

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2022

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Smith seconded by MacTavish 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: Ron Baker brought up concerns over kids jumping off the bridge at Mini Farmer Park. Mr. Falcon stated that the police have been notified.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Bassett to pay bills as presented totaling \$62,199.20. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Mr. Falcon informed the Council about a new full time and 2 part time employees hired for the DPW. He stated that being short staffed puts the DPW behind on tasks throughout the Village. Mr. Falcon mentioned possibly bringing in a third party to help.

Mr. Falcon presented the Music in the Park schedule, line up, and announcers to Council.

Mr. Falcon stated that on behalf of the police they will be intensifying their patrol around the Village due to excessive vandalism. He also mentioned that new cameras will be installed at Ensley Park.

Mr. Falcon updated the council regarding Code Enforcement being implemented last week by Sara Taylor. There is a process in place that is easy to follow. Taylor will focus on residents cleaning up their yards and inoperable vehicles. Other issues will be addressed on an as needed basis.

Public Comment: As stated in the council meeting on February 21, 2022, Mr. Ron Baker reassured the Council that the County is still delving into ARPA funds and how best to spend those funds to benefit the community in the best way possible.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Bassett to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Sara Taylor, Utility Billing Clerk

Randy Heckman, President