

**CITY OF WHITEHALL**  
**CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**May 20, 2020**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Scott Brown, Dick Connell, Virginia DeMumbrum, Ellie Dennis, Debi Hillebrand, Sean Mullally, and Steve Salter

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager Huebler, City Clerk Bourdon, Treasurer Audo, DPW Director Armstrong, Playhouse Manager Beaman

Mayor Hillebrand called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom

**Fund Accounts Overview**

City Manager Huebler addressed questions on the individual funds with the following discussion points:

**General Fund:** Clarification was provided on why our Police Department fund is higher than other communities. Huebler explained that we have a Detective and a School Resource Officer which other communities do not have. Funding to the Senior Center was removed because funds are available from the Senior Millage; however, council members requested to keep the funding in case the Senior Center is not able to obtain funding from the Senior Millage. A request was also made to include a sidewalk edger to improve sidewalk cleanup.

**Major Streets:** Clarification was provided by Armstrong on ditching which will be completed this year to work on drainage issues; one area is on Warner.

**Brownfield:** Huebler provided an explanation on the due care reimbursement.

**TIFA:** The event center was pulled by the TIFA board, but the parking lot improvements on North Mears will still be completed.

**LDFA:** A number of prospects have shown interest in lots in the Industrial Park.

**Capital Projects – Street Improvements:** Collier in 2020; Lewis/Lakeview and Wilshire in 2021.

**Playhouse:** With the pandemic, the Playhouse Manager has been extremely busy finding alternatives to stay connected to the community and will be presenting virtual shows.

**Water/Sewer:** Water and sewer rates will increase 5% each effective January 1, 2021.

**Marina:** High water levels have made electrical repairs impossible so some boaters have had their slips moved. The marina plans to open May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comment**

Jerry Rowe provided comments on the Marina and lack of management at a group home.

Lillian Morningstar thanked council for agreeing to provide funds for the Senior Center.

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.**

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Debra Hillebrand, Mayor

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Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk