

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

President Potter called the February 02, 2021 agenda meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Bailey.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2021.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – February 02, 2021

President Potter called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 02, 2021.

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
Larry Morrison
Lori Elmore
Karen Conison
Wes Kantor

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, Chairperson Rodriguez and Chairperson Bailey were excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Conison moved to approve the January 19, 2021, agenda and regular meeting and the January 26, 2021 Emergency Special Meeting agenda and 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 Morrison 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 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.

Community Standards and Enforcement – 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.

Economic Development – Chairperson Morrison 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 Heck reported that they met last Tuesday and their minutes are on file. They will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Public Safety – 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.

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

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Kim Maggard – had no official report.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – was not present.

City Auditor Dan Miller – was not present.

Director of Public Service and Development Zach Woodruff – was not present.

Public Safety Director Van Gregg – was not present.

Treasurer Steve Quincel – was not present. President Potter read the following statement from Mr. Quincel. I have no official report, however, I would like to recognize the January 18 passing of one of my predecessors, Raymond T Riley, at age 92. Ray served the country in the US Navy from 1946 until his retirement in 1974. He subsequently served this city as Service Director as well as Treasurer. My condolences go out to the Riley family as well as my thanks for sharing Ray with us.

President Potter – advised that the following Officials' Reports have been filed in the Council Office since the last meeting: The Auditor's Expense Report for December 2020, the Auditor's Bank Report for December 2020, the Auditor's Statement of Cash Position Report for December 2020, the Auditor's Revenue Report for December 2020, the Treasurers Investment Report for December 2020, the Treasurers Activity by Fund Report for December 2020 and the Treasurers Fund Reconciliation Report for December 2020.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

1. Notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a transfer of ownership of the D1, D2, D3, D3A liquor permit for DUKEM LLC., DBA DUKEM RESTAURANT BASEMENT AND PATIO, 4720 E. MAIN STREET, WHITEHALL, OH 43213 to the WHITEHALL 4 LLC, DBA TAQUERIA LOS GUACHOS, 1121 S. HAMILTON ROAD, WHITEHALL, OH 43213.
2. Notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a transfer of ownership of the D5 liquor permit for MMKAP LLC., DBA JJ EEZYS, 3878 E. MAIN STREET AND PATIO, WHITEHALL, OH 43213 to the EZZY ES LLC., DBA JJ EEZYS, 3878 E. MAIN STREET AND PATIO, WHITEHALL, OH 43213.
3. Agenda for the January 13, 2021 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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. 001-2021 was read by title only by President Potter:

RECLASSIFYING A FUND ADVANCE AS A FUND TRANSFER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Conison moved to adopt Ordinance No. 001-2021 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 001-2021 was adopted.

SECOND READING:

THERE WAS NO LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 005-2021 was read by title only by President Potter:

AMENDING 161.38 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHALL, OHIO TITLED "SALARY SCHEDULE" FOR THE POSITION OF RECORDS CLERK PART TIME (HOURLY) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Kantor introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 005-2021 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 005-2021 was suspended.

Mr. Kantor moved to adopt Ordinance No. 005-2021 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 005-2021 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 003-2021 was read by title only by President Potter:

RESOLVING TO APPROVE "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Morrison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 003-2021 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 003-2021 was suspended.

Mr. Morrison moved to adopt Resolution No. 003-2021 and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 003-2021 was adopted.

POLL PUBLIC:

No comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

Chairperson Heck said the Whitehall City Schools are serving lunch and breakfast for the following day for all kids in the community. You can find additional details on the schools website.

POLL COUNCIL:

Mr. Morrison thanked everyone for watching. He sent out prayers to Chris and his family and asked that everyone stay safe.

Ms. Elmore thanked everyone for viewing. She wished her fellow Councilor, Mr. Rodriguez well. Covid has hit so many people and the effects of this virus vary. She asks that people wear their masks, practice social distancing and please be careful and stay safe. We are in February and one hundred years ago, this month was set aside to be known as Black History Month. Prior to February being Black History Month, a week was set aside and known as Negro Week. This has given us the opportunity to honor black American's throughout our history. We recognize Dr. Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks and others. Others have made significant contributions to this nation. George Crum invented the potato chip; Granville T. Woods created the induction telegraphy system that allowed trains to communicate with one another while allowing dispatchers to locate them. Madam C. J. Walker was the first African American woman to become a self-made millionaire by creating a line of hair products, Marie Van Brittan Brown who patented in 1966, the first home security system. Creola Katherine Johnson was the first African American woman to work as a NASA scientist. She was a mathematician whose calculations of orbital mechanics as a NASA employee were critical to the success of the first and subsequent U.S. crewed spaceflights. Although, there are many contributions to the history of this nation by African Americans that have not been taught that were relevant to the building of this nation. Her hope is that Black History Month evolves into our history. Because our history talks about how we have contributed to become the nation that we are. She wants all the other Councilors to be safe and she enjoys being with them.

President Potter said that was great information and he appreciates her sharing it with them.

Ms. Conison thanked Ms. Elmore for sharing the information. She said that today was Groundhogs Day, in many ways. She thanked everyone for watching.

Mr. Kantor thanked everyone for watching. He wondered how the groundhog could see his shadow in Pennsylvania, that early in the morning when there is snow on the ground and it is snowing. He showed the audience that there is protecting between them. He tapped on the plexiglass. He asked everyone to be safe because he feels covid is not over.

Ms. Heck thanked everyone for watching from home. She thanked Ms. Elmore for all the wonderful information. She wished Mr. Rodriguez well and a speedy recovery. She wished all a Happy Groundhogs Day and she wants everyone to stay safe and healthy.

President Potter sent Mr. Rodriguez his very best. He is looking forward to welcoming him back to his chair up there with all of them. He hopes everyone stays safe.

Having nothing further, Ms. Elmore moved to adjourn and Ms. Heck seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members responded in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2021.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President