

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2024

President Heckman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: VanWagner, Smith, Heckman, Bassett, MacTavish (arrived at 7:01), and Hagstrom (arrived at 7:03). Absent: Williams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Smith seconded by Bassett to approve the agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Smith seconded by Bassett to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2024, meeting. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

Motion by Smith seconded by Bassett to approve the 2023-2024 Second Budget Amendments. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

Motion by Smith seconded by Bassett to open the public hearing at 7:03 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Public Comment: Blaine Gebhardt had the following questions: Why is there deficit spending and what is the acceptable balance within the deficit spending? What funds are enterprise funds? What is the difference between Local Streets and Locally Raised Streets? Why are salaries lower for the next year as compared to the current year? Mr. Falcon answered Ms. Gebhardt's questions and she understood the responses.

Motion by Bassett seconded by Smith to close the public hearing at 7:12 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Bassett to approve the 2024-2025 Budget as presented. Roll Call Vote: Bassett, aye; MacTavish, aye; Smith, aye; VanWagner, aye; Heckman, aye. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by VanWagner seconded by MacTavish to approve 2024-01 General Appropriations Act Resolution for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Jean Toner and Lori Schussler from Jean's Pizza Café asked for Council approval to host an ATV event on June 22 which includes closing Edgerton from East of Post Office to White Street from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm; a Give Back to the Community Event on August 17 which includes closing Edgerton from 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm; and to extend the Small Business Saturdays (last Saturday of each month) from April – June. Council approved of all events.

Motion by Bassett seconded by MacTavish to pay bills as presented for a total of \$2,413.78. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Public Comment: Blaine Gebhardt appreciated the approval of the Small Business Saturday's as she stated it brings in a lot of people from outside of Howard City. Mike Smith inquired about the deadline for submitting paperwork to run for Council.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by VanWagner to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President