

Village of Howard City  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 16, 2019

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Deputy McConnell read the August police report. Motion by Smith seconded by Williams to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Public Comment: Thomas Skornicka inquired about the bumps on Ensley Street.

Council tabled the discussion of the Cypress Street rezoning until the September 19, 2019, Council meeting in order to give Mr. Falcon time to make some changes to the agreement presented to the Hamilton's regarding the property and to give the Hamilton's time to look over the agreement prior to the September 19 meeting.

Motion by VanWagner seconded by MacTavish to accept the Pavement Program Resolution. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by Smith to renew the Protec Renewal. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Smith seconded by MacTavish to accept both bids from Aggressive Tree Service to remove trees and stumps for a total of \$4,725. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Mr. Falcon discussed the auditor's report for the 2018/2019 fiscal year.

Motion by Smith seconded by MacTavish to pay bills totaling of \$185,583.16. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Council agreed to continue as a Tree City USA.

Mr. Falcon discussed the Village's water/sewer connection fees. Council would like Mr. Falcon to re-write the Village ordinance to allow for an application fee and have the resident pay for all the connection fees and to allow for a payment plan, if needed.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that he will continue to work on the sign ordinance changes.

Motion by Smith seconded by VanWagner to not approve the burn out competition at Harvest Festival. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Mr. Falcon was approached by M-46 Truck Stop about having the circus at the ballfields next year. Mr. Falcon will meet with them and work something out as to the placement of the circus.

Mr. Falcon stated that the Village should be looking for acreage in order to put in a couple of football/soccer fields so rocket football would have a nice place to play.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that the Village should be implementing our ordinance regarding business permits as the Village should be informed of any new business coming into town.

Mr. Falcon informed Council of issues that have come up regarding property at 213 Godfrey.

Public Comment: Dave Saucier asked if the DDA had anything to do with new businesses coming to town. Mr. Saucier asked for permission to have trucks and trailers parked at the ballfield parking lot for the tractor show participants at Harvest Festival. Council was good with them parking in the ballfield parking lot.

Jonah Gruendal from 733 Orton expressed concerns and frustrations regarding the farm trucks that are constantly going by his home on Orton Street.

Carolyn Jerry at 733 Orton expressed concerns about the colored water.

Trustee Bassett asked if there was a reason for the discolored water as he has had an issue at his home.

Mr. Falcon asked Council if the DPW Department could plan and host a Halloween party again this year. Council gave permission for the party.

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm. Motion CARRIED (-0)

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Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

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Randy Heckman, President