



WHITEHALL

CITY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers

June 23, 2026

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

ABSENT Bryan Mahan and Roger Squiers

ALSO PRESENT Brenda Bourdon, Dan Tavernier, Will Meier

Mayor Ziemer called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

Motion by Cabala, seconded by Brown to approve the amended agenda.

Voice Vote: All yeses; Absent – Mahan and Squiers

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED OBSOLETE PROPERTY REHABILITATION ACT DISTRICT

Mayor Ziemer opened the public hearing at 6:03 pm. City Manager Dan Tavernier provided background on the district. Anne Kouchoukos spoke in favor of the district. Public hearing closed at 6:12 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the June 9, 2026 Work Session and Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Accounts Payable \$615,874.29
- C. Communications: City Manager Report

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

Voice Vote: All yeses; 2 absent – Mahan and Squiers

MOTION CARRIED

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY MANAGER

Messages were received from the City Manager, Council members, and Mayor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Craig Rosema, Mark Nienhouse and Lillian Morningstar provided public comments.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 26-31 Budget Amendment

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Hillebrand, to approve the budget amendments as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED

B. Resolution 26-32 National Fitness Campaign

Motion by Holmstrom to bring the resolution to the floor for allocating funds for an outdoor fitness court as part of the 2026 National Fitness Campaign. Motion failed for lack of support.

MOTION FAILED

C. Rally in the Alley Request

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Brown, to approve the request submitted by Angel Coon, candidate for Michigan House, for the temporary closure of the alley for a "Rally in the Alley" event. During discussion, Council expressed that it did not support closing public alleys for political events. Council members indicated that political candidates and other interested parties are welcome to reserve and use available public spaces in accordance with the City's established policies.

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

MOTION FAILED

D. Resolution 26-33 Community Foundation Funds Request

Motion by Brown, seconded by Hillebrand, to authorize the following positions to request, approve and receive distribution of funds held at the Community Foundation for Muskegon County for the benefit of the Playhouse of White Lake without further City Council approval for each individual request: Playhouse Managing Director, City Treasurer, and City Manager.

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

MOTION CARRIED

E. Resolution 26-34 Bypass Pump

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Brown, to authorize the emergency purchase of a used bypass pump from Xylem in the amount of \$59,046.50 and authorizes the DPW Director and/or City Manager to execute all necessary documents to complete the purchase with funds from the Sewer Fund.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Neinhouse provided public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ziemer adjourned the Council Meeting at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk