

CITY OF WHITEHALL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Council Chambers
February 22, 2022

PRESENT: Scott Brown, Dick Connell, Keith Heidelberg, Jeff Holmstrom, Sean Mullally, Steve Salter, and Steve Sikkenga

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Huebler, Brenda Bourdon, Laurie Audo, Roger Squiers, and Will Meier

Mayor Salter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. February 8, 2022 Work Session, Council Meeting, and Closed Session Minutes
- B. Accounts Payable - \$68,237.43
- C. Communications: Central Dispatch Financial Statements, Central Dispatch Minutes, Climate Report, Frank Hollister Letter, West MI Shoreline Reg. Dev. Comm. Annual Report

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

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY MANAGER

Mayor Salter presented retiring Treasurer/Finance Officer Laurie Audo with a plaque congratulating her on over 31 years of dedicated service to the City of Whitehall.

Huebler was asked to comment on his Climate Report. He explained that based on the written comments received from the public, he needed to clarify that he is all for continuing with climate action measures; wished to define elimination versus net zero; and the need for expertise to continue with the process.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were received from sixteen residents imploring council to remain vigilant to the climate action resolution. Jerry Rowe encouraged council to allocate more resources for DPW to devote to sidewalk improvements.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 22-09 Banking Transactions

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Brown, CARRIED, to authorize removal of retiring Finance Office/Treasurer Laurie Audo and adding Finance Officer/Treasurer Alyssa Seaver as an authorized representative for banking transactions on behalf of the City.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Holmstrom, Brown, Mullally, Connell, Sikkenga, Heidelberg, and Salter; No – None; Absent – None

B. Resolution 22-10 Authorized Credit Card Holders

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Connell, CARRIED, to approve removal of Laurie Audo as an authorized credit card holder, add Finance Officer/Treasurer Alyssa Seaver and Playhouse Manager Beth Beaman as authorized credit card holders.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Sikkenga, Connell, Mullally, Holmstrom, Heidelberg, and Salter;
No – Brown; Absent – None

C. Resolution 22-11 Senior Millage

Motion by Connell, seconded by Mullally, CARRIED, to approve the application for a senior millage allocation in the amount of \$13,913 with the intent of funding senior activities through the White Lake Area Community Education (\$11,513) and the White Lake Senior Center (\$2,400) by adoption of the presented plan.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Connell, Mullally, Brown, Holmstrom, Heidelberg, Sikkenga, and Salter;
No – None; Absent – None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christina Achterhoff introduced herself as Senator Jon Bumstead's representative and made herself available for questions after the meeting.

Council member Heidelberg commented that council has the important task of being fiscally responsible in conjunction with the climate action resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Salter adjourned the Council Meeting at 7:01 pm.

Steve Salter, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk