

CITY OF WHITEHALL  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
VIA ZOOM  
December 8, 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: Scott Huebler, Brenda Bourdon, Roger Squiers, Laurie Audo, and Will Meier

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

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Annual Reviews** – Brown would like to be able to provide input with an evaluation checklist for an *annual* review of the City Manager. City Manager explained that when he first began over 20 years ago, he was evaluated with scoring checklists from council which then morphed into verbal reviews every two years by the Mayor. Dennis, Mullally, DeMumbrum all agreed with Brown on reviews with council input. Salter pointed out that a change isn't necessary because at any time the City Manager could be fired if the council was unhappy with his performance. Because the review process is established in the contract for every two years, the change would require renegotiation of the contract.

**Mobile Food Vendors** – Huebler explained the City's current solicitation permit policy which includes food vendor trucks. Food trucks are allowed on public property and pay \$25 per day or \$250 for a calendar year. The vendors are required to provide driver's licenses (background checks are done) business license, and fire inspection report. Salter questioned if there have been any complaints; Huebler responded that there has not been other than local restaurant owners in response to the North Mears improvements and their concern with competition/fairness. Brown would like to restrict location of food trucks at a certain distance from other restaurants and provide their own electricity. Policy/Ordinance for Solicitation Permits will need to be amended.

**Seasonal Marina Contracts** – Connell would like the seasonal marina contracts amended to allow for early termination of contract with refunds and allow for prorated seasonal rates. Salter felt that the issue with the seasonal boater that was granted a refund was an exceptional case and he's not in favor of rewriting the contracts. Salter stated that Council can address those issues as they arise. Dennis and Salter were in favor of a policy allowing for proration for late-comers. Staff will provide a draft for review.

**White Lake Ambulance Authority** – Brown addressed the letter sent to Council from the White Lake Ambulance Authority and asked for more information. Huebler referenced the material he sent to council which provided background on how council reached the decision to pull from White Lake Ambulance Authority because of mismanagement. The current model with ProMed requires no subsidy from the City, while WLAA requests a subsidy in addition to charging for runs. Brown shared that he’s had requests to revisit the decision because a few residents feel that WLAA is friendlier than ProMed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:52 P.M.**

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Debra Hillebrand, Mayor

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APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Dennis, seconded by Brown, CARRIED, to approve the agenda. All yeses

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. November 24, 2020 amended Work Session and Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Accounts Payable - \$257,009.68
- C. Communications: Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion by DeMumbrum, seconded by Mullally, CARRIED, to approve the Consent Agenda.  
Yes – 5; No – 2, Brown, Salter; Absent - 0

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY MANAGER

Council members commented on the positive experience with Lakeshore Leaf Vac and were pleased to see the Playhouse on the front cover of the Beacon.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Natalie Holmstrom introduced herself as a White Lake Beacon writer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hillebrand adjourned the Council Meeting at 6:09 pm.

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Debra Hillebrand, Mayor

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Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk

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