



WHITEHALL

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers

February 25, 2025

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 6:01 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 February 11, 2025 Work Session & Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Accounts Payable \$216,956.15
- C. Communications: Central Dispatch Meeting Minutes, Central Dispatch Financial Statements, WMSRSDC Annual Report

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

Voice Vote: All yeses

MOTION CARRIED

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY MANAGER

Messages were received from Council members.

Hillebrand wanted to go on record with the following statement:

“At the end of the February 11 council meeting, the mayor falsely stated that the council had deemed Mr. Huebler unfit to continue as the City Manager and I have to correct that record. The council never suggested that Mr. Huebler was unfit to serve. In fact, Scott had announced his intent to retire at the August 13, 2024 meeting, 6 months ago, and then formalized those plans in a letter addressed to Mr. Salter and shared with the council on November 12. Since then, we've openly had discussions at two separate work sessions - September 10th and January 14th work sessions - to discuss the process to hire a new city manager. That process begins with hiring a consultant which is underway already and we're expecting an update at the March 11th work session.

After that statement, the mayor abruptly ended the meeting, which denied the public any further opportunity to speak. Which it was still public comment time. So, that's very disturbing and sets a bad precedent. So, I wanted to acknowledge that I felt like that was very inappropriate and apologize to the community because there was no opportunity to finish the public comment section.

I would like to ask you to consider these comments as my contribution to setting the record straight and I want to submit a written form of my comments to be included in the meeting minutes.”

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 25-07 – Speed Sign

Motion by Brown, seconded by Sikkenga, to award the speed signs bid to Radarsign for the low, qualified bid of \$6,707 and approves a budget amendment to cover the \$707 excess from the Major Street Fund balance.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Brown, Sikkenga, Holmstrom, Cabala, Hillebrand, Ziemer, and Salter;

No – None; Absent – None

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Santiago Carmin from Public Health made a comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Salter adjourned the Council Meeting at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk