

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

President Potter called the May 2, 2023 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 6:35 p.m.

Submitted by,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: May 16, 2023

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – May 2, 2023

President Potter called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

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:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Conison moved to approve the April 18, 2023 agenda and regular meeting minutes. 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:

No comments at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration and Financial Management – Chairperson Bailey reported that the committee met last Tuesday and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Community and Elder Advocacy – Chairperson Dixon reported that the committee met last Tuesday and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Community Standards and Enforcement – Chairperson Smith reported that the committee met last Tuesday and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Economic Development – Chairperson Kantor reported that the committee met last Tuesday and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Infrastructure, Maintenance and Services – Chairperson Conison reported that the committee met last Tuesday and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Public Safety – Chairperson Elmore reported that the committee met last Tuesday and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – Chairperson Heck reported that the committee met last Tuesday and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Kim Maggard – was not present.

City Administrator Zach Woodruff – had no official report. The pre-construction meeting with Decker Construction went well. Decker Construction anticipates getting underway by the end of the month. He asked for favorable consideration on Ordinances 023-2023, 024-2023 and 025-2023.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – in the month of April, the City Attorney's office handled four hundred five cases in Mayor's Court and Municipal Court. Out of those four hundred five cases, forty were committed of a criminal nature by Whitehall residents. That is about nine percent and they are seeing a downward trend.

City Auditor Steve Quincel – he has filled the Accounting Specialist position in his office. He asked for favorable consideration on Ordinances 027-2023, 028-2023, 029-2023, 030-2023, 031-2023 and Resolution 016-2023.

Public Safety Director Van Gregg – was not present.

Treasurer Shaquille Alexander – had no official report. He asked for favorable consideration on Ordinances 027-2023, 028-2023, 029-2023, 030-2023 and 031-2023.

President Potter – advised that the following reports have been filed in the Council office since the last meeting; the Mayor's Report to Council for March 2023.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

There were no Communications, Petitions and Claims filed in the Council Office since the 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:

No legislation for third reading.

SECOND READING:

No legislation for second reading.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 023-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:
AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO 161.37(a) AND 161.37(j) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 023-2023 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, Kantor- Yes; Heck- Yes; Smith- Yes; Bailey- Yes; Dixon- Yes; Elmore- Yes; Conison -Yes and Ordinance No. 023-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 023-2023 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, Kantor- Yes; Heck- Yes; Smith- Yes; Bailey- Yes; Dixon- No; Elmore- Yes; Conison -Yes and Ordinance No. 023-2023 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 024-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO 161.38 SALARY SCHEDULE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 024-2023 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, Kantor- Yes; Heck- Yes; Smith- Yes; Bailey- Yes; Dixon- Yes; Elmore- Yes; Conison -Yes and Ordinance No. 024-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 024-2023 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, Kantor- Yes; Heck- Yes; Smith- Yes; Bailey- Yes; Dixon- No; Elmore- Yes; Conison -Yes and Ordinance No. 024-2023 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 025-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND AND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$27,200.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND 101 TO VARIOUS GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS AND DELCARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 025-2023 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, Kantor- Yes; Heck- Yes; Smith- Yes; Bailey- Yes; Dixon- Yes; Elmore- Yes; Conison -Yes and Ordinance No. 025-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 025-2023 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, Kantor- Yes; Heck- Yes; Smith- Yes; Bailey- Yes; Dixon- No; Elmore- Yes; Conison -Yes and Ordinance No. 025-2023 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 026-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) TO THE FARMERS MARKET EXPENSE ACCOUNT 101.700.58500 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 026-2023 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 026-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 026-2023 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 026-2023 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 027-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FOURTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$14,550.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE SCHOOLS & SEMINARS EXPENSE ACCOUNT (101-970-51600) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 027-2023 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 027-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 027-2023 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion.

Auditor Quincel explained to Council and to the public why this money was needed and what it had been used for.

On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 027-2023 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 028-2023 *was read by title only by President Potter:*

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE ELECTION EXPENSE ACCOUNT (101.950.59000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 028-2023 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 028-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 028-2023 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 028-2023 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 029-2023 *was read by title only by President Potter:*

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TAX LEVY FUND (280) TO THE PD AUDITS AND FEES EXPENSE ACCOUNT (280.000.59600) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 029-2023 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 029-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 029-2023 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 029-2023 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 030-2023 *was read by title only by President Potter:*

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE WMPITIE FUND (279) TO THE TIF FEES EXPENSE ACCOUNT (279.000.59600) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 030-2023 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 030-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 030-2023 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion.

City Administrator Woodruff explained that these dollars were collected in the various TIF incentive districts. State law allow cities to use TIF funds for various fees and expenses. This legislation moves the dollars so the city can pay the expenses.

On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 030-2023 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 031-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$10,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE 101.900.51011 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXPENSE ACCOUNT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 031-2023 and Ms. Smith seconded the motion.

Auditor Quinzel explained additional monies were needed to cover the cost of the city's unemployment compensation insurance.

On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 031-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 031-2023 and Ms. Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 031-2023 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 016-2023 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 016-2023 and Ms. Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution 016-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Resolution 016-2023 and Ms. Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution 016-2023 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 017-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

RESOLVING TO RECOGNIZE THE CAREER AND WORK OF WHITEHALL CLERK OF COUNCIL JULIE OGG DURING THE 54TH ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK APRIL 30 – MAY 5, 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution 017-2023 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution 017-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Resolution 017-2023 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution 017-2023 was adopted.

At this time, President Potter read and presented a Proclamation from the Mayor to Ms. Ogg.

POLL PUBLIC:

No comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

Unlimited trash day is May 3, 2023

May 6, 2023 at 12:45 p.m. is Brian Hamler Day to honor him at the WYHS baseball field.

A program at the YMCA is happening after the Senior Dining experience. It starts about 12:30 p.m. and is called Creative Aging Art Exploration. It is funded by a grant from the Columbus Arts Council. It will last about one hour through June 27, 2023. This is open to Whitehall and seniors.

POLL COUNCIL:

Chairperson Kantor thanked those in attendance and those watching from home. The ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday for the Blue Jackets hockey rink was well attended. He gave kudos to the parks employee's for getting the ball diamonds ready for opening day, his son Michael for graduating from Otterbein and his daughter Elizabeth for passing her drivers exam.

Chairperson Heck thanked those in attendance and viewing from home. She thanked Ms. Ogg for everything she does. She thanked the staff at the Parks department for getting things ready for the event last Saturday.

Chairperson Smith thanked those in attendance and viewing from home tonight. She thanked Ms. Ogg for all the work she does. Be on the lookout for all the summer programs the city has to offer.

Chairperson Bailey thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He thanked Mr. Kantor for his comments concerning the ball diamonds. He thanked Ms. Ogg for keeping them all together.

Chairperson Dixon thanked those in attendance and viewing from home tonight. He congratulated Ms. Ogg on all the hard work she does and on the resolution tonight.

Chairperson Elmore thanked those in attendance and those viewing tonight. She thanked Ms. Ogg for doing such a great job and being a super human being. She thanked the Administration for doing such a great job. There is so much going on in Whitehall. Watch for your Opportunity Guide to hit your mailbox.

Chairperson Conison thanked all those in attendance and viewing from home tonight. She thanked Ms. Ogg for everything she does for Council. Keep your Opportunity Guide. It has great information inside.

President Potter shared his deep appreciation for Ms. Ogg and everything she does and her researching skills are the best. Council is blessed to have her.

President Potter said having nothing further; he would accept a motion for adjournment.

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 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: May 16, 2023

Thomas M. Potter, Council President