



WHITEHALL

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers
August 26, 2025

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

ABSENT None

ALSO PRESENT Dan Tavernier, Brenda Bourdon, Will Meier, Brandon Mahoney

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 August 12, 2025 Work Session Minutes and Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Accounts Payable \$251,830.25
- C. Communications: None

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Sikkenga 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.

City Manager Tavernier spoke on the following as items to consider: Hanson Hill stairs washout; options for 708 S. Division; changing election cycle for city elections from odd to even years.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were received from Mary Jo Stewart regarding a traffic concern, from Chris Billie expressing gratitude for the City's donation to the White Lake Association, and from Jerry Rowe concerning 708 S. Division.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 25-01 Deer Control

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Sikkenga to approve the deer management ordinance. After discussion on the maps and consideration of removing the 150 feet from the property lines as a requirement, Holmstrom and Sikkenga withdrew their motion to revisit the ordinance once amendments are made.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

B. Resolution 25-24 Social District Common Area Expansion

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Cabala to approve expansion of the social district North Mears Avenue, during times when the street is officially closed to traffic for City-approved events; the newly created pocket park located between Bell's and CatchMark; and the sidewalks adjacent to these areas, as shown on the map with added edits.

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

MOTION CARRIED

C. Resolution 25-25 Poverty Exemption Amended

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Brown to approve the amended poverty exemption policies and guidelines as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED

D. W. Slocum Street Closure Request

Motion by Hillebrand, seconded by Cabala to approve the W. Slocum Street closure alongside the Playhouse from Mears to First on Thursday, September 25th from 6 pm – 8 pm for the National Good Neighbor Day event.

Voice Vote: All yeses

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Salter adjourned the Council Meeting at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk