



WHITEHALL

CITY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers

December 17, 2024

PRESENT Scott Brown, Tanya Cabala, Debra Hillebrand, Jeff Holmstrom, Steve Salter, Steve Sikkenga and Tom Ziemer

ABSENT None

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Cabala, seconded by Hillebrand to approve the agenda.

Voice Vote: All yeses

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the December 10, 2024 Work Session and Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Accounts Payable \$137,930.57
- C. Communications: Central Dispatch Minutes, Charter Communications Franchise Renewal, Whitehall District Schools Thank You

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Sikkenga to approve the Consent Agenda.

Voice Vote: All yeses

MOTION CARRIED

Brown stated that, based on his interpretation of the Charter, the vote to appoint Playhouse committee members was improperly conducted and should have involved the advice and consent of the Council. Upon reviewing the Charter, Attorney Meier concurred, affirming that the Council's advice and consent are required for the Advisory Committee appointments.

Motion by Cabala, seconded by Brown to add the Playhouse Committee on the agenda under Old Business.

Voice Vote: All yeses

MOTION CARRIED

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY MANAGER

The mayor recognized the following:

Longevity Recognition: 10 Years: Beth Beaman, Playhouse Manager; Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk; Alyssa Seaver, Treasurer; 20 Years: Travis Bolles, Police Officer; David Silk, DPW; 25 Years: Derek Sova, Police Officer

Retirement Recognition: Paul Young

Messages were received from Council members and the mayor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Playhouse Committee

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Cabala, to form a Playhouse sustainability committee with members including Beth Beaman, Alyssa Seaver, Steve Salter, Ryan Briegel, Frank Bednarek, Amanda Kiefer, Kara Smith, Laurie Audo, and Tom Ziemer

Several members of council requested to have Scott Brown added to the committee. After receiving comments, no changes to the motion were made.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Salter; No – Holmstrom, Cabala, Sikkenga, Brown, Ziemer, Hillebrand;
Absent – None

MOTION FAILED

NEW BUSINESS

A. Walk the Beat Request

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Sikkenga, to approve the Walk the Beat request to use the lawn area west of the Veterans' Wall/Flags in Covell Park and the electrical outlet for the Walk the Beat event on Saturday, July 19, 2025 from 10 am to 5 pm.

Voice Vote: All yeses

MOTION CARRIED

B. Resolution 24-48 White Lake Pathway

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Ziemer, to attest to the existence of and commits to providing at least \$35,676 toward the construction costs of the White Lake Pathway under the MDOT Carbon Reduction Program in 2027.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Holmstrom, Ziemer, Hillebrand, Cabala, Sikkenga, Brown, and Salter;
No – None; Absent – None

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Salter adjourned the Council Meeting at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk