, Dennis, and Whalen; No – None; Absent – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Holmstrom, supported by Salter that the Council meeting be adjourned at 6:42 p.m. All ayes.

Edward Whalen, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk