

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

January 07, 2020

President Potter called the January 07, 2020 agenda meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Kantor.

President Potter reviewed the agenda and confirmed who would handle the various required motions this evening.

Director of Public Service and Development Zach Woodruff spoke on Ordinance 001-2020 and answered questions from council members and the administration.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2020.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – January 07, 2020

President Potter called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 07, 2020.

At President Potter's request, everyone rose for a moment of silence. Those assembled then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call by the clerk, the following members of council were present:

Chris Rodriguez
Lori Elmore
Karen Conison
Jo Anna Heck
Larry Morrison
Bob Bailey

Mr. Bailey moved to excuse the absent member and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and Mr. Kantor was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Conison moved to approve the Minutes of the December 17, 2019, agenda and regular meeting. Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the minutes were approved as submitted.

POLL PUBLIC:

John Fetters, 4714 Harbinger Circle East, Whitehall, OH 43213 said he wanted to take this opportunity as a citizen and a member of the Parks Commission to thank the Mayor, Council and everybody involve with the budget for their support of the parks system in Whitehall.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Kim Maggard – she wished everyone a happy New Year. She asked for favorable consideration on Resolution 056-2019 and Ordinance 001-2020.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – he thanked the audience for their attendance especially Jim Graham. He said the official report from the City Attorney's office is that during the month of December 2019, Whitehall Mayors Court prosecuted 297 cases with 44 of those cases committed by Whitehall residents. That is about 14%. During 2019 Whitehall Mayors Court prosecuted 4614 cases with 720 of the cases committed by Whitehall residents. Mark your calendars for Monday, January 20, 2020. The Whitehall City Attorney's office along with Councilperson Lori Elmore will be hosting the second annual Martin Luther King Day Celebration here at city hall and it starts at 10:00 a.m. This year has a new twist to it. The City Attorney's office and Whitehall City Schools has accepted for a scholarship to be awarded to two students. That scholarship is going to two seniors, a male and a female. The scholarship is now five hundred dollars per student. . It will be a speech scholarship, where they will be able to recite a portion of

Martin Luther King's speech, The Other America. Eligible students will recite the speech on Martin Luther King Day in 2020. We are currently working on this and there is much excitement going on. All are welcome to attend on January 20, 2020. It will be the first annual Whitehall City Attorney Scholarship. Franklin County has also agreed to present a portion of their poverty plan and anti-racism initiative that day as well. He hopes everyone from council and everyone in the audience comes out on January 20, 2020.

City Auditor Dan Miller – he had no official report. He welcomed President Potter to the Council.

Director of Public Service and Development Zach Woodruff – he asked for favorable consideration on Ordinance 001-2020. He welcomed Megan Meyer, who is the new Community Affairs Manager to our staff. Her first day with the city was today. You will have an opportunity to meet her next Tuesday at the committee meeting. We are very excited to have her join us and we look forward to her making some very positive contributions to the community.

Public Safety Director Van Gregg – he had no official report. He welcomed President Potter to Council and wished everyone a happy New Year.

Treasurer Steve Quincel – he had no official report. He wished everyone a happy New Year and said he is looking forward to a healthy and prosperous 2020.

President Potter – advised that there have been no official reports filed in the council office since last meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

1. Notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a transfer of ownership of the D5 liquor permit for GALE ELAINE EVE, DBA KNOTTY PINE, 1ST FLOOR & BASEMENT, 22 4TH STREET NW, BARBERTON, OHIO 43203 to the HABESHA GARDEN RESTAURANT LLC, DBA HABESHA GARDEN RESTAURANT, 4520 JOSEPHUS LANE, WHITEHALL, OH 43213.
2. Minutes for the December 5, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting.
3. Agenda for the January 9, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting.

VERIFICATION OF COPIES:

President Potter requested a roll call on whether each member of council received a copy of each item of legislation listed on the agenda prior to the meeting, including any add-on legislation. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative.

THIRD READING:

RESOLUTION NO. 056-2019 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT TITLE TO PARCEL NUMBERS 090-007555-00 AND 090-008399-00 LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF WHITEHALL AND PAY ALL FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTIES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Morrison moved to adopt Resolution No. 056-2019 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 056-2019 was adopted.

SECOND READING:

THERE IS NO LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 001-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

APPROVING THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP-WHITEHALL JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT CONTRACT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Morrison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 001-2020 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 001-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Morrison moved to adopt Ordinance No. 001-2020 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 001-2020 was adopted.

POLL PUBLIC:

No comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

There was nothing for Community Date Board.

POLL COUNCIL:

Mr. Rodriguez thanked everyone for coming tonight and wished them a happy New Year. He said it was good to see Mr. Graham in the audience.

Ms. Elmore thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a prosperous beginning of the year. There is a lot happening and much to accomplish in Whitehall and she is looking forward to continued economic development.

Ms. Conison wished everyone a happy New Year and thanked everyone for coming and viewing tonight.

Ms. Heck thanked everyone for the coming tonight and those watching from home. She invited everyone to come to Movie Night at the Whitehall Community Park YMCA where Abominable will be showing on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. She hoped everyone has a good holiday and new year.

Mr. Morrison thanked everyone for coming and watching. He hopes everyone had a happy New Year celebration and has a good year coming.

Mr. Bailey congratulated and welcomed President Potter to council.

President Potter thanked everyone for coming out and he is looking forward to working with this esteemed group of people. With that, he asked for a motion for adjournment.

Having nothing further, Mr. Bailey moved to adjourn and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2020.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President