

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2023

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

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

Public Comment: None.

Tom Parker approached Council inquiring if Council would reconsider allowing an adult use marijuana dispensary in the Village. After discussion, Council would like Mr. Falcon to pursue steps necessary to bring a new ordinance to the Council to allow dispensaries in the Village.

Laura Ensley also approached Council regarding opening a marijuana dispensary in the Village. As per discussion above, the Village will pursue options to allow dispensaries.

Mr. Falcon presented Council with a draft fee schedule and asked that Council bring any questions and/or concerns to next month's meeting. The fee schedule needs to be approved and published when the 2023-2024 budget is adopted.

Council approved the Library hosting another Food Truck Rally including the car show, craft show, and three on three basketball tournament. Council also approved allowing food trucks on Fridays to be parked at the Depot parking lot or grassy area if any construction is being done at the Depot.

President Heckman asked Council to have the Manager evaluations to him by February 1 in order to discuss a new contract at the February Council meeting.

Motion by Hagstrom seconded by Williams to pay bills as presented for a total of \$57,662.80. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by VanWagner to approve Resolution 2023-1 MDOT Category B Grant Fund. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Council approved writing off the water/sewer bill from 225 S. Muenschler due to tax sale.

Council agreed to enter into a one year contract with Aquatic Doctors Lake Management.

Council denied the installation of a Narcan vending machine at this time.

Mr. Falcon presented Council with a draft of the 2023-2024 budget and asked for any suggestions, questions, or concerns to be brought to next month's Council meeting.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Bassett to set a Public Hearing for the February 20, 2023, Council meeting for discussion on the SRF Grant Funding. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Public Comment: Dave Saucier stated Reynold's Township has opted back in on medical marijuana and the Planning Commission is in the process of developing an ordinance. Mr. Saucier also asked for more detail on the recycling station to be installed at the DPW.

A representative of the Tri County Little League inquired about the baseball fields.

Sheriff deputy gave the police report for December.

Ron Baker officially thanked the Village for the supporting letter to the County Commission regarding animal control. Mr. Baker also stated the recycling station proposed for Howard City is sponsored by the same committee who sponsors the Lakeview site and the program is working as expected.

President Heckman informed Council that the 2023-2025 sheriff contract is signed. At a meeting with Sheriff Williams, Mr. Falcon and President Heckman asked for better documentation of the deputies' time and also asked for a schedule for when to expect a deputy on duty.

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President