

Village of Howard City  
Council Meeting Minutes  
July 15, 2019

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The following topics were requested to be discussed under Manager Comments by Trustee VanWagner: update on junk cars and lawns, Sand Lake, Community Fund grant, and union update. Trustee Hagstrom also added a discussion on things going on at Ensley Park. Motion by Williams seconded by Smith to approve the agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by Smith seconded by Bassett to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Public Comment: Dave Saucier followed up regarding road repairs on Federal Road.

Motion by Smith seconded by Bassett to hold a public hearing for Cypress St, parcel #59-047-426-004-00, to change zoning from Commercial to Residential during the August 19, 2019, council meeting. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by Smith to approve resolution 2019-6 to Create Fund 472 for the CDBG Grant. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by Hagstrom seconded by Williams to approve resolution 2019-7 Excessive Force. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by Bassett seconded by Smith to pay bills totaling of \$44,729.04. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Mr. Falcon stated there will be an executive session regarding union updates during the August 19 council meeting.

Mr. Falcon updated Council on approximately 68 letters sent out to people in violation of lawn and junk car ordinances. Mr. Falcon will check these properties later this week; and if there is still a violation, he will ticket the homeowner.

Mr. Falcon informed Council of the emergency agreement the Village entered into with the Village of Sand Lake. Sand Lake is in an emergency situation with their water and wastewater and needed a certified person to take care of their paperwork. The Village will be compensated by Sand Lake to offset the labor charges. The Village is looking to hire a part-time person to fill in for the hours our regular DPW worker will be away.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that Ensley Park has had a lot of damage this year. There have been multiple occasions of smoking in the park, vulgar language around small children, and loose dogs running in the park. Mr. Falcon was able to give a few warnings to people who were able to be identified with loose dogs and these people will be ticketed if the problem continues.

Mr. Falcon asked that the Sheriff Department keep an eye on The Forager after they have closed. People have been using their benches and tables to sit and smoke and leave cigarette butts on the sidewalk every night.

Mr. Falcon stated there is a Community Fund Foundation grant that is available; however, there are at least three other entities who are vying for the grant funds that are available. As we received a grant last year for the pavilion, he is reluctant to apply for another grant when others are applying so we do not try to monopolize the funds. President Heckman will figure out the equipment the fire department needs and will approach different businesses to see if they would be willing to donate funds to go toward the purchase of equipment.

Mr. Falcon encouraged council members to introduce bands at Music in the Park. This is a great opportunity to get their faces in the community so people know who they are. President Heckman stated he would introduce the band on July 16.

Mr. Falcon informed council that the Lion's Club is looking to get more benches to put around town. They would be asking for DPW help again in installing the benches.

Council asked Mr. Falcon to do his due diligence with the County regarding the well that was permitted to the McKay's in error by the county and was drilled within the Village where water services are available.

Public Comment: Thomas Finney introduced himself as the new facilities manager at Tri County Schools and stated he is looking forward to working with the Village on future endeavors.

Dave Saucier inquired about the CDBG grant the Village received and asked where the part-time DPW job was listed.

Motion by Smith seconded by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

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Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

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Randy Heckman, President