

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

President Potter called the July 5, 2022 agenda meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Ms. Elmore.

President Potter reviewed the agenda and confirmed who would handle the various required motions this evening.

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2022.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – July 5, 2022

President Potter called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5, 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:

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

Mr. Bailey moved to excuse the absent member and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and Ms. Elmore was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Conison moved to approve the June 21, 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:

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 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.

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 – asked for favorable consideration and passage on third reading for Ordinance 026-2022, Ordinance 031-2022 and Resolution 016-2022. She asked for favorable consideration and passage on first reading for Ordinance 035-2022 and Ordinance 036-2022. She gave kudos to everyone who was involved in the July 4 activities. It is amazing how many departments are involved in making sure this is a successful holiday for the residents. Police and Fire definitely pulled out all the stops. The planning that went on in Service and other department were phenomenal. She thanked the Whitehall City Schools for their partnership as they held the community fireworks there. It has been a much safer event and it was fun seeing everyone there and not having to worry about outside influences.

City Administrator Zach Woodruff – was not present.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – the City Attorney's office saw a lower amount of cases overall through Municipal Court and Mayors Court. The total number between the two was 197 cases. Something strange happened in the month of June whereby there were only 73 cases prosecuted in Whitehall Mayor's Court. Whitehall residents committed four of those cases. That is 8 percent. The numbers switched to 124 cases so it rather went upside down with the trend staying the same at about 26 percent. He will monitor this in the upcoming months because he has never see this before.

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

Public Safety Director Van Gregg – was not present.

Treasurer Shaquille Alexander– was not present.

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

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

1. Agenda for July 7, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting.
2. Minutes for April 7, 2022 Planning Commission 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:

ORDINANCE NO. 026-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

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.

Mr. Kantor introduced and moved to adopt Ordinance No. 026-2022 and Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 026-2022 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 031-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

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.

Mr. Kantor introduced and moved to adopt Ordinance No. 031-2022 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 031-2022 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 016-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

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.

Ms. Conison introduced and moved to adopt Resolution No. 016-2022 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 016-2022 was adopted.

SECOND READING:

There was no legislation for second reading.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 035-2022 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND 101 TO THE CREDIT MONITORING SERVICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT 101.900.51860 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 035-2022 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 035-2022 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 035-2022 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 035-2022 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 036-2022 *was read by title only by President Potter:*

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF EIGHTY EIGHT THOUSAND AND NO/DOLLARS (\$88,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND 101 TO VARIOUS PARKS AND RECREATION EXPENSE ACCOUNTS.

Ms. Heck introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 036-2022 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 036-2022 was suspended.

Ms. Heck moved to adopt Ordinance No. 036-2022 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 036-2022 was adopted.

POLL PUBLIC:

No comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

Chairperson Conison said that Music in the Park is this Sunday. National Night Out is August 2 at John Bishop Park.

Chairperson Heck said that the Lamby Lane Park Party is on Wednesdays. The Farmers Market is held every Tuesday from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. The Food Truck Fest is July 30 with Chris Lane playing that evening.

Chairperson Bailey said Crooked Highway is playing at 6:30 pm this Sunday.

POLL COUNCIL:

Chairperson Heck thanked everyone for viewing and the person who always comes and supports them. Thanks to all who made the Fourth of July events possible. It was great seeing so many wonderful faces out there enjoying it.

Chairperson Smith thanked everyone for viewing and those in attendance. She had fun. Her parents and in-laws came out and they loved it. She encouraged people to check the Whitehall webpage for upcoming activities.

Chairperson Bailey thanked those watching and the one who showed up tonight. He said it was not how many but who. Bulk pickup is July 7. The couches and mattresses must be wrapped in plastic.

Chairperson Dixon thanked everyone for the Fourth of July festivities beginning to end, the Service Department, the volunteers, the Police and Fire. All did a terrific job and he thinks everyone had a good

time. He thanked Karen and Leo along with everyone else at WCCA for putting on such a terrific parade. He thanked Officer Quincey Glund for his Jr Officer decal that he received at the high school fireworks. He met all the new officers too. He thanked Michole for coming in and those viewing from home. He wanted to send out a consideration for those in Highland Park. He does not have a lot of thoughts and prayers for anyone; he just has a lot of anger. He is tired of all of this happening. He just wanted to say how awful it is and that he is sick and tired of all of it.

Chairperson Conison thanked everyone for viewing and Michole for coming in.

Chairperson Kantor thanked Michole for attending and those viewing from home tonight. He just saw where the seventh victim has died, she was seven years old, and then we have the seventeen children who were killed not very long ago. He thanked Karen and Leo for what they do for the City. The parade was long and it was great. He thanked Mr. Thomas for his pictures. He thanked Mayor Maggard for the best fireworks ever. They were phenomenal. He thanked the Service Department, the Police Department and Parks and Recreation. He hopes he did not forget anyone.

President Potter thanked Chairperson Bailey for filling in for him during his absence. He thinks everyone spoke very well of the Fourth of July festivities. The one thing that resonated with him is there is so much that goes on behind the scenes that people just do not realize. What drove that home for him was Sunday night about 6:00 pm, he was driving past John Bishop Park and sure enough, there were people out from the Service Department weeding the flowerbed in the middle of the road. This shows the commitment of the employee's from the City and the collaboration involved is just all inspiring.

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