

CITY OF WHITEHALL
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
January 14, 2020
5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Scott Brown, Dick Connell, Virginia DeMumbrum, Ellie Dennis, Debi Hillebrand, and Steve Salter (arrived @ 5:20 pm)

ABSENT: Sean Mullally

ALSO PRESENT: Brenda Bourdon, Scott Huebler, Roger Squiers, and Rodger Sweeting

Mayor Hillebrand called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Garden Room.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. White Lake Solid Waste – Council Member Connell questioned Council on whether they would like to continue with the free dump days at the transfer station and if so, how to pay. Consensus was to continue and pay by actual usage. Also, a request was made to have the Solid Waste board change the name from Pride Day to Spring Cleanup.
- B. Alley Paving – Huebler reported on the request from Terry Lohman to pave the alley behind Twin Cities. After discussing possible ways of funding, consensus was to deny the request unless Mr. Lohman was willing to pay for the entire project.
- C. MATs Funding – Huebler addressed questions regarding MATs posed by Brown and reviewed all the times it was discussed and approved by Council and the TIFA board.
- D. Playhouse Funding – Huebler addressed question posed by Brown indicating that the Playhouse is “taking care of itself” as indicated in the financial report provided in early December. Council requested more detailed reporting by events.
- E. City Ordinance Review – Consensus was to add another work session just to review ordinances by the entire council.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lillian Morningstar commented on noise.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:55 P.M.

Debra Hillebrand, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk

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ABSENT: Sean Mullally

ALSO PRESENT: Student Representatives Alexis Brown and Carly Hubbard, Brenda Bourdon, Rodger Sweeting, Scott Huebler, and Roger Squiers

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

Motion by Connell, seconded by Dennis, CARRIED, to excuse Mullally who was attending MML training. All yeses

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by DeMumbrum, seconded by Connell, CARRIED, to approve the agenda. All yeses

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by DeMumbrum, seconded by Dennis, CARRIED, to approve the December 17th council meeting minutes. All yeses

APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Connell, seconded by Dennis, CARRIED, to approve the account payables in the amount of \$335,437.27 and checks to be drawn in their several amounts.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Connell, Dennis, Salter, Brown, DeMumbrum, and Hillebrand;
No – None; Absent – Mullally

COMMUNICATIONS

BLT Minutes, Central Dispatch Audit, Central Dispatch Minutes, Local Officers Compensation Commission Meeting Minutes, MMRMA 2019 Annual Report, Planning Commission Special Meeting Minutes, Wastewater Minutes, White Lake Senior Center Thank You

Motion by Dennis, seconded by DeMumbrum, CARRIED, to approve the communication and place on file. All yeses

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lillian Morningstar provided comment.

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY MANAGER

City Manager Huebler explained that riprap was installed on a portion of the bike path that eroded.

Council members and student representatives provided comments.

Motion by DeMumbrum, seconded by Dennis, CARRIED to excuse Hillebrand for the February 11th work session and council meeting. All yeses

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 20-01 Credit Card Policy

Motion by Salter, seconded by Brown, CARRIED, to approve the credit card policy as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Salter, Brown, Connell, Dennis, DeMumbrum, and Hillebrand;
No – None; Absent – Mullally

B. Resolution 20-02 Tenant Utility Deposits

Motion by Dennis, seconded by Connell, CARRIED, to approve the amended tenant utility deposit of \$100.00 in accordance with PA 94 of 1993 and City Ordinance 54.07 (c) effective January 15, 2020.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Dennis, Connell, DeMumbrum, Salter, Brown, and Hillebrand;
No – None; Absent – Mullally

C. Resolution 20-03 Poverty Exemption

Motion by Salter, seconded by DeMumbrum, CARRIED, to adopt the 2020 Poverty Exemption Policies and Guidelines as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Salter, DeMumbrum, Dennis, Connell, Brown, and Hillebrand;
No – None; Absent – Mullally

D. Resolution 20-04 Residents Right to Protest

Motion by DeMumbrum, seconded by Dennis, CARRIED, to provide the right of resident and non-resident taxpayers to file protests to the Board of Review in writing, without the necessity of personal appearance by the taxpayer or the taxpayer's representative, provided such written protest is received on or before the second Tuesday in March of the tax year at issue.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – DeMumbrum, Dennis, Connell, Brown, Salter, and Hillebrand;
No – None; Absent – Mullally

E. Resolution 20-05 Board of Review

Motion by Salter, seconded by Brown, CARRIED, to approve the amended dates for Board of Review public sessions as Wednesday, March 11 from 1 pm – 4 pm and 6 pm – 9 pm; Thursday, March 12 from 9 am – 12 pm and 1 pm – 4 pm.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Salter, Brown, Connell, Dennis, DeMumbrum, and Hillebrand;
No – None; Absent – Mullally

F. Resolution 20-06 Special Assessment – Tree Removal

Motion by Salter, seconded by Connell, CARRIED, to approve the inclusion of assessment on the 2020 summer tax roll for Eric Hartman, 120 E. Main Street for \$775.00 for tree removal.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Salter, Connell, Dennis, DeMumbrum, Brown, and Hillebrand;
No – None; Absent – Mullally

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hillebrand adjourned the Council Meeting at 6:42 pm.

Debra Hillebrand, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk