

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

March 17, 2020

President Potter called the March 17, 2020 agenda meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2020.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – March 17, 2020

President Potter called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

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

President Potter made the following statement: As we are all aware, we are currently faced with challenging times, which I know we will emerge stronger from the experience. In the meantime, it is important that we act and respond to this situation in a responsible manner for everyone involved. To that end, we have invited the people to view this evening's proceedings via live streaming. We look forward to welcoming everyone back when the crisis has passed.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Conison moved to approve the Minutes of the March 03, 2020, agenda and regular meeting. Mr. Kantor 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:

President Potter read an email from Micole L. Spicer, 4227 Rickenbacker Avenue, Apt. #606, Whitehall, OH 43213.

Good Evening City Council, Mayor Maggard and all Whitehall elected officials, Thank you for your leadership of the City of Whitehall during this difficult time in our nation with the coronavirus outbreak. Thank you for continuing to move our city forward with new businesses, community programs and new opportunities for the citizens of Whitehall. I am excited about the great future of our city! Take care! Be safe! Micole L. Spicer A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops. Henry Brooks Adams

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration and Financial Management – Chairperson Bailey reported that the committee met last Tuesday and their minutes are on file.

Community and Elder Advocacy – Chairperson Elmore reported that they met last Tuesday and their minutes are on file.

Community Standards and Enforcement – Chairperson Rodriguez reported that they met last Tuesday and their minutes are on file.

Economic Development – Chairperson Morrison reported that they met last Tuesday and their minutes are on file.

Infrastructure, Maintenance and Services – Chairperson Heck reported that they met last Tuesday and their minutes are on file.

Public Safety – Chairperson Conison reported that they met last Tuesday and their minutes are on file.

Parks and Recreation – Chairperson Kantor reported that they met last Tuesday and their minutes are on file.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

There were no Official's Reports this evening as the City Council meeting was closed to the public and had an attendance maximum of ten people due to the Corona virus restrictions.

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

There was no legislation for third readings.

SECOND READING:

There was no legislation for second readings.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 012-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

APPROVING AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SEVEN HUNDRED TWELVE AND 71/100 DOLLARS (\$712.71) FROM THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUND (279) TO VARIOUS EXPENSE ACCOUNTS IN THE 279 FUND AND AUTHORIZING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PORTION OF THE FEE PAYMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO EACH TIF IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF SEVEN HUNDRED TWELVE AND 71/100 DOLLARS (\$712.71) TO THE TIF FEES ACCOUNT (279.000.59600) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 012-2020 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 012-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 012-2020 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 012-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 014-2020 *was read by title only by President Potter:*

APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE AND 88/100 DOLLARS (\$7,865.88) FROM THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUND (279) TO VARIOUS EXPENSE ACCOUNTS IN THE 279 FUND AND AUTHORIZING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PORTION OF THE FEE PAYMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO EACH TIF IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE AND 88/100 DOLLARS (\$7,865.88) TO THE TIF FEES ACCOUNT (279.000.59600) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 014-2020 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 014-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 014-2020 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 014-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 015-2020 *was read by title only by President Potter:*

APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF NINE HUNDRED FIVE AND 31/100 DOLLARS (\$905.31) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE WMPITIE FUND (279) TO VARIOUS ACCOUNTS IN THE WMPITIE FUND (279) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 015-2020 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 015-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 015-2020 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 015-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 016-2020 *was read by title only by President Potter:*

AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN AND 64/100 DOLLARS (\$18,357.64) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE CONTINGENCY EXPENSE ACCOUNT (101.950.59900) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 017-2020 *was read by title only by President Potter:*

AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE FY 2019 JAG GRANT EXPENSE ACCOUNT (269.000.51000); ADVANCING THIRTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$13,592.00) FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND TO THE JAG GRANTS FUND (269); APPROVING AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$13,592.00) FROM THE JAG GRANTS FUND (269) TO THE 2019 JAG GRANT EXPENSE ACCOUNT (269.000.51000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 017-2020 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 017-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 017-2020 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 017-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 018-2020 *was read by title only by President Potter:*

MAKING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF TWELVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR AND 95/100 DOLLARS (\$12,934.95) FROM PREVIOUSLY UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE WIMPITIE FUND (279) AND ATTRIBUTING IT TO THE CREATIVE PALETTE INCENTIVE ACCOUNT (279.000.47000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 018-2020 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 018-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 018-2020 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 018-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 019-2020 *was read by title only by President Potter:*

MAKING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHT AND 28/100 DOLLARS (\$28,808.28) FROM PREVIOUSLY UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE WIMPITIE FUND (279) TO THE GENERAL FUND (101) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 019-2020 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 019-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 019-2020 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 019-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 020-2020 *was read by title only by President Potter:*

UNAPPROPRIATING ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE AND 32/100 DOLLARS (\$1,523.32) FROM THE 2018 BULLETPROOF VESTS EXPENSE ACCOUNT (252.000.52000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 020-2020 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 020-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 020-2020 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 020-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 021-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

UNAPPROPRIATING THREE THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE AND 74/100 DOLLARS (\$3,025.74) FROM THE YOUTH VIOLENCE GRANT EXPENSE ACCOUNT (271.000.51000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 021-2020 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 021-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 021-2020 and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 021-2020 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 007-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

RESOLVING TO APPROVE “THEN AND NOW” CERTIFICATES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 007-2020 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 007-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Resolution No. 007-2020 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 007-2020 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 008-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE FEDERAL FY 2019 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Conison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 008-2020 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 008-2020 was suspended.

Ms. Conison moved to adopt Resolution No. 008-2020 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 008-2020 was adopted.

POLL PUBLIC:

No comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

Chairperson Heck said student may receive a free lunch at Whitehall Yearling High School, Monday thru Friday 11:00 am to 1:00 pm until such time the Corona virus restrictions are lifted.

POLL COUNCIL:

Mr. Morrison said he wished everyone good health and he hopes everyone takes the advice of the officers, officials and the administrations requirements that have been put out there to stay safe.

Mr. Bailey commended all of Council for attending tonight and he appreciates it. He thanked Micole Spicer for her comments and he could not agree with her more. There was discussion earlier on how proud we are of our State leadership. Our local leadership is mirroring that as well as our Federal government. The response all across the country is tremendous from our fellow Americans. He wished everyone to be happy, healthy and safe through the next three months.

Mr. Rodriguez said he wanted everyone to be safe and he would see them soon.

Ms. Elmore said she wanted to echo that she hopes everyone is safe, wash your hands, check on your neighbors, practice social isolation, also check on the elderly and step up in helping the community. To see this makes her very happy and she is sure that everyone else is delighted to see how a community has come together and helped everyone from restaurants and our schools how they have stepped up. She just wanted to tell people to stay healthy.

Ms. Conison said she wanted to echo all the sentiments up there. Like Lori said, check on the elderly. A lot of them live alone and are isolated and just need someone to come check on them. Everybody be safe.

Mr. Kantor said he echoed what everyone has said. It was nice seeing everyone up there. Our country is going through a period right now that we have never seen before. It is a hard process. Stay safe, check on your neighbors, the elderly especially and he hopes to see everyone soon. Our City has a website and is update almost daily.

Ms. Heck said she echoed what everyone else has said. She thanked those that tuned in and Micole for her kind words. She hopes everyone stays safe.

President Potter said he wanted to thank his fellow Council members for coming in and for those watching at home. As you can see, we are doing the social distancing and trying to stay healthy with each other. Based on what is going on, the Committee meeting scheduled for March 24, 2020 has been canceled. The plan at the moment is to reconvene on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 for our City Council meeting unless something significantly or drastically changes. He wished everyone to be safe and be well.

Having nothing further, Mr. Bailey moved to adjourn and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2020.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President