

CITY OF WHITEHALL  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
VIA ZOOM  
May 25, 2021  
5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Scott Brown, Dick Connell, Virginia DeMumbrum, Ellie Dennis, Debi Hillebrand, and Sean Mullally (all remote from Whitehall, MI)

ABSENT: Steve Salter (arrived at 5:25 pm)

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**

**Fire Bell** – Council Member Council suggested a police tribute in the previous location of the recently moved fire bell. He suggested a replica of the police patch emblem. Chief Squiers commented that they were already in the process of looking into getting something like that, but more of an identifier of the location of the police department rather than a tribute. Once a quote is received, the Chief will update the Council.

**Updated Code of Ordinances** – Huebler explained that the questions/concerns that Dennis had have been addressed and explained the purpose of the ordinance that was presented to Council on April 13 was basically a recodification of the complete set of ordinances with the updates. Connell expressed a desire to vote on the chicken ordinance separately as he is opposed to passing that particular ordinance. Others commented that they might not agree on every ordinance, but as a whole were willing to approve them. The ordinances with edit suggestions from Dennis will be brought back at the next council meeting for approval.

**Lakeview and Lewis Street** – Council Member Dennis expressed concerns repairing Lakeview and Lewis Street because she feels Howmet is not holding up their part of the agreement regarding noise and smell. Huebler explained that part of the commitment we had with Howmet as part of their expansion was to prioritize Lakeview and Lewis Street improvements and we should honor our commitment. He also conveyed that he and the Mayor will be meeting with Howmet representatives regarding noise issues and suggested in the future, council and staff should work proactively with Howmet to address issues.

**Recreational Marijuana (Adult Use)** – Council Member Salter requested that council reconsider Adult Use licenses for the City as things have changed significantly in the market. Others agreed. The subject will be addressed in more detail in a future work session.

**Street Improvements** – Council member Connell was looking for clarification on street improvement project costs. Huebler explained infrastructure needs and included a list of streets. Huebler also gave kudos to DPW Director Armstrong who works hard in obtaining additional grant funding for our street projects.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Nancy Armitage expressed concern on high speed traffic on Lake Street.

Peggy Clauss questioned if events/parades were cancelled. Huebler responded that nothing has been cancelled.

Steve Salter agreed that speed is an issue on Lake Street.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:01 P.M.**

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Debra Hillebrand, Mayor

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Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk

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ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Huebler, Brenda Bourdon, Roger Squiers, Laurie Audo, and Will Meier, and Student Rep. Rylan Bernhardt

Mayor Hillebrand called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. via Zoom

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

#### PUBLIC HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022

Mayor Hillebrand opened the public hearing at 6:02 asking for any comments from the public. None were given. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:03 pm.

#### APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. May 10, 2021 Budget Work Session Minutes and May 11, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Accounts Payable - \$119,546.77
- C. Communications: Central Dispatch Minutes, Climate Action Committee Minutes, Wastewater Minutes

Motion by Connell, seconded by DeMumbrum, CARRIED, to approve the Consent Agenda. Yes – 6; No – 1, Brown; Absent – 0

#### MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY MANAGER

Comments were received from Council.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Rylan Bernhardt expressed gratitude for the Council Scholarship.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Resolution 21-11 Delinquent Bills

Motion by Connell, seconded by Dennis, CARRIED, to direct the City Finance Officer/Treasurer to assess the listed account numbers, names, parcel addresses, and delinquent amounts to be submitted to the assessor for inclusion on the next tax roll.

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

B. Resolution 21-12 Local Control

Motion by Salter, seconded by DeMumbrum, CARRIED, to strongly oppose HB 4722 and SB 446 which removes a municipality's ability to reasonably regulate short term rentals and call on our locally elected representatives, Senator Greg VanWoerkom and Representative Jon Bumstead to oppose these bills.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Salter, DeMumbrum, Brown, Connell, Dennis, and Hillebrand;  
No – 1, Mullally; Absent – None

C. Resolution 21-13 Budget and Millage Levy Adoption

Motion by Dennis, seconded by Salter, CARRIED, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget as presented and to levy the following millage necessary to provide the required revenue from property taxes for the FY 2021/22 Budget.

General Operating	12.77 mills
Streets	3.00 mills

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lillian Morningstar provided an update on the White Lake Senior Center meeting that was held that day.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hillebrand adjourned the Council Meeting at 6:25 pm.

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Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk