

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 10, 2023

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Council President Thomas Potter called the special meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

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

Gerald Dixon  
Wes Kantor  
Amy Smith  
Jo Anna Heck  
Karen Conison  
Lori Elmore  
Robert Bailey

**FIRST READING:**

ORDINANCE NO. 001-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO 161.36 SALARIES OF COUNCIL; 161.361 SALARY OF THE MAYOR; 161.362 SALARY OF THE CITY ATTORNEY; 161.363 SALARY OF THE AUDITOR, AND 161.364 SALARY OF THE TREASURER FOR THE NEXT ELECTION TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 001-2023 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, Dixon- Yes; Kantor- No; Smith- Yes; Heck- Yes; Conison- Yes; Elmore- Yes; Bailey -Yes and Ordinance No. 001-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 001-2023 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion.

Chairperson Kantor made a statement as to why he is in opposition of Ordinance 001-2023. He feels these salaries are excessive and he wanted his feels known.

City Administrator Woodruff said for the record he wanted to clarify these are salaries that are raised only every four years and if City Council does not act at this juncture, the next opportunity to do it, the raise would not be for eight years.

Megan Meyer explained that the budget for 2023 is in place and these raises are for 2024 so they do not have an effect on this year's budget.

Mayor Maggard explained that when you think about getting highly qualified professional into some of the positions such as City Auditor and City Attorney that need degrees, she thinks it behooves them to try to attract quality residents who live in the City.

Chairperson Elmore said she believes over the years, the Administration and Council have funded and voted on funding. She believe the Administration has handled the funding appropriately. They have gone through a pandemic and have done well given the Administrations talent, ability, knowledge and all of

that comes into play when you are looking for a qualified applicant. She is in agreement with the legislation.

On a roll call vote, Dixon- No; Kantor- No; Smith- Yes; Heck- Yes; Conison- Yes; Elmore- Yes; Bailey- Yes and Ordinance No. 001-2023 was adopted.

Chairperson Heck made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Committee to appoint Mike Adkins to the Park and Recreation Commission for a three-year term ending December 31, 2025 and Chairperson Kantor seconded the motion.

President Potter thanked the Park and Recreation Committee for their due diligence in looking at the candidates and coming up with this recommendation.

On a roll call vote, Dixon- Yes; Kantor- Yes; Smith- Yes; Heck- Yes; Conison- Yes; Elmore- Yes; Bailey- Yes and the recommendation passed.

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 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Robert Bailey, Council President Pro-Tem