

CITY OF WHITEHALL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Council Chambers
May 24, 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, Roger Squiers, and Will Meier

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

APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to approve the amended agenda. All yeases

PUBLIC HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 BUDGET

Mayor Salter opened the public hearing for comments. None were received by the public.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – White Lake Library, Norm Kittleson & Ray Veeder

Norm Kittleson, President of the Library Board provided an update on the library activities, book bike, picnic table charging stations, favorable audit, and strong financial position.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the May 9 Budget Work Session Minutes, May 10 Council Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes

B. Accounts Payable - \$201,951.23

C. Communications: Arts Council Thank You, Wastewater Minutes, White Lake Library Information

Motion by Connell, seconded by Mullally, 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

Tamara Horne, Hildi Paulson, and Dave Frederick spoke on climate concerns.

Val Barnes commented on the water on the bike trail

Elie Ghazal commented on the tax abatement.

Chris Billie requested a caution sign for bikers by Tannery Bay.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 22-03 Multiple Family Residential Zone

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Heidelberg, CARRIED, to approve the addition of the southern 10.41 acres of Parcel 22-027-100-0007-00 to the Multiple Family Residential District.

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

B. Ordinance 22-04 General Business District Zone

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Connell, CARRIED, to approve the addition of the northern 3.65 acres of Parcel 22-027-100-0007-00 to the General Business District.

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

C. Resolution 22-20 Delinquent Utility Bills & Rental Inspection Fees

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Brown, CARRIED, to approve the collection of delinquent water and sewer bills and rental inspection fees by placing them as a lien on the property for the account numbers as presented.

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

D. Resolution 22-21 Commercial Rehabilitation

Motion by Heidelberg, seconded by Sikkenga, CARRIED, to approve the Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate as submitted by 115 Lake Street LLC.

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

E. Resolution 22-22 Lot Split Request

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Connell, CARRIED, to approve the lot split request for 1311 Colby Street as presented.

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

F. Resolution 22-23 Feet on the Street

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Mullally, CARRIED, to authorize open receptacles and containers containing alcoholic beverages or intoxicating liquors upon the City owned public rights of way and property within the downtown as noted on the enclosed map on June 5 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. as regulated and coordinated by the Police Department.

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

G. Resolution 22-24 Budget and Millage Levy Adoption

Motion by Connell, seconded by Sikkenga, CARRIED, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Budget as presented and to levy the following millage necessary to provide the required revenue from property taxes for the FY 2022/23 Budget.

General Operating	12.77 mills
Streets	3.00 mills

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

H. Resolution 22-25 Water System Reliability

Motion by Heidelberg, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to authorize the execution of the Water System Reliability Study Update proposal from Prein&Newhof for a cost of \$14,000.

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

I. Resolution 22-26 Water/Sewer Rates

Motion by Heidelberg, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to set the sewer rate at \$6.01 per 1,000 gallons; the water rate at \$2.70 per 1,000 gallons; and the non-metered sewer only quarterly charge at \$126.21 effective January 1, 2023

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

J. Resolution 22-27 MDOT Grant

Motion by Heidelberg, seconded by Sikkenga, CARRIED, to authorize City Manager Huebler to act as the city's agent to request Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program funding, commit to providing \$231,855.25 toward the project costs, and implementing a maintenance program.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ten students from Montague high school introduced themselves from Mrs. Matiash's Government class. Dave Frederick provided additional comments on climate issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Salter adjourned the Council Meeting at 6:57 pm.

Steven Salter, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk

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