

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

President Potter called the November 03, 2020 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 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Ogg, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2020.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – November 03, 2020

President Potter called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 03, 2020.

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:

Bob Bailey
Chris Rodriguez
Lori Elmore
Karen Conison
Wes Kantor
Jo Anna Heck
Larry Morrison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Conison moved to approve the Minutes of the October 20, 2020, agenda and regular meeting. 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 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 Rodriguez 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. He reminded everyone that the Parks and Recreation Commission are accepting application for two vacancies. The deadline to submit your resume and letter of interest is December 13, 2020 at noon.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Kim Maggard – she 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 – advised that there have been no official reports filed in the council office since last meeting:

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

There were no Communications, Petitions and Claims.

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:

ORDINANCE NO. 091-2020 was read by title only by President Potter:

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH RUMPKE OF OHIO, INC. TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISION OF RECYCLING SERVICES INCLUDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF DELIVERY AND PROCESSING OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS GENERATED IN AND COLLECTED FROM RESIDENTIAL UNITS, MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AND DURING SPECIAL EVENTS.

Ms. Heck introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 091-2020 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 091-2020 was suspended.

Ms. Heck moved to adopt Ordinance No. 091-2020 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 091-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 092-2020 *was read by title only by President Potter:*

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT A GRANT FROM, AND PARTICIPATE IN THE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY OF CENTRAL OHIO'S RECYCLING CART GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF RECYCLING CARTS.

Ms. Heck introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 092-2020 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 092-2020 was suspended.

Ms. Heck moved to adopt Ordinance No. 092-2020 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 092-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 093-2020 *was read by title only by President Potter:*

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT A GRANT FROM, AND PARTICIPATE IN THE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY OF CENTRAL OHIO'S WASTE REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF GARBAGE CARTS.

Ms. Heck introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 093-2020 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 093-2020 was suspended.

Ms. Heck moved to adopt Ordinance No. 093-2020 and Ms. Elmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 093-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 094-2020 *was read by title only by President Potter:*

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A FINANCE AGREEMENT WITH REHRIG FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR THE PURCHASE OF GARBAGE COLLECTION CONTAINERS AND DELIVERY SERVICES FROM REHRIG PACIFIC COMPANY.

Ms. Heck introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 094-2020 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 094-2020 was suspended.

Ms. Heck moved to adopt Ordinance No. 094-2020 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 094-2020 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 039-2020 *was read by title only by President Potter:*

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO JOIN NATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING ALLIANCE COMPANY, D/B/A OMNIA PARTNERS, A PUBLIC SECTOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Heck introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 039-2020 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 039-2020 was suspended.

Ms. Heck moved to adopt Resolution No. 039-2020 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Resolution No. 039-2020 was adopted.

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 096-2020 *was read by title only by President Potter:*

AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP-WHITEHALL JEDD FUND (830), APPROPRIATING FORTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$40,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP-WHITEHALL JEDD FUND (830) TO THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP-WHITEHALL JEDD EXPENSE ACCOUNT (830.000.50000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bailey introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance No. 096-2020 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 096-2020 was suspended.

Mr. Bailey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 096-2020 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative and Ordinance No. 096-2020 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 097-2020 *was read by title only by President Potter:*

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

POLL PUBLIC:

No comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD:

Chairperson Conison wanted to thank many people for this past weekend. WCCA had their Halloween drive-thru and it was a success. They had about 400-450 come through to pick up treat bags. She thanked Larry Morrison for this help in putting the bags together and Jo Anna Heck for coming to their aid when they thought they were not going to get finished in time. A huge shout-out to Target who donated a ton of candy along with Wes Kantor and Judy Long. It takes many people to run an event like this. This community is wonderful. She just wanted to give a shout out to everybody.

POLL COUNCIL:

Mr. Bailey said he hopes tomorrow when they all wake up, they can get along and respect each other and get this entire country to ban together and take on the real threat of this virus.

Mr. Rodriguez stated they needed to get this election behind them. Whitehall is a small town and they all know each other and the side of the isle people sit on. At the end of the day, we are the ones who love, laugh and enjoy. It will be good to get back to some kind of normalcy so we can go on living our lives. At the end of the day, it does not matter who is in charge over there it is what we chose to do, our civility to one another and our neighbors that is going to make the difference. He looks forward to that.

Ms. Elmore said she would like to thank everyone who is watching on Facebook. Today is Election Day. It is a day that everyone is glad that it is almost over and are no longer getting the phone calls, lit drops and mailers. It is part of the process. If you registered to vote, getting the opportunity to exercise that vote is important. With all the civil unrest and as her colleagues have already talked about, she believes in the power of prayer. The Bible sayeth, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." This land, the United States of America needs healing. It is 2020. It is an unexplainable year. We have had covid 19, loss of jobs, unemployment, loss of life, social distancing, it has been a lot for people to deal with. Mental health issues have been on the rise. As a country, we need to ban together and no matter what, she believes, for her, that God is in charge and he has all of them. He is going to make sure that things work out for the good. It is her hope, because she is an optimist, can come together, exercise, and live out what liberty and justice is really all about. She hopes everyone stays safe, shows love to one another and take care of yourself and your family.

Ms. Conison thanked everyone for viewing and she will see everyone again soon.

Mr. Kantor thanked everyone for watching as well. He hopes everyone went to the polls today or sent in your absentee ballot. He hopes they all wake up tomorrow and have one nation instead of the division that they have now. He thanked Ms. Conison for her role in handing out all that candy to his family. Whoever wins this election, it is about what they do and about how they live their lives, which is the good thing about the community they live in. It is about sitting up there with the other council members and the work that they do.

Ms. Heck thanked everyone for tuning in and to those that were able to exercise their right to vote. She agrees with what everyone up there has already said and hopes everyone can get through this covid and really respect each other.

Mr. Morrison said he would like to thank everyone for showing up and for watching on the web. He said if you can remember the song of the late and great Aretha Franklin, r-e-s-p-e-c-t.

President Potter said he would like to echo what he has already heard tonight. Passions were really running high coming into this election no matter where you stand with each particular candidate. The one take away for his is the record number of voters who actually went to the polls to cast their votes. He is sorry that it took this action to get that to occur but he would like to see that continue because everybody does have skin in the game and does need to exercise their right to vote. He has never missed an election nor would he even when he was away at college. He drove home to vote. He thinks it is very important to do that and he encourages everyone to continue to do that practice. If you do not vote then you do not get the right to complain.

Having nothing further, Mr. Bailey moved to adjourn and Ms. Elmore 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: _____, 2020.

Thomas M. Potter, Council President