

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

President Potter called the June 6, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2023.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – June 6, 2023

President Potter called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 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:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Conison moved to approve the May 16, 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:

Colin Finan, 652 Greenwood Rd, Whitehall, OH thanked Council and the Administration for continuing the Home Reinvestment Program this year. He has lived in Whitehall for five years and he had a question about the lottery component. He could not find this on social media or the website.

City Administrator Woodruff addressed Mr. Finan's questions and apologized for the lack of clarity on the program being a lottery and not a first come, first served program.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration and Financial Management – Chairperson Bailey reported that the committee met on May 23, 2023 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 on May 23, 2023 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 on May 23, 2023 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 on May 23, 2023 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 on May 23, 2023 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 on May 23, 2023 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 on May 23, 2023 and their minutes are on file. They will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Kim Maggard – she thanked Mr. Finan for coming out and that it is always good to receive constructive feedback. They are looking forward to acknowledging a fine young man during this evenings meeting.

City Administrator Zach Woodruff – he had no official report but asked that Kelsey Miller be given a few minutes to update Council on some legislation coming their way.

Economic Development Manager Kelsey Miller gave a brief overview of the draft municipal income tax reimbursement agreement with Company Ethiopian Tewahedo Services to be located at 4300 East Broad Street. The President and CEO of Ethiopian Tewahedo Services Dr. Seleshi addressed Council as well.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – in the month of May, the City Attorney’s Office prosecuted in Mayor’s Court two hundred eighty nine cases with only thirty-one of them committed by Whitehall residents. That is about ten percent. Overall cases combined with Municipal Court was four hundred thirty four cases with sixty-five committed by Whitehall residents. That is about fourteen percent overall. The data is actually lower than this time last year.

City Auditor Steve Quincel – he had no official report. He asked for favorable consideration on Ordinances 038-2023 and 039-2023 and Resolution 022-2023.

Public Safety Director Van Gregg – was not present.

Treasurer Shaquille Alexander– he had no official report. He asked for favorable consideration on Ordinances 038-2023 and 039-2023.

President Potter – advised that the following reports have been filed in the Council office since the last meeting: The Treasurer’s Investment Reports for May - December 2022; The Treasurer’s Activity by Fund Report for May - December 2022 and The Treasurer’s Fund Reconciliation Report for May - December 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

1. Minutes for the May 8, 2023 BZBA 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 Reading.

SECOND READING:

There was no legislation for Second Reading.

FIRST READING:

RESOLUTION NO. 019-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

RESOLVING TO RECOGNIZE THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY ALWALEED ALANAZI IN IDENTIFYING A HOME SAFETY HAZARD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Elmore introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution 019-2023 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution 019-2023 was suspended.

Ms. Elmore moved to adopt Resolution 019-2023 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution 019-2023 was adopted.

Mayor Kim Maggard presented Alwaleed Alanazi with a Proclamation for his bravery in calling 9-1-1 in a family emergency.

ORDINANCE NO. 037-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE MAY 2023 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Kantor introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 037-2023 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 037-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Kantor moved to adopt Ordinance No. 037-2023 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 037-2023 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 038-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINE DOLLARS AND 76/100 (\$3,209.76) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE 101.950.53600 FIRE HYDRANTS EXPENSE ACCOUNT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 038-2023 and Ms. Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 038-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 038-2023 and Ms. Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 038-2023 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 039-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY FOUR DOLLARS AND 01/100 (\$35,944.01) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE STREET MAINTENANCE & REPAIR FUND (201); APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY FOUR AND 01/100 (\$35,944.01) FROM THE (201) STREET MAINTENANCE & REPAIR FUND TO THE SIGNALS/SIGNS EXPENSE ACCOUNT (201.000.53500) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 039-2023 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 039-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 039-2023 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 039-2023 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 020-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AT SEVERAL LOCATIONS IN THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO (ADDRESSES AND PARCEL NUMBERS AS PROVIDED WITHIN THE TEXT OF THIS RESOLUTION), CERTIFYING SUCH COSTS TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR TO BE ASSESSED AGAINST SUCH PROPERTY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 021-2023 was read by title only by President Potter:

DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF THE APPROPRIATION OF REAL PROPERTY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Conison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution 021-2023 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution 021-2023 was suspended.

Ms. Conison moved to adopt Resolution 021-2023 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution 021-2023 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 022-2023 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 022-2023 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution 022-2023 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Resolution 022-2023 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution 022-2023 was adopted.

POLL PUBLIC:

No comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

Juneteenth Community Celebration is June 17 at John Bishop Park from 3:00 until 8:00 pm.

The Fourth of July Parade is July 4 at 10:00 am.

POLL COUNCIL:

Chairperson Smith thanked everyone watching from home and those who in attendance. Keep an eye on the community calendar, as there are a ton of activities going on for adults, youth and children throughout the summer.

Chairperson Bailey thanked everyone watching from home and those who in attendance. Alwaleed is such an inspiration. He has given Mr. Bailey hope for the future and he is sure Alwaleed’s folks are proud of him.

Chairperson Dixon thanked everyone watching from home, those in attendance and those that participated tonight. He thanked Mr. Finan for coming in and expressing his thoughts. He thanked Dr. Seleshi for coming in and making a presentation about ETTS and it was nice to have met Ms. Harcar. He congratulated Alwaleed on a job well done. It is Gay Pride Month and fifty four years ago this month, it was drag queens who fought back in New York City's Greenwich Village against the constant harassment and arresting of them, simply for going out and enjoying themselves at bars or wherever.

Chairperson Elmore thanked all the viewers and those in the audience along with Dr. Seleshi and Ms. Harcar. She is thankful that businesses are finding Whitehall as their place to live or start and grow their business. She is thankful to live in a community where residents care about one another; it takes a village to raise a child and it has been demonstrated in their surroundings through our little hero Alwaleed. She is thankful for her community.

Chairperson Conison thanked everyone for watching from home and those who attended. She thanked the community for being all-inclusive. Her heart is happy and gave her what she needed. Yesterday she was sitting there hoping to get some children to come out to this ambassador program and were trying to come up with questions for children age's four to six and she just realized just how smart they are. She is so proud of Alwaleed.

Chairperson Kantor thanked everyone for watching from home and those who attended. He said it was nice to see all the incoming and current Council at Large all sitting in the same room. He thought Alwaleed did a good job and he expressed how proud he was. He gave a shout out to the WPD for the awesome job they did today.

Chairperson Heck thanked everyone for watching from home and those who attended in person. She thanked ETTS for coming in and speaking on what they do. She thanked Alwaleed for being so brave and helping someone who was in need. She thanked Colin Finan for coming in and giving a suggestion.

President Potter echoed what has been shared by his fellow Councilmembers tonight. Alwaleed should be very proud of himself and he sets a shining example for other young people. He appreciates Dr. Seleshi coming in and he thinks ETTS will be a great asset to the community. He thanked all those that came out this evening.

Chairperson Dixon acknowledged Alwaleed's great humility tonight.

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 7:43p.m.

Submitted by,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2023.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President