



WHITEHALL

CITY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers

February 24, 2026

PRESENT Scott Brown, Debra Hillebrand, Jeff Holmstrom, Bryan Mahan, and Tom Ziemer

ABSENT Roger Squires, Tanya Cabala

ALSO PRESENT Dan Tavernier, Will Meier

Mayor Ziemer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

Motion by Mahan, seconded by Hillebrand to approve the amended agenda.

Voice Vote: All yeses

MOTION CARRIED

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Matt Vredevald provided the 2025 financial audit results. Full audit is available on the city's website.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the February 10, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes with amendments
- B. Accounts Payable \$268,035.67
- C. Communications: None

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Brown 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 provided an update on several city projects including Muskegon Ave, Northend, Lake St and the Industrial Park road work. Announced a city-wide junk removal program for the week of March 30, 2026.

Hillebrand stated she would like to develop parameters/controls on how council approves support requests from city stakeholders.

Brown would like to see PD focus on speeding violations.

Multiple council members thank DPW for hard work around the city.

PUBLIC COMMENT

OLD BUSINESS

- Façade grant program for the Commercial Rehab District. Motion to approve program as presented by city managed moved by Brown, second by Mahan.

Voice Vote: All yeses

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

A. Marina Repairs – Resolution 26-10

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Hillebrand to authorize spending \$61,825 for marina repairs.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Brown, Mahan, Holmstrom, Hillebrand, and Ziemer;

No – None; Absent – Squiers, Cabala

MOTION CARRIED

B. Muskegon Ave Engineering Design and Bid Selection – Resolution 26-11

Motion by Brown, seconded by Hillebrand to hire Prein and Newhof to engineer the Muskegon Ave the capital improvement project.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Brown, Mahan, Holmstrom, Hillebrand, and Ziemer;

No – None; Absent – Squiers, Cabala

MOTION CARRIED

C. Livingston St Engineering Design and Bid Selection - Resolution 26-12

Motion by Brown, seconded by Hillebrand, to hire Prein and Newhof to engineer the Livingston St capital improvement project.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Brown, Mahan, Holmstrom, Hillebrand, and Ziemer;

No – None; Absent – Squiers, Cabala

MOTION CARRIED

D. White Lake Community Garden Support Request – Resolution 26-13

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Mahan, to support the White Lake Community Garden's support request for five years.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Brown, Mahan, Holmstrom, Hillebrand, and Ziemer;

No – None; Absent – Squiers, Cabala

MOTION CARRIED

E. Arts Council of White Lake – Nuveen Center Support Request

Motion by Holstrom, seconded by Mahan, to support the Arts Council's request for \$7,500 to refurbish the sculptures at Covell Park.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Brown, Mahan, Holmstrom, Hillebrand, and Ziemer;

No – None; Absent – Squiers, Cabala

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ziemer adjourned the Council Meeting at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk

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