

CITY OF WHITEHALL
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
Garden Room
July 12, 2022
5:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

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

Mayor Salter called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Property Sales – City Manager Huebler reviewed property for which the city has no future plans: Forest Hills Manor, and two lots on Lake Street. Suggestion was to offer the sale of the property to adjacent business owners and property owners first. Consensus was to move forward with that plan.

Ordinance Enforcement – Council Member Brown feels changes are needed with ordinance enforcement and would like only one warning given. Chief Squiers reviewed highlights of his memo which states that compliance is built into the ordinances with violations having a number of days to correct it. Based on the report many violations were addressed and one citation was written. Attorney Meier offered to look into statute updates.

Outdoor Seating – Council Member Brown would like to take the outdoor seating away from Pub111 and Fetch since we now have a social district. Heidelberg mentioned that it was a temporary solution to the pandemic. Mullally would like input from the businesses before doing anything. Holmstrom preferred to keep them and at the very least provide seating for an essential gathering place.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:57 P.M.

Steven Salter, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk

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Mayor Salter called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. June 28, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Accounts Payable - \$286,880.78
- C. Communications: EDA Grant Rejection Letter

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Connell, CARRIED, to approve the Consent Agenda.
Yes – 5; No – 1, Brown; Absent – 0

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY MANAGER

Comments were received from council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 22-34 Loader Purchase

Motion by Heidelberg, seconded by Sikkenga, CARRIED, to award the lease of a new Volvo L70H with fork attachment under a five-year term with Volvo Financial Services for a monthly lease payment of \$2,857.23; documentation fees of \$395; and a \$37,148.80 buyout at the end of the lease.

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

B. Resolution 22-35 Rental Inspections

Motion by Heidelberg, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to authorize the City Manager to enter into a three-year contract extension with Muskegon Charter Township for rental inspection services to include administration.

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

C. Resolution 22-36 Commercial Rehab

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Heidelberg, CARRIED, to grant a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption for the real property, excluding land, located in the Downtown Commercial Rehabilitation District at 201 W. Colby Street for a period of ten years, beginning December 31, 2022, and ending December 30, 2032, pursuant to the provisions of PA 210 of 2005 as amended.

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

D. Resolution 22-37 Water Easements

Motion by Heidelberg, seconded by Mullally, CARRIED, to authorize the City Manager to execute easement agreements with Anne Burel, Gerald and Eusaline Kettring, and Nancie Trombley for a onetime fee of \$99 per easement.

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

E. Resolution 22-38 Warner Street Engineering

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Heidelberg, CARRIED, to authorize the City Manager to sign the Warner Street Improvements Design Engineering Contract for \$79,700.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Salter adjourned the Council Meeting at 6:16 pm.

Steven Salter, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk