



WHITEHALL

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers
October 28, 2025

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

ABSENT None

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Brown to approve the amended agenda by adding West Colby Promenade Project Scope under Old Business and Committee Creation under New Business.

Voice Vote: All yeses

MOTION CARRIED

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Community Garden, Amber Marks and Dayton Pax

Community Garden organizers shared highlights from their summer season, including events and activities held at the garden, donations received, and results from a community survey showing strong participation and support.

PUBLIC HEARING – ELECTION CYCLE CHANGE

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Brown to open the public hearing for the Election Cycle Change at 6:17 pm. Voice Vote: All yeses

MOTION CARRIED

No comments were received. Public Hearing was closed at 6:20 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the October 14, 2025 Work Session Minutes, Council Meeting Minutes and October 10 Special Meeting Minutes
- B. Accounts Payable \$205,079.06
- C. Communications: None

Motion by Sikkenga, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were received from Rachel Neinhouse, Ron Russell, Sharon Kosko.

OLD BUSINESS

West Colby Promenade

Motion by Brown, seconded by Ziemer to discuss the scope of the West Colby Promenade at a work session.

Voice vote: All yeses

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee Creation

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Brown to create a committee to discuss the feasibility of acquiring the Church on 117 S. Division to use as a Community Center.

Voice Vote: All yeses.

MOTION CARRIED

B. Resolution 25-31 Election Cycle Change

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Brown to approve the election cycle change from even years to odd years for the November election commencing 2028.

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

MOTION CARRIED

C. Resolution 25-34 Signatures

Motion by Hillebrand, seconded by Sikkenga to authorize Crystal Budde as an authorized representative for banking/financial transactions and investments on behalf of the City.

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

MOTION CARRIED

D. Resolution 25-35 Municipal Securities Notice for Capital Improvements

Motion by Brown, seconded by Sikkenga to authorize the design, acquisition, and construction of improvements, to be financed through the issuance of limited tax municipal securities not exceeding \$8.5 million under Act 34. The City Manager is directed to publish a Notice of Intent to Issue Municipal Securities. The City may use available funds for initial project costs, to be reimbursed from bond proceeds upon issuance. This action meets federal reimbursement requirements, and Dickinson Wright PLLC is appointed as bond counsel to prepare necessary documents.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was received by Val Barnes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Salter adjourned the Council Meeting at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk