

CITY OF WHITEHALL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 24, 2016

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

ABSENT: Patrick Landis

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Huebler, City Attorney Sweeting, 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 AMENDED AGENDA

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

Motion by Salter, seconded by Cabala, CARRIED, to excuse Pat Landis from tonight's council meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING – FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017 BUDGET

Mayor Whalen opened the public hearing for the fiscal year 2016/2017 budget at 6:02 p.m. With no comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 6:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Salter, seconded by Hillebrand, CARRIED, to approve the May 10 meeting minutes with the addition of Ellie's Ambulance comments. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Cabala, seconded by Salter, CARRIED, to approve the account payables in the amount of \$194,083.12 and checks to be drawn in their several amounts.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Central Dispatch, Downtown Advisory, Economic Development, Friends of the Playhouse, Wastewater Minutes, WMSRDC, White Lake Survey Results

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Balloon Walk Request

Motion by Hillebrand, seconded by Salter, CARRIED, to approve the RE/MAX Balloon Walk request on July 4th from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. at the vacant lot at 115 W. Hanson Street. All ayes.

B. Resolution 16-17: Budget Adoption

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Dennis, CARRIED, to adopt the reviewed and amended Fiscal Year 2016/2017 budget.

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

C. Resolution 16-18: Millage

Motion by Cabala, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to levy the following millage necessary to provide the required revenue from property taxes for municipal purposes FY 2016/2017: General operating 12.77; Streets 3.00; Total 15.77.

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

D. Resolution 16-19: Utility Rates

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Hillebrand, CARRIED, to set the sewer rate at \$4.48 per 1,000 gallons and the water rate at \$1.83 per 1,000 gallons both rates to be effective January 2, 2017.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

A student from Montague, introduced himself for his history assignment.

Keith Heidelberg, 120 Mill Pond Trail, commented on the issues of drawing younger people to downtown and asked what Whitehall's plan was for Ambulance coverage. Debi Hillebrand invited Keith to attend the next Downtown Advisory Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dennis, supported by Holmstrom that the Council meeting be adjourned at 6:37 p.m. All ayes.

Edward L. Whalen, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk