

CITY OF WHITEHALL  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
December 8, 2015

PRESENT: Tanya Cabala, Ellie Dennis, Debi Hillebrand, Jeff Holmstrom, Patrick Landis, Steve Salter, and Edward Whalen

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Student Representatives Alexis Snyder and 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.

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Dennis, seconded by Landis, CARRIED, to approve the November 24 meeting minutes. All ayes.

#### APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Cabala, seconded by Landis, CARRIED, to approve the account payables in the amount of \$200,589.39 and checks be drawn in their several amounts.

Questions regarding line item amounts were addressed by the City Manager.

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Revenue Sharing, White Lake Senior Center

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

Additional information was requested by Cabala regarding the Senior Center air conditioning repair: did other municipalities contribute; what is

Montague responsible for as building owner? City Manager Huebler will check with Montague's City Manager. Cabala also asked if the City Manager sees anything changing with Revenue Sharing which he responded that he would be surprised if it doesn't get worse.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Bruce Froelich, 5150 Brookwood Circle, Montague, was not familiar with the communication shared with council, but he referenced the latest MML magazine article on revenue sharing which was very critical of the math stating that it doesn't add up. He just wanted to make us aware of that article.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

Mayor Whalen read the additional appointment for the Planning Commission. Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Salter, CARRIED, to confirm the Mayor's appointment.

Student Representative Snyder shared that the NHS hosted a Chemistry Night during the week of conferences where they led activities, such as making ice cream. She also announced that the high school NHS had a successful clothing drive and auditions for Shrek were conducted with a March show.

Mayor Pro Tem Salter commented that he enjoyed participating in the Christmas parade and found the wastewater tour to be very helpful. City Manager Huebler commented that another tour can be done for those that were unable to attend.

Council Member Cabala requested a SAW grant update and that goals be addressed again.

Student Representative Moore reported that a 2<sup>nd</sup> robotics team was added at the Community Center and that there are plans for gym space for the public.

Council Member Dennis thanked the Mayor for reaching out to council candidates for board appointments.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tax Sale: No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Waterfront Grant Extension

Motion by Salter, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to authorize the DEQ Waterfront Grant extension to December 31, 2016. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Salter, Holmstrom, Dennis, Hillebrand, Landis, Cabala, and Whalen; No – None; Absent – None.

B. Charter Communications Letter of Support

No action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Salter thanked staff for the One Pager background sheets that were in their packets; he found them to be very helpful.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Holmstrom, supported by Cabala that the Council meeting be adjourned at 6:40 p.m. All ayes.

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Edward L. Whalen, Mayor

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Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk