

CITY OF WHITEHALL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 24, 2015

PRESENT: Tanya Cabala, Ellie Dennis, Debi Hillebrand, Steve Salter, and Edward Whalen

ABSENT: Jeff Holmstrom, Patrick Landis

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

Mayor Whalen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Salter, seconded by Dennis, CARRIED, to excuse Holmstrom and Landis. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Dennis, seconded by Salter, CARRIED, to approve the agenda. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Salter, seconded by Hillebrand, CARRIED, to approve the November 10 meeting minutes. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Cabala, seconded by Hillebrand, CARRIED, to approve the account payables in the amount of \$149,551.28 and checks be drawn in their several amounts.

A comment was made from Dennis regarding previous mention of shopping at Sam's Club and preference for shopping local. Hillebrand commented that they should be careful in setting precedence in specifying where to shop. Mayor Whalen suggested a comparison of prices would help them in making an educated decision.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Brownfield Quarterly Report, Muskegon Area First, Quality of Life Millage, Wastewater Report, Wastewater Minutes, White Lake Community Library Auditor's Report

Motion by Salter, seconded by Dennis, 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 read the appointments for boards and committees. Motion by Salter, seconded by Dennis, CARRIED, to confirm the Mayor's appointments.

Council Member Hillebrand commented that the Pledge of Allegiance holds a special meaning in light of the recent events in Paris.

Mayor Pro Tem Salter commented that it would be helpful to get the contact information for all the boards/committee members.

Council Member Cabala announced that she attended the Christmas Tree lighting which was well attended. She also asked about another tree for downtown and City Manager Huebler responded that we have two, one in the gazebo and one by NAPA. Cabala also encouraged the Planning Commission to ensure the zoning ordinances support the Master Plan. She also asked about Pinheads; Huebler responded that the current owners, the Gilmore Group, are having it demolished.

Student Representative Moore reported that 1,000 items were collected from all schools for the food drive as well as \$225 from the high school. Four families will be assisted this year.

Council Member Dennis commented that it would be nice to have full board listings and training would be helpful.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 15-28 Authorized Signatures

Motion by Cabala, seconded by Hillebrand, CARRIED, to approve Mayor Edward L. Whalen and Mayor Pro Tem Salter as authorized signatories for banking transactions on behalf of the City and removing Emery Hatch. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Hillebrand, Salter, Cabala, Dennis, and Whalen; No – None; Absent – Holmstrom and Landis.

B. Resolution 15-29 Meeting Schedule

Motion by Salter, seconded by Dennis, CARRIED, to approve the 2016 meeting dates scheduled for 6 pm on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Cabala, Dennis, Hillebrand, Salter, and Whalen; No – None; Absent – Holmstrom and Landis.

C. Resolution 15-30 Utility Rates

Motion by Hillebrand, seconded by Dennis, CARRIED, to set the sewer rate at \$4.35 per 1,000 gallons and the water rate at \$1.83 per 1,000 gallons, both rates to be effective January 1, 2016. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Cabala, Hillebrand, Salter, Dennis, and Whalen; No – None; Absent – Holmstrom and Landis.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Kenney, 106 E. Muskegon, welcomed and congratulated the new council and thanked the Mayor for the appointment to the Construction Board of Appeals.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Cabala, supported by Salter that the Council meeting be adjourned at 6:48 p.m. All ayes.

Edward L. Whalen, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk