

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

President Potter called the May 3, 2022 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2022.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – May 3, 2022

President Potter called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

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:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Conison moved to approve the April 19, 2022, 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:

Lisa Cotterman, 653 Maplewood Avenue, Whitehall, Ohio thanked the City for putting the little islands on the road and she feels they are helping to some degree. She felt their concerns were heard. In reference to Issue 10, she recognized Councilperson Dixon for stepping out, which was extremely uncomfortable at the time and in the words that were spoken thereafter. She thinks it is democracy, someone says this and someone else says that and people come together to make a better decision and that is the American way. She thanked him for giving them another voice. That is why they elected him into this office.

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 they 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 they 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 they 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 they 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 they 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 they 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 – she asked Council for one hundred percent support for Auditor Quincel's Ordinances 018-2022 and 019-2022. It can be quite difficult when youth sports had not been budgeted for and that happened quickly this year.

City Administrator Zach Woodruff – had no official report.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – said that the City Attorney's office prosecuted two hundred eighty seven cases in the month of April, fifty-one of those cases were of a criminal nature and committed by Whitehall residents. That is about seventeen percent.

City Auditor Steve Quincel – said the Auditor of State are in the building this week looking at records from 2021. It has been a busy week so far. He would appreciate Councils consideration on Ordinances 018-2022 and 019-2022.

Public Safety Director Van Gregg – was not present.

Treasurer Shaquille Alexander– had no official report but asked for favorable consideration on City Auditor Quincel's Ordinance 018-2022 and Ordinance 019-2022.

President Potter – advised that the following Officials' Reports have been filed in the Council Office since the last meeting: The Mayor's Report to Council for March 2022, The Auditor's Expense Report for March 2022, the Auditor's Bank Report for March 2022, the Auditor's Statement of Cash Position Report for March 2022 and the Auditor's Revenue Report for March 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

1. Notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a new D5 liquor permit for TRANQUIL LADY INC. & PATIO, 4263 E. MAIN STREET, WHITEHALL, OH 43213.

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:

ORDINANCE NO. 011-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE MAY 2022 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL.

Ms. Conison introduced and moved to adopt Ordinance No. 011-2022 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 011-2022 was adopted.

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 013-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

AMENDING 161.11(a) AND (b) TITLED “LEGAL HOLIDAYS” OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 017-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

AMENDING, APPENDIX – TRAFFIC SCHEDULE IV, OF THE TRAFFIC CODE, OF THE
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO, ENTITLED “PARKING
PROHIBITED ALL TIMES” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Smith introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 017-2022 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 017-2022 was suspended.

City Administrator Woodruff said for those watching and do not necessarily have legislation in front of them, what this legislation does is create no-parking zones on Maplewood Avenue in and around the areas of the new traffic calming medians the resident spoke about earlier, as well as correcting an error for no-parking on Wright Avenue east of Yearling Road.

Ms. Smith moved to adopt Ordinance No. 017-2022 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 017-2022 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 018-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

REPEALING ORDINANCE 10-2022 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Heck introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 018-2022 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 018-2022 was suspended.

Ms. Heck moved to adopt Ordinance No. 018-2022 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 018-2022 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 019-2022 *was read by title only by President Potter:*

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$45,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE PARKS & RECREATION TRUST FUND (860): MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$28,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE PARKS & RECREATION TRUST FUND (860) TO THE YOUTH BASEBALL EXPENSE ACCOUNT (860.000.51000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Heck introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 019-2022 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion.

City Auditor Steve Quincel said Ordinance 010-2022 is to be repealed and Ordinance 019-2022 will replace it. The appropriation of forty-five thousand dollars is to cover both baseball and soccer. Legislation was written to cover the seventeen thousand dollars for soccer and is not on top of this. Twenty-eight thousand dollars is being appropriated for baseball and the seventeen thousand dollars in the other piece of legislation is for soccer.

On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 019-2022 was suspended.

Ms. Heck moved to adopt Ordinance No. 019-2022 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 019-2022 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 014-2022 *was read by title only by President Potter:*

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PLACE A PROSPECTIVE APPLICANT FOR THE POSITION OF DISPATCHER AT A STEP D IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 17.2 OF THE CURRENT LABOR AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF WHITEHALL AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL INC. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

POLL PUBLIC:

No comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

Chairperson Heck said bulk pick-up is tomorrow.

Chairperson Elmore said on Saturday, May 21, the Whitehall Division of Fire is teaming up with the American Red Cross Central & Southern Ohio Region on this year's National Sound the Alarm campaign. Volunteers are needed to help install smoke detectors and distribute educational materials. Market on the Green is right around the corner.

POLL COUNCIL:

Chairperson Dixon thanked everyone on Facebook and those in attendance tonight. He thanked Lisa for her kind words.

Chairperson Elmore thanked everyone for viewing on Facebook. She congratulated Council Clerk Julie Ogg for earning recognition as an Athenian Fellow from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks Athenian Leadership Society. Most deserving and congratulations.

Chairperson Conison thanked everyone for viewing and those in attendance tonight. She thanked everyone for the cards, texts, emails and messages on the birth of her twin grandchildren. All are home, happy and healthy.

Chairperson Kantor thanked everyone for attending and viewing from home tonight. He attended the dedication ceremony of the baseball field at Whitehall Yearling High School for Brian Hamler. It was a great honor. He wished all the Mothers an early Happy Mother's Day. He expressed condolences to the Stahley family upon the death of Roger Stahley. He will be missed.

Chairperson Heck thanked everyone for viewing and those in attendance. She thanked Lisa for speaking tonight and she knows it is not always easy. She congratulated Julie.

Chairperson Smith thanked everyone for viewing and those in attendance. It is always great to see people continue to want to be involved. She is hoping the sun comes out and decides to stay.

Chairperson Bailey thanked those in attendance tonight for coming out. He congratulated Julie and said he was not surprised. He congratulated Karen on the birth of her grandchildren.

President Potter said he wanted to take the time to recognize and congratulate Julie on her induction into the Athenian Fellow Leadership Society on April 6, 2022. He thanked everyone for coming out this evening.

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 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2022.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President