

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 2, 2016

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Council President Jim Graham called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 2016.

At President Graham's request, everyone rose for a moment of silence which was followed by recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by those assembled.

On roll call by the clerk, the following members of council were present:

Lee Stahley  
Larry Morrison  
Bob Bailey  
Van Gregg  
Karen Conison  
Wes Kantor

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER

Mr. Bailey moved to excuse the absent member. Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was taken and resulted, as follows: Stahley, no; Morrison, yes; Bailey, yes; Gregg, yes; Conison, yes; Kantor, yes. Mr. Rodriguez was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Conison moved to approve the Minutes of the January 19, 2016, Agenda and Regular Meetings. Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and the Minutes were approved as submitted.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Chief Richard Zitzke and Darrell Propst, Director of Elementary Education for the Whitehall City Schools, updated Council on the Evolution of Safety Town.

“Safe Kids, Safe Schools” is the new program name. Safety Town was a program instituted some 30 years ago. It was wonderful, state of the art and innovative 30 years ago. They decided to reinvent the program and make it better than before. The city worked with Superintendent Hamler to update the program. They were looking for something more collaborative, curriculum based, and something to start in kindergarten and continue through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. He said that while we had the safety expertise we lacked the expertise for education. The school district knows how to do age appropriate programs. The new program is a collaboration between police, fire and the school district, along with outside partners. It is an opportunity to reinforce topics throughout a student's academic career. The program provides positive reinforcement from different people all through the student's school career. Chief Zitzke said they didn't throw anything out, they added to it. The new program moves us way beyond the next level.

Mr. Propst said they pulled social workers together from various buildings, and even included a pre-school level in the program. He explained the hand-outs (copies in the meeting file). He said they started with a clean slate and had a good time putting it all together. They will be getting back together at the end of the year to evaluate what they accomplished. They have even partnered with Mary Haven and also brought in bus drivers to have kids practice getting on and off the bus safely. They will also address suicide prevention.

President Graham said it sounds really good and he is very impressed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

James Nicholson, City of Pataskala Finance Director and the State Representative for the Government Finance Officers' Association, presented a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting to City Auditor Dan Miller. He noted this is the second consecutive year Whitehall has received this award.

President Graham congratulated Auditor Miller and his department for the excellent work they do.

POLL PUBLIC

Gerald Dixon, 3877 Doney Street, said kudos to Auditor Miller for his recognition. He said the presentation on Safety Town was fantastic. It is Safety Town on steroids. He expressed appreciation to everyone involved in putting that together and said it is a truly terrific program.

There were no further comments.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration and Financial Management – Chairperson Bailey advised that they met. Their minutes are on file and they will meet again next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Community Engagement – Chairperson Conison advised that they also met and their minutes are on file. She invited everyone to attend the Monday night WCCA meeting at 6:30 p.m. They will be discussing events for 2016. The committee will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Community Standards and Enforcement – President Graham advised that Mr. Rodriguez's absence was due to his work schedule. He said they met last week and their minutes are on file. They too will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Economic Development – Chairperson Morrison announced that they too met. Their minutes are on file. They will meet sometime after 6:30 p.m. next week.

Infrastructure, Maintenance and Services – Chairperson Gregg said that they met and their minutes are on file. They will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m., with everyone else.

Public Safety – Chairperson Stahley advised that they met also. Their minutes are on file. He said he is committed to making Whitehall safer. He said he met with two security companies doing business in Whitehall. They are both willing to negotiate for cheaper prices for homes within the City of Whitehall. The Safety Committee will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – Chairperson Kantor said that they met and their minutes are on file. They too will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Kim Maggard – asked for favorable consideration of Ordinance No. 010-2016. She expressed her appreciation to the Whitehall City Schools for their collaboration with the new Safety Town program. She said it was good to get a program going again and she is looking forward to it.

City Attorney Mike Bivens – reported he completed his audit of filings of misdemeanor cases. There were approximately 3,086 filings in mayor's court and municipal court. He said it was a figure relevant to report because of the perception of safety in the city. There were 360 felonies for our five square miles, only 360. As for his ideas about Moot Court he met with Paul

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Smathers and Rochelle Rankin and both are committed to start with a small group of students and visit our court and municipal court. They agreed to work aggressively to have a moot court by the end of this year. Actual trials are few and far between right now and his staff is training them on how to do opening, closing and other aspects of trials. He said he wants to send a message to central Ohio that Whitehall will go to trial and we are capable to go to trial. He said that our Community Affairs Coordinator facilitated his meeting with Josh Harmon from Franklin County Municipal Court and they are working on a pre-probation diversion program. This will not cost the city anything at all and they started making those referrals today.

President Graham asked for examples of the community service they will be providing. Mr. Bivens said anything from cleaning city vehicles to beautification programs, litter control, clean up for National Night Out, etc.

Director of Development and Public Service Zach Woodruff – requested favorable consideration of Ordinance No. 014-2016.

City Auditor Dan Miller – thanked his staff for all their hard work as well as the directors, administration and everyone who pitched in. He said the award belongs to all of them.

Director of Public Safety Chuck Underwood – had no official report, but did want to mention that he received a letter from one of the units at DSCC regarding Officer Chad Huntzinger who gave some training over there. He said they praised Officer Huntzinger for his training abilities.

Treasurer Steve Quincel – had no official report tonight, but said he wanted to call attention to the passing of Charles Dersom, a former council member here who had moved to Florida.

Council President Jim Graham - advised that no Officials' Reports have been filed in the Council Office since the last meeting.

### COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS

1. Minutes of the January 7, 2016, meeting of the Whitehall Planning Commission.
2. Agenda for the February 4, 2016, meeting of the Whitehall Planning Commission.
3. Agenda for the January 28, 2016, meeting of the Whitehall Parks and Recreation Commission.
4. Minutes of the December 10, 2015, meeting of the Whitehall Parks and Recreation Commission.
5. Minutes of the January 7, 2016, meeting of the Whitehall Parks and Recreation Commission.
6. Parks and Recreation Director Carr's January 2016 Report.

### VERIFICATION OF COPIES

President Graham 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 the four pieces of add-on legislation. The six present members all responded in the affirmative.

### THIRD READING

There was no legislation for third reading.

### SECOND READING

There was no legislation for second reading.

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 009-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AMENDING 161.21 (b)(1) OVERTIME AND HOLIDAY PAY ELIGIBILITY.”

ORDINANCE NO. 010-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE FY 2015 JAG GRANT FUND (262) AND ACCOUNT (262-000-50000); ADVANCING ELEVEN THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINE AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$11,799.00) FROM APPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (242) TO THE FY 2015 JAG GRANT FUND (262); MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF ELEVEN THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINE AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$11,799.00) FROM THE FY 2015 JAG GRANT FUND (262) TO THE FY 2015 JAG GRANT ACCOUNT (262-000-50000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Stahley introduced Ordinance No. 010-2016 and moved to suspend the rules, Mr. Bailey seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Stahley then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 010-2016 and Mr. Bailey seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 010-2016 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 011-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“TRANSFERRING FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT AND 72/100 DOLLARS (\$424,398.72) FROM THE BOND RETIREMENT ACCOUNT (101-950-57500) TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401).”

ORDINANCE NO. 012-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“TRANSFERRING ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$128,225.00) FROM VARIOUS ACCOUNTS IN THE WMPITIE FUND (TIF) (279) TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401).”

ORDINANCE NO. 013-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“TRANSFERRING ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$128,225.00) FROM VARIOUS ACCOUNTS IN THE WMPITIE FUND (TIF) (279) TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401).”

Mr. Gregg introduced Ordinance No. 013-2016 and moved to suspend the rules, Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

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President Graham asked about this project completing paving of Hamilton Road within the city. Director Woodruff said this would be from Mound to Main and from Fairway to Poth. Then OPWC would do from Poth to the north city limits.

Mr. Gregg then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 013-2016 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 013-2016 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 014-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ABM BUILDING SERVICES, LLC AND THE CITY OF WHITEHALL FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING DESIGN-BUILD FACILITY RENOVATION SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Gregg introduced Ordinance No. 014-2016 and moved to suspend the rules, Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Gregg then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 014-2016 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 014-2016 was adopted. Director Woodruff pointed out that they discussed this last week and the city solicited RFQs and then selected ABM. This legislation allows an agreement for them to do the report and then we will be able to come up with a detailed, finalized plan to update mechanical equipment at city hall and at the fire and police stations. The costs will be paid through anticipated energy savings as provided in the Ohio Revised Code.

RESOLUTION NO. 001-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“RESOLVING TO APPROVE ‘THEN AND NOW’ CERTIFICATES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Bailey introduced Resolution No. 001-2016 and moved to suspend the rules, Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended. President Graham explained why these are always passed on first reading.

Mr. Bailey then moved to adopt Resolution No. 001-2016 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 001-2016 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 002-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“RESOLVING TO APPROVE ‘THEN AND NOW’ CERTIFICATES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Bailey introduced Resolution No. 002-2016 and moved to suspend the rules, Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

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Mr. Bailey then moved to adopt Resolution No. 002-2016 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 002-2016 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 003-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“RESOLVING TO APPROVE ‘THEN AND NOW’ CERTIFICATES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Bailey introduced Resolution No. 003-2016 and moved to suspend the rules, Mr. Gregg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Bailey then moved to adopt Resolution No. 003-2016 and Mr. Gregg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 003-2016 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 004-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A SAFETY INTERVENTION GRANT FROM THE BUREAU OF WORKERS’ COMPENSATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Stahley introduced Resolution No. 004-2016 and moved to suspend the rules, Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Stahley then moved to adopt Resolution No. 004-2016 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 004-2016 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 005-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“RESOLVING TO APPROVE ‘THEN AND NOW’ CERTIFICATES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Bailey introduced Resolution No. 005-2016 and moved to suspend the rules, Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Bailey then moved to adopt Resolution No. 005-2016 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 005-2016 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 006-2016 was read by title only by President Graham:

“RESOLVING TO APPROVE ‘THEN AND NOW’ CERTIFICATES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Gregg introduced Resolution No. 006-2016 and moved to suspend the rules, Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

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Mr. Gregg then moved to adopt Resolution No. 006-2016 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the six present members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 006-2016 was adopted.

POLL PUBLIC

Gerald Dixon, 3877 Doney Street, said he wanted to clarify something he talked about last week. He said he spoke about Messrs. Miller, Bivens and Graham running unopposed and his issue was not with them, personally, but rather with the problem of people not stepping forward to run for office. He praised City Attorney Bivens for his enthusiasm for new programs.

There were no further comments.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD

Events are listed on the City's Website.

POLL COUNCIL

Mr. Stahley thanked everyone for coming out and enjoying the nice warm weather. He said he is looking forward to seeing everyone come back.

Mr. Morrison thanked everyone for coming. He said it was nice to look out and see so many people and he urged them to please return.

Mr. Bailey said it was good to see everyone and he thanked the Mayor for the fact that her departments are very productive. He said he is seeing great things coming in the future on all fronts.

Mr. Gregg thanked everyone for coming and for the new safety program for the schools. He also thanked Mr. Miller and his staff for the great job they do.

Ms. Conison thanked everyone for coming and for their input. She said the new program was a good thing to put on the STAC site.

Mr. Kantor said he would just "ditto" what everyone else said. He also urged that they keep the Dersom family in their prayers and said it was a huge loss for the city.

President Graham also thanked everyone for coming out. He said he wanted to thank Larry Morrison for his efforts in pushing the process of getting the "Safe Kids, Safe Schools" program in the works. He congratulated everyone who worked on it and said he is very impressed. He said they may just have reinvented the wheel.

Having nothing further, Mr. Bailey moved to adjourn and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the six present members responded in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carol J. Churchman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Bob Bailey, Council President Pro Tempore