

CITY OF WHITEHALL
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
Council Chambers
March 14, 2023

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

WaterDog Park – City Manager Huebler provided background of WaterDog Outfitters interest in acquiring the maintenance responsibilities of Lion’s Park and existing structures in return for naming rights of the park. Most were in favor of offering naming rights in exchange for maintenance responsibilities. A couple of council members (Connell & Sikkenga) were not in favor of changing history by renaming the park; however, naming the launch would be fine. Consensus was to find some variation of naming rights whether it be for the whole park or the kayak launch.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Rowe encouraged council to recognize Edith Munger’s contributions as a local historical figure, American bird conservationist and as the first woman to serve as president of the Michigan Audubon Society in 1911 by naming the park after her.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:38 P.M.

Steven Salter, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the February 28 Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Accounts Payable - \$219,788.55
- C. Communications: BLT Minutes, Comprehensive Master Plan Implementation Update, Public Works Meeting Minutes, White Lake Community Library Minutes

Motion by Connell, seconded by Sikkenga, CARRIED, to approve the Consent Agenda.
Yes – 6; No – 1, Brown; Absent – None

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY MANAGER

Comments were received from the Mayor and Council. Council Member Connell reported that there will not be a Free Dump Day this year due to the lack of space at the Transfer Station.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kim Cyr commented on the Safe Seniors Program. Rich Houtteman reported on updates from Consumers.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Depot Lease

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Mullally, CARRIED, to authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal of the Depot sub-lease to the White Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.

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

B. Resolution 23-09 Fund Balance Policy

Motion by Mullally, seconded by Connell, CARRIED, to adopt the fund balance policy as presented.

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

C. Resolution 23-10 Auditing Services

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Mullally, CARRIED, to authorize the City Manager to execute a five-year agreement with Vredevelt Haefner for the quoted prices of \$12,650, \$12,950, \$13,250, \$13,550, and \$13,850 per year beginning in 2023.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Three students from Montague's Government class introduced themselves.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Salter adjourned the Council Meeting at 6:20 pm.

Steven Salter, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk