

Village of Howard City  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 15, 2021

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Smith seconded by Bassett to approve the agenda with the addition of manager discussion regarding breathing air systems and purchase of backhoe. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

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

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Smith seconded by Hagstrom to approve the 2021-2022 Organizational Chart. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

The 2021-2022 proposed budget was discussed. Mr. Falcon asked if any Councilmember has any questions or would like any changes or additions to let us know prior to next week's budget public hearing meeting.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Williams to pay bills totaling of \$25,869.64. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Mr. Falcon informed Council that as of March 30, 2021, at this time, we will be doing water shut offs for non-payment and we will not be turning water back on unless we receive full payment of the amount due on bills.

Motion by Williams seconded by VanWagner to approve Ordinance 2021-1 Authorization for the Collection of Fees for Emergency Fire Services. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by VanWagner to approve the Business License/Permit Form with existing businesses to pay the \$10 renewal fee upfront and any new businesses coming in to pay the \$25 fee. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Council agreed to the purchase of the Bauer Open Vertical Compressor/Purifier for the Fire Department at a cost of \$24,953.37.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Smith to approve the purchase of the JCB backhoe as presented by Mr. Falcon. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Public Comment: Tom Kropenwicki received permission from Council to host a music festival on Edgerton Street on August 7 (or 8 for rain date). Ron Baker expressed concern about not being able to hear all that is going on during the meeting with our current venue. Mr. Baker also expressed concern over sidewalk clearing and snowmobiles riding on the sidewalks making it more difficult to clear snow with it being packed down. Mr. Baker also informed everyone that there will be a Work Session prior to the regular Commission Meeting on Monday, February 22, at 2 pm for work session and 4 pm for regular meeting.

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

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Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

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Randy Heckman, President