

CITY OF WHITEHALL
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
Council Chambers
November 9, 2022

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

ABSENT: Jeff Holmstrom

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

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

West Colby Abatement – Huebler provided options for revoking and reissuing the ten-year Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate as requested by Veneklasen for the development on 115 Lake St. since there has been no construction to date. Consensus was to revoke and reissue next year.

Deer Culling – Chief Squiers provided information gathered from the DNR and other Police Chiefs regarding best practices in decreasing deer population. The Police Chief from Fremont described deer culling as a long and expensive route. The DNR prefers hunting vs. culling. Issues with both were discussed. Sikkenga suggested to eliminate their habitat (autumn olive) as a way of eliminating the deer population. Consensus was to start with an education campaign and continue to discuss best options.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

New DPW employee, Andrew Arkema, was introduced to Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:54 P.M.

Steven Salter, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk

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APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the October 27 Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Accounts Payable - \$148,715.42
- C. Communications: Rotary Letter

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

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY MANAGER

Comments were received from the Mayor and Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 22-52 MDOT Contract

Motion by Heidelberg, seconded by Brown, CARRIED, to approve MDOT Contract No. 22-548 with the City Manager as authorized signatory for the Mears Avenue project.

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

B. Ordinance 22-06 Possession of Tobacco

Motion by Heidelberg, seconded by Brown, CARRIED, to amend Title 7 General Offenses, Section 70.06. Amendments aligning the Possession of Tobacco ordinance to State Law by replacing “by Minors” to “by persons under 21.”

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Heidelberg, Brown, Connell, Sikkenga, and Salter; No – Mullally;
Absent – Holmstrom

C. Ordinance 22-07 Snowmobiles

Motion by Connell, seconded by Sikkenga, CARRIED, to amend Title 4 Traffic Code, Section 41.03 to eliminate the prohibition of snowmobiles on Lake Street.

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

D. Ordinance 22-08 Business Registration

Motion by Heidelberg, seconded by Connell, CARRIED, to amend Title 6 Business Regulations by adding Chapter 610 “Business Registration” which requires businesses to register with the City.

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

E. Ordinance 22-09 Rental Property

Motion by Heidelberg, seconded by Brown, CARRIED, to postpone action on Ordinance 22-09 Rental Property. All yeses.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Salter adjourned the Council Meeting at 6:28 pm.

Steven Salter, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk