

CITY OF WHITEHALL  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
May 10, 2016

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

ABSENT: Student Representative Snyder

ALSO PRESENT: Student Representative Moore, City Manager Huebler, City Attorney Sweeting, Treasurer/Fin. Officer Audo, 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 Salter, CARRIED, to approve the agenda. All ayes.

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATION – LAURIE AUDO, BUDGET 101

Laurie Audo presented an informative session on Budgeting 101 and fielded questions in preparation for the May 19<sup>th</sup> budget work session.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Salter, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to approve the April 26 meeting minutes. All ayes.

#### APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Salter, seconded by Hillebrand, CARRIED, to approve the account payables in the amount of \$137,433.63 and checks to be drawn in their several amounts.

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Ambulance Authority, Community Center, Planning Commission, Senior Millage

Council member Dennis wished to clarify Whitehall's position and make it known that the ambulance staff has been fantastic and that *that* message hasn't been out there. The City Council just feels it's time to move on to a better *managed* service. She wished to reiterate that it would be better if all the municipalities went together; everyone would be better off for it. Reading the ambulance minutes, it appears that Whitehall is being portrayed as the bad guys and that we are criticizing the EMTs and Paramedics, and we are *not*.

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

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Whalen appointed Greg Hillebrand to the Recreation Authority.

Student Representative Lachlan Moore reported on the survey he conducted at Whitehall High School regarding the desire for a skate park. The results came back in favor of a skate park with respondents willing to help maintain it.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Resolution 16-13: Lot Split Request

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Dennis, CARRIED, to approve the lot split for 1397 Carleton Street as requested and recommended by the Planning Commission.

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

B. Resolution 16-14: Lot Split Request

Motion by Salter, seconded by Hillebrand, CARRIED, to approve the lot split for 1121 Mears, 1125 Mears, and 1118 Division as requested and recommended by the Planning Commission.

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

C. Resolution 16-15: Fertilizer and Weed Control

Motion by Salter, seconded by Hillebrand, CARRIED, to award the 2016 Fertilizer and Weed Control Application Contract to Weesies Brothers Garden Center for the low bid amount of \$3,327.82.

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

D. Resolution 16-16: Lift Station Tannery Bay

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Dennis, CARRIED, to award the 2016/2017 Tannery Bay lift station bid to Jackson-Merkey for the cost of \$268,580 with work commencing after July 1, 2016.

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

E. Memorial Day Parade Request

Motion by Salter, seconded by Hillebrand, CARRIED, to approve the Memorial Day Parade scheduled for Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the corner of Elizabeth and Colby, proceeding to the World War memorial to lay wreaths and onto Covell Park to join the Montague VFW. All ayes.

F. ACWL: Artist-N-Beer Fundraiser

Motion by Salter, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to approve the 2016 Artist-N-Beer fundraiser event to be held on Friday, August 19 from 6-9pm on the North Mears city lot located behind 100 W. Colby St. All ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jen Hain, 919 S. Mears, presented an idea for Christmas decorations downtown where trees would be auctioned off for decorating as a fundraiser. Council Member Hillebrand would like the idea brought to the Downtown Advisory Committee for further exploration.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hillebrand, supported by Landis that the Council meeting be adjourned at 7:05 p.m. All ayes.

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Edward L. Whalen, Mayor

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Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk