

CITY OF WHITEHALL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 23, 2016

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Sweeting, City Manager Huebler, Police Chief Squiers, City Clerk Bourdon, Playhouse Manager Beaman

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

Council Member Holmstrom called for a moment of silence for Patrick Landis.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Salter, seconded by Hillebrand, CARRIED, to approve the agenda. All yeses.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – FRIENDS OF THE PLAYHOUSE

Frank Bednarek, Friends of the Playhouse, presented on the capital campaign, provided background on funding options, i.e. Quality of Life millage, and reported that the Friends have decided on their own fundraising campaign and requested support of council.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Cabala, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to approve the August 9th council meeting minutes. All yeses.

APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Salter, seconded by Hillebrand, CARRIED, to approve the account payables in the amount of \$261,978.92 and checks to be drawn in their several amounts.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Central Dispatch Minutes, Downtown Advisory, MML Annual Meeting Notice, Resignation Letter, Wastewater Minutes

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY MANAGER

Motion by Salter, seconded by Dennis, CARRIED, to appoint Mayor Whalen as the MML delegate and Council Member Hillebrand as the alternate delegate. All yeses.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Tag Days

Motion by Salter, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to rescind previously approved tag days issued to the Knights of Columbus, CROP Hunger Walk Team, and Old Newsies in order to comply with State law prohibiting solicitations with public rights of way and based upon recommendation from our insurance carrier. All yeses.

B. Property Sales

Motion by Salter, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to authorize the sale of the Mears Lot at Benston by competitive sealed bids with a minimum bid of \$9,800 and should no qualified bids be received, authorize staff to submit the property to a local realtor for listing with a minimum bid of \$10,000. All yeses.

C. Lake Michigan Water Trail

Motion by Cabala, seconded by Hillebrand, CARRIED, to authorize the submittal of the letter of support to the National Park Service supporting national designation of the Lake Michigan Water Trail. All yeses.

D. 813 Lakeview

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Dennis, CARRIED, to designate 813 Lakeview as 813 Lake Street.

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

E. Council Vacancy

Motion by Salter, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to appoint a council vacancy committee consisting of City Manager Huebler, Mayor Pro Tem Salter, and Council Member Cabala to conduct interviews from interested parties based on the previous election candidates and members of the public.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hillebrand, supported by Salter that the Council meeting be adjourned at 7:10 p.m. All yeses.

Edward L. Whalen, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk