

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 4, 2017

Council President Graham called the April 4, 2017, agenda meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Bailey and Mr. Rodriguez.

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

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Freimark, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2017.

Jim Graham, Council President

WHITEHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – APRIL 4, 2017

Council President Jim Graham called the regular meeting of Whitehall City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

At President Graham's request, everyone rose for a moment of silence. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by those assembled.

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

Lee Stahley
Larry Morrison
Van Gregg
Karen Conison
Wes Kantor

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

Mr. Kantor moved to excuse the absent members and Mr. Gregg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the five present members responded in the affirmative and Mr. Bailey and Mr. Rodriguez was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Conison moved to approve the Minutes of the March 21, 2017 agenda and regular meetings. Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the five present members responded in the affirmative and the Minutes were approved as submitted.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

President Graham asked Community Affairs Coordinator Kaitlin King to introduce the special presentation. Ms. King introduced Angela Raveer, President of the Columbus and Whitehall Kiwanis Club. Ms. Raveer explained that the Kiwanis Club has been working over the last few years to raise money to help individuals and schools in the community. Recently they have been working with area pizza parlors to raise funds for a particular project. She asked Tracy, Dave and Kimmy Hatfield to come forward along with her husband Charles. Charles presented Kimmy on behalf of the Kiwanis Club a tricycle for children with disabilities, which is called an Amtryke. He explained that this is something that Kimmy has been wanting for years. Ms. Hatfield thanked the Kiwanis Club and said that Kimmy has been waiting to ride a bike for a long time and she will get good use of it. Ms. Raveer introduced Dave Ritter from the TASK program. He explained that the TASK program is an organization that gives individuals with special needs the freedom to do the things that everyone likes to do. He said seeing the excitement in Kimmy's face is why he volunteers. Lastly, Ms. Raveer thanked council for allowing them to give this special presentation tonight.

President Graham advised they would deviate from the agenda for Resolution Nos. 019-2017 and 020-2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 019-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“RESOLUTION HONORING WHITEHALL YEARLING HIGH SCHOOL BOYS’ BASKETBALL PLAYER CJ PRATER AND WHITEHALL YEARLING HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS’ BASKETBALL PLAYER STEPHANIE ELLIS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING 2016-2017 SEASON.”

Ms. Conison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 019-2017 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the five present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Ms. Conison then moved to adopt Resolution No. 019-2017 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the five present members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 019-2017 was adopted.

Ms. Conison read the Resolution in its entirety and she and Councilman Kantor presented ceremonial copies to players. They received a standing ovation from everyone present. Whitehall High School Athletic Director, Bill Hughett announced that Mr. Prater will be playing basketball at Monroe Community College In Rochester New York and Ms. Ellis will be playing at Otterbein University. He asked everyone to join him on wishing them good luck.

RESOLUTION NO. 020-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“RESOLUTION HONORING THE WHITEHALL YEARLING HIGH SCHOOL BOYS AND LADY RAMS BOWLING TEAMS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING 2016-2017 SEASON.”

Ms. Conison introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 020-2017 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the five present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Ms. Conison then moved to adopt Resolution No. 020-2017 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the five present members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 020-2017 was adopted.

Ms. Conison read the Resolution in its entirety and she and Councilman Kantor presented ceremonial copies to members of the team and their coaches. They received a standing ovation from everyone present.

President Graham thanked everyone for bringing this to council and recognizing these fine young people.

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 any add-on legislation. The five present members responded in the affirmative.

POLL PUBLIC

There were no comments at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration and Financial Management – President Graham 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 Engagement – 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.

Community Standards and Enforcement – President Graham 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 Gregg reported that they met last Tuesday and their minutes are on file. They will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m. He said he will not be at the next Council meeting because he will be watching his son participate in the Boston Marathon.

Public Safety – Chairperson Stahley said they met last week and their minutes are on file. They will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – Chairperson Kantor said that they met last week and their minutes are on file. He said he was not here last week because he was watching his son come in first place in the disc. They will meet next week, sometime after 6:30 p.m.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Kim Maggard – had no official report. She thanked the Kiwanis Club for the joy they brought Kimmy. She gives them kudos for raising money for a whole year for this project. She congratulated C. J. Prater and Stephanie Ellis and wished them luck on their college journey. She said everyone in Whitehall is very proud of them. She said they are also very proud of the Bowling teams. She thanked coaches Netotian and Biller for their mentoring and coaching. She said Whitehall is on the roll and she thanked the coaches for everything they do and the parents for everything they do.

City Attorney Michael Bivens – reported there were 329 cases in Mayor's Court for the month of March, only 90 were Whitehall residents. There were only 34 criminal cases that were Whitehall residents. He congratulated the Police Dept. for the shoplifting blitz that contributed to high numbers for March. He said historically March trends are a little higher. Last year we processed 255 cases in the month of March. They went from 108 cases in February to 329 in March. This shows that if you are going to commit a crime in Whitehall you will defiantly be prosecuted. He said what the Kiwanis Club did tonight moved him. Lastly, he said he loves the Whitehall Rams and looks for every opportunity to celebrate our kids.

City Auditor Dan Miller – had no official report. He thanked everyone for coming and said he loves to see new faces in the crowd. He asked for favorable consideration for Ordinance No. 014-2017 and Resolution Nos. 015-2017 and 018-2017.

Director of Public Service and Development Zach Woodruff - was not present

Director of Public Safety Mark Newcomb – was not present

Treasurer Steve Quincel – had no official report.

Council President Graham - advised that the following Officials' Reports have been filed in the Council Office since the last meeting: Auditor's Expense Report for February 2017; Auditor's Bank Report for February 2017; Auditor's Statement of Cash Position for February 2017; and Auditor's Revenue Report for February 2017.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS

1. Minutes from the March 2, 2017 meeting of the Planning Commission.
2. Agenda for the April 6, 2017 meeting of the Planning Commission.

THIRD READING

ORDINANCE NO. 014 -2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AMENDING SECTION 143.15 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TITLED “EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE BILLING” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Gregg introduced and moved to adopt Ordinance No. 014-2017 and Mr. Stahley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the five present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 014-2017 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 015-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“MAKING AND APPROVING A FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$112,250.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (311) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Gregg introduced and moved to adopt Ordinance No. 015-2017 and Mr. Stahley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the five present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 015-2017 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 018-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$5,300.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE BUILDING AND LOT MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT (101-950-53300) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. “

Mr. Gregg introduced and moved to adopt Ordinance No. 018-2017 and Mr. Kantor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the five present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 018-2017 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 019-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE STREET MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR FUND (201) TO THE NEW EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT (201-000-53000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Gregg introduced and moved to adopt Ordinance No. 019-2017 and Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the five present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 019-2017 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 021-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY GENERALLY KNOWN AS THE COMMONS AT ROYAL LANDING AND CERTAIN OTHER ADJACENT PROPERTY TO CONTINENTAL REAL ESTATE COMPANIES OR ITS DESIGNEE TO ACCOMPLISH THE REMEDIATION AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THAT PROPERTY.”

Mr. Morrison introduced and moved to adopt Ordinance No. 021-2017 and Ms. Conison seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the five present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 021-2017 was adopted.

SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 023-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“MAKING A FUND TRANSFER FROM PREVIOUSLY UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE WMPITIE TIF FUND (279) IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN AND 27/100 DOLLARS (\$52,527.27) AND ATTRIBUTING THE AMOUNTS TO THE ACCOUNTS FROM WHICH THEY WERE PAID AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

ORDINANCE NO. 024-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“TO AUTHORIZE THE PROVISION OF A REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR A NEW PROJECT IN THE AIR SOUTH COMMERCE PARK WITHIN THE POTH ROAD COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENCOURAGING THE CREATION OF NEW JOBS WITHIN THE CITY AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE RELATED COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT.”

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 028-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“TRANSFERRING ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN AND 91/100 DOLLARS (\$120,747.91) FROM THE BOND RETIREMENT ACCOUNT (101-950-57500) TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401); MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY AND 39/100 DOLLARS (\$5,990.39) FROM THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (401) TO THE DEBT SERVICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT (401-000-50000) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

ORDINANCE NO. 029-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“APPROVING AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF TWENTY THREE THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$23,000.00) FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONIES IN THE WMPITIE FUND (279) TO THE MAIN YEARLING INCENTIVE ACCOUNT (279-000-50001) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

Mr. Stahley introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance 029-2017 and Mr. Gregg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the five present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Stahley then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 029-2017 and Mr. Gregg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the five present members voted in the affirmative and ORDINANCE NO. 029-2017 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 030-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

“AUTHORIZING THE REPEAL OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY CLEANUP AND STREET CLEANUP BONDS AND INCREASING THE AMOUNT THAT MAY BE REQUIRED FOR STREET CLEANUP AT COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES.”

RESOLUTION NO. 018-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

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

Mr. Stahley introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 018-2017 and Mr. Gregg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the five present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Stahley then moved to adopt Resolution No. 018-2017 and Mr. Gregg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the five present members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 018-2017 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 021-2017 was read by title only by President Graham:

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

Mr. Stahley introduced and moved to suspend the rules on Resolution No. 021-2017 and Mr. Gregg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the five present members responded in the affirmative and the rules were suspended.

Mr. Stahley then moved to adopt Resolution No. 021-2017 and Mr. Gregg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. On a roll call vote, the five present members voted in the affirmative and RESOLUTION NO. 021-2017 was adopted.

President Graham explained the process of then and now certificates.

POLL PUBLIC

There were no comments at this time.

COMMUNITY DATE BOARD

Ms. Conison announced that this Saturday, April 8 is the Easter Egg Hunt at John Bishop Park at 10:00 a.m. She said that Sunday, April 23, WCPAAA is having a Spaghetti Dinner at Whitehall Senior Center. Adults are \$8.00, children are \$4.00. There will be a 50/50 raffle and door prizes.

Ms. King said after council tonight Kiwanis has refreshments in the hall.

Events are listed on the City's Website.

POLL COUNCIL

Mr. Stahley thanked everyone for coming and said how nice it was to see the room filled. He said it was inspiring to see what the Kiwanis Club did tonight and how great it was to see the emotion of someone getting their first bike. He said to all the Whitehall athletes, “you’re the best”. He hopes to see everyone at the Easter Egg Hunt.

Mr. Morrison thanked everyone for coming and thanked the Kiwanis for their excellent work. He congratulated the athletes for all their hard work and said they could not have done it without the coaches. He thanked everyone for coming.

Mr. Gregg thanked everyone for coming. He said it was emotional to see the Kiwanis Club taking care of a young lady and seeing her excitement. He stated that individuals that do good things, not only in Whitehall but other places are pretty special. He congratulated the athletes and coaches on their accomplishments. He introduced Athletic Director Bill Hughett who is responsible for some of the success with these teams. He said Mr. Hughett does a great job on sharing accomplishments with the public and giving kids the recognition they deserve. He encouraged everyone to have a good evening.

Ms. Conison said that after honoring the athletes and seeing the presentation from the Kiwanis Club, it puts things in perspective. She said she recently was able to go on a Meals on Wheels run and the people receiving the meals were so excited for just a small meal. She said she is all about perspective and how some things bring you back to reality. She was overwhelmed at the High School by how many people came out and helped stuff eggs. We have a wonderful city and she is thankful to everyone.

Mr. Kantor thanked the Mayor for all the kind words to describe the evening. He reiterated how the Kiwanis Club's presentation brought perspective to the evening. He commended the Athletic Director for all he does. He said how amazed he is with the bowling team and what these kids have achieved. He praised the coaches on the excellent job they have done shaping these kids. He said he knows how hard it is to coach and so does Mr. Gregg. He congratulated the coaches and said kudos to the parents. He thanked everyone for coming.

President Graham thanked everyone for coming. He stated that it is always nice to see people getting recognized for what they contribute to the community.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Freimark, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2017.

Jim Graham, President of Council