

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

President Pro Tempore Bailey called the June 21, 2022 agenda meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present with the exception of President Potter and Ms. Heck.

President Pro Tempore Bailey 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 – June 21, 2022

President Pro Tempore Bailey called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

At President Pro Tempore Bailey'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
Amy Smith
Robert Bailey
Gerald Dixon
Lori Elmore
Karen Conison

Mr. Kantor moved to excuse the absent members and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and President Potter and Ms. Heck were excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Conison moved to approve the June 7, 2022, agenda and regular meeting minutes and the June 21, 2022 agenda and Emergency Special 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 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 Bailey 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 – said the big event coming up is July 3, the fireworks night at Whitehall Yearling High School. The fireworks are set to go off between 9:45 pm and 10:00 pm. Tickets are available in the Service Department. July 30 is the Food Truck Festival. Watch the Whitehall Facebook page for updates for the ticketed tables. The parade is July 4 at 10:00 am. The next Music in the Park is July 10.

City Administrator Zach Woodruff – said he had no official report but asked for favorable consideration on Res. 019-2022.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – said Mayor's Court went very well today. His office is currently actively engaged in taking a proactive approach towards crime prevention. Many things that come to his office are reactive rather than proactive. They have had a strategic community conversation with Pastor Claude from New Life but he is expecting it to be a more robust outreach oriented conversation as more people join in the conversation. He is looking for opportunities on what can the City Attorney's office do as far as looking at the crime statistics, where they are, where the highest rate is and can they do something proactively to start reducing those numbers. Whether it is nuisance abatement actions or community values, what is it? He does not have the answer and there needs to be conversations to have the answer by engaging the community partners. He publicly thanked one of the biggest community partners, Franklin County Commissioners Office, Commissioner Erica Crawley, Commissioner John O'Grady and Commissioner Kevin Boyce for donating their time and providing resources to the most vulnerable of the citizens affected by the loss of power last week. His favorite person that was out there doing things in the street is Deputy County Administrator Joy L. Bivens. They were able to help at least ten thousand affected citizens throughout Franklin County. Some of the staff members from his office helped as well. You do not need to have twenty-twenty vision to see that people are going through a lot. Seek opportunities to be a blessing as much as you can. It does not take much of your time. There are people that have needs that are higher than ours are. Look for an opportunity within the next thirty days to donate your time and do something of value for someone else. It will make a difference in your life and it will uplift.

City Auditor Steve Quincel – said he had no official report.

Public Safety Director Van Gregg – was not present.

Treasurer Shaquille Alexander– said he had no official report.

President Pro Tempore Bailey – advised that there have been no official reports filed in the Council office since the last meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

1. Agenda for the June 13, 2022 BZBA Meeting.
2. Minutes for the April 11, 2022 BZBA Meeting.

VERIFICATION OF COPIES:

President Pro Tempore Bailey 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. 020-2022 was read by title only by President Pro Tempore Bailey:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO THE TABLE OF AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL 161.37(a) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TITLED OFFICE OF MAYOR; AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE AMENDMENT OF 161.38 SALARY SCHEDULE TITLED SALARY SCHEDULE.

Mr. Kantor introduced and moved to adopt Ordinance No. 020-2022 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 020-2022 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 022-2022 was read by title only by President Pro Tempore Bailey:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$47,500.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE BUILDING AND LOT MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT (101.950.53300).

Ms. Conison introduced and moved to adopt Ordinance No. 022-2022 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 022-2022 was adopted.

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 026-2022 was read by title only by President Pro Tempore Bailey:

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH CHANGE HEALTHCARE TO ADMINISTER MEDICAL BILLING PER 143.15 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 031-2022 was read by title only by President Pro Tempore Bailey:

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$65,000.00) FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND ACCOUNT (241-000-50000) FOR TRAINING AND LAW ENFORCEMENT NEEDS.

RESOLUTION NO. 016-2022 was read by title only by President Pro Tempore Bailey:

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JESS HOWARD ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR SERVICES RELATED TO MAINTAINING STREETLIGHTS AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF WHITEHALL.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 034-2022 was read by title only by President Pro Tempore Bailey:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF SIXTY THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$60,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND 101 TO THE 314 TECHNOLOGY FUND; APPROPRIATING SIXTY THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$60,000.00) FROM THE 314 TECHNOLOGY FUND TO THE 314.000.51000 IT MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Conison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 034-2022 and Ms. Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 034-2022 was suspended.

Ms. Conison moved to adopt Ordinance No. 034-2022 and Ms. Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 034-2022 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 019-2022 was read by title only by President Pro Tempore Bailey:

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH WODA COOPER COMPANIES, INC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

City Administrator Zach Woodruff said as Council may recall, in January, City Council passed a resolution allowing the Mayor to enter into a very similar agreement with LEG. This is a requirement of the grant that both LEG in the first round and Woda Cooper in a subsequent round for the Brownfield Remediation Grant. Woda Cooper is redeveloping the old Sandusky Builders industrial site and Council has a copy of the draft agreement where Woda Cooper will be requesting up to one million dollars in grant funding. This agreement does not obligate the City of Whitehall to anything. It is an agreement between a private entity and a local jurisdiction, which is a grant requirement. The deadline for this rounds application is July 1 and this is why he is asking for passage on the first reading.

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

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

POLL PUBLIC:

No comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

Chairperson Conison said the theme for this year's parade is "The Birth of the Village 1947 - The Legacy of the City 2022. They are celebrating seventy-five years of Whitehall. This parade will be larger because there is no entry fee. The Grand Marshalls for the 1947 portion are Jim and Marie Graham and for 2022 are several babies born in Whitehall in 2022. The next bulk trash pick-up is July 7.

POLL COUNCIL:

Chairperson Kantor thanked everyone for attending and viewing from home tonight. There are many things going on in Whitehall.

Chairperson Smith thanked everyone for viewing and those in attendance. She encourages everyone to go online and check the city's calendar for upcoming events.

Chairperson Dixon thanked those in attendance and those at home for viewing. Happy Pride, Happy Juneteenth and Happy Solstice to Charlene.

Chairperson Elmore she thanked everyone for listening and attending tonight. We celebrated Juneteenth on Sunday and observed on Monday. June 19, 1865 marked news of emancipation finally reaching the slaves in Galveston, Texas months after the end of the Civil War and the issuing of the Emancipation Proclamation, which is prior to Independence Day. Just to give credence to the Juneteenth that was a little synopsis of why this day is observed and celebrated. With the heat index being 101 degrees, please stay hydrated, cool and careful.

Chairperson Conison thanked everyone for viewing and she will see them at the parade.

President Pro Tempore Bailey thanked everyone for their words and comments.

Having nothing further, Mr. Kantor moved to adjourn and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2022.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President