

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2023

President Heckman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: VanWagner, Smith, Hagstrom, Heckman, MacTavish, Williams, and Bassett. Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Smith seconded by Bassett to approve the agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Smith seconded by MacTavish to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Public Comment: Peggy Peterman inquired about the paving of Ensley Street. Dave Saucier also had a question on Ensley Street.

Motion by Williams seconded by Hagstrom to open the public hearing at 7:05 for the discussion to vacate portion of Emory Street. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Public Comment: Mr. Falcon stated the new owners of parcel #59-047-293-004-00 stated they could not get a clear title on the home as the section of Emory Street was not vacated properly. Dave Saucier asked for the exact location of the property. Mr. Falcon stated it is located on the corner of Emory and Poplar Streets.

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to close the public hearing at 7:07 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Williams to approve Resolution 2023-6 Intent to Vacate a Street. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Bassett to approve Resolution 2023-7 to Vacate a Street. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Council agreed to allow Mr. Falcon to move forward with Nugent Builders to develop plans for a band shell.

Motion by VanWagner seconded by Bassett to approve the purchase of uniforms for the fire department in the amount of \$5,383.65. Roll Call Vote: Bassett, aye; Hagstrom, nay; MacTavish, nay; Smith, nay; VanWagner, aye; Williams, nay; Heckman, aye. Motion FAILED (4-3)

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to pay bills with the additions presented by the Treasurer of \$2,832.04 for a total of \$41,681.77. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to sign the HydroCorp contract. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Smith to accept the RAO Roofing bid for shingles on the Village Office building of \$42,721.70. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Council accepted the bid from Heckman and Son Lawn Care and Snowplowing of \$2,500 for the 1997 International.

Mr. Falcon presented Council with a draft of the sign ordinance. He asked Council to look it over and bring any questions and discussion to next month's Council meeting.

Motion by VanWagner seconded by Williams to approve Resolution 2023-8 Authorizing the Proposed Spending Plans of American Rescue Plan Act Funds. Roll Call Vote: Bassett, aye; Hagstrom, aye; MacTavish, aye; Smith, aye; VanWagner, aye; Williams, aye; Heckman, aye. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Mr. Falcon informed Council that we did not receive either of the two Spark Grants that we applied for. We will be resubmitting for trust fund monies in April 2024.

Mr. Falcon stated the North section of the Village is supposed to be paved yet this week, weather pending.

Public Comment: Dave Saucier asked about HydroCorp. Mr. Saucier also requested a copy of the proposed sign ordinance and inquired about pot holes and leaf pick up coming up.

Trustee Williams reminded everyone that the Halloween Party in the park is coming up on October 31 if anyone would like to participate or volunteer to help.

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President