

CITY OF WHITEHALL
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
Council Chambers
May 9, 2023

PRESENT: Scott Brown, Dick Connell, Keith Heidelberg, Jeff Holmstrom (arrived at 5:30 pm), Sean Mullally, Stephen Sikkenga, and Steve Salter

ABSENT: None

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

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Art Wall – Avery Jura was not available. Council was divided.

Lions Park – Council member Connell felt strongly about not changing the name of Lions Park or any park. Consensus was not in favor of changing name; however, Mullally is still open for sponsorship-naming opportunities.

Deer Culling – Holmstrom would like to develop an ordinance similar to Montague's that would allow deer hunting in the city. Some believed that there wouldn't be many areas where hunting could occur, others would like to get the public's opinion.

International Property Code – Council member Heidelberg presented the idea of our rental inspector taking on additional code enforcement to include the enforcement of the International Property Maintenance Code and the city's ordinances. Council would like to move forward with this proposal.

Hotel/Motel Ordinance
Vacant Building Ordinance
Ordinance Enforcement

} Holding off on these topics while moving forward with the enforcement of the IPMC.

Road Construction – Council member Sikkenga reported on Montague's approach to street repair with chip and seal. DPW Director Armstrong explained that if the roads are too far gone then chip seal is not cost-effective.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The letter submitted by Ellie Dennis regarding holding religious meetings in City Hall was discussed. Clerk Bourdon explained the room reservation process. Council was not opposed to allowing the National Day of Prayer at City Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kim Cyr, Jerry Rowe, and Tamara Horne provided comment.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:57 P.M.

Steven Salter, Mayor

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APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the April 25 Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Accounts Payable - \$178,897.46
- C. Communications: Arts Council Invite, Blue Lake Township Public Hearing Notice, Day of Prayer Proclamation, Greater Muskegon Economic Development Annual Report, Muskegon County Public Works Meeting Minutes, Quarterly Financial Update, Wastewater Committee Minutes, WESTPLAN Technical Meeting Minutes, White Lake Library Board Minutes

Motion by Connell, seconded by Mullally, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 23-15 Delinquent Bills

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Brown, CARRIED, to direct the City Treasurer to assess the presented parcels on the 2023 Summer Tax Roll for delinquent water/sewer bills and/or rental inspection fees.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sondra Cross spoke about the Chamber Music Festival.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Salter adjourned the Council Meeting at 6:07 pm.

Steven Salter, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk