

CITY OF WHITEHALL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 11, 2016

PRESENT: Tanya Cabala, Dick Connell, 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

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – WHITEHALL DISTRICT SCHOOLS

Dr. Jerry McDowell provided information on the upcoming bond proposal on the November 8th ballot.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Salter, seconded by Hillebrand, CARRIED, to approve the September 27th council meeting minutes with the correction of the approval on the minutes from Holmstrom to Hillebrand. All yeses.

APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Salter, seconded by Dennis, CARRIED, to approve the account payables in the amount of \$140,650.97 and checks to be drawn in their several amounts.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Brownfield Quarterly Reports, Planning Commission, West MI Regional Prosperity Alliance, WMSRDC

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY MANAGER

City Attorney Sweeting provided background on the Medical Marijuana Law and explained that if Council wants to allow for the sale of medical marijuana they would need to pass an ordinance to regulate it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee Appointment

Motion by Salter, seconded by Cabala, CARRIED, to support the Mayor's appointment of Jerry McDowell to complete Jeff Cockerill's terms on Brownfield and TIFA along with the removal of Dick Connell from ZBA. All yeses.

B. Traffic Control Order 212

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Dennis, CARRIED, to approval Traffic Control Order 212: No parking on Lewis Street near Lakeview along the road right of way, which obstructs the access of public utility areas that require maintenance and repair service.

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

C. Ordinance 16-04

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Hillebrand, CARRIED, to approve ordinance 16-04 to amend Title VII entitled "Traffic Code" at chapter 70.02(B) entitled "Parking Violations" adding subsection (10) to the Whitehall Code of Ordinances: (10) Park on any private property, including the public right-of-way and parking lots open to the public, without the consent or permission of the owner.

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

D. Resolution 16-32 Lawn Mowing and Yard Cleanup Fees

Motion by Hillebrand, seconded by Dennis, CARRIED, to assess 216 Robinwood Drive, \$69.18, and 1128 E. Alice, \$80.84 for lawn mowing and yard cleanup fees on the 2016 winter tax roll.

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

E. Resolution 16-33 Leaf Collection and Disposal

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Dennis, CARRIED, to authorize the execution of the Double L Enterprises contract for leaf collection and disposal services.

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

F. Resolution 16-34 Budget Amendment #3

Motion by Cabala, seconded by Connell, CARRIED, to approve an amendment to the Major Street Budget by increasing Routine Maintenance Contractual Services by \$5,000 with the resulting reduction in the fund balance by a like amount.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Salter, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to move into closed session to discuss pending litigation. All yeses.

Motion by Cabala, seconded by Salter, CARRIED, to move from closed session. All yeses.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Salter, supported by Hillebrand, CARRIED, that the Council meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m. All yeses.

Edward L. Whalen, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk