

Harvard City Council Minutes
April 25, 2023

The regular meeting of the Harvard City Council was held at the Harvard Community Room on the above date. Notice of the meeting had been given by publication in the Clay County News. Roll call showed the following to be present: Council Members: Dean Winchell, Nate Brown, Frank VanCampen, Leann Wessels, Misty Pair, Bruce Smith. Absent: Mayor Keith Ljunggren.

Council President VanCampen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. stating the Open Meetings Law Poster is on the Southeast wall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Wessels, seconded by Pair to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of claims, treasurer's report and previous meeting minutes. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Arnold Motor/Veh Repair \$203.71
Black Hills/Gas Bill \$1,303.10
Blue Cross Ins/Health Ins \$6,444.11
Business World/Paper & Tape \$142.47
Delta Dental/Ins \$262.86
Honda/ATV Parts Reimb. G. Faimon \$67.42
Hiebner Body Shop/Mower Repair \$201.92
K&G Plumbing/Test Backflow Prevnt. \$720.00
Madison Natl/Life Ins \$25.56
Menards/Bldg Repair \$208.96
Nutrien/Fertilizer \$1,516.44
Precision Signs/Electronic Sign Repair \$1,839.00
SCPPD/Light Bill \$3,891.38
Tab Refrigeration/Ice Machine Comm Rm \$145.50
Uline/Chairs & Rack for Comm Rm \$2,747.29
March Payroll Totals \$29,566.13
April Payroll Totals \$29,847.08

Public Comment: None

Motion by Smith, seconded by Wessels to increase starting wages for lifeguards to \$11.50 beginning immediately, with a year-end bonus of \$200.00 if they work all of their scheduled hours through the end of the season. Roll call: Ayes: Winchell, Brown, Wessels, VanCampen, Pair, Smith. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Brown to adopt the following Resolution 2023-4. Roll call: Ayes, Winchell, Brown, Wessels, VanCampen, Pair, Smith. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-4

RESOLUTION OBLIGATING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS (CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS) FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has adopted the "American Rescue Plan Act of 2021" (ARPA), and it has become law; and

WHEREAS, Section 603 of the ARPA provides for financial assistance for counties, cities and non-entitlement units of local government for eligible expenses in accordance with the “Final Rule” issued by the U. S. Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to receive \$170,616.18 to be distributed in equal tranches, half in 2021 \$85,308.09 and the remaining half in 2022 \$85,308.09; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Treasury has issued guidance on how the City can utilize the funding, with funds having to be obligated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the City Council hereby obligates American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) from the U.S. Department of Treasury in a total amount of \$80,512.94 for the purpose of updating obsolete pumps for the city sewer system; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the funds shall be expended by 2026; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Clerk are directed to complete all necessary and required reporting and documentation to comply with the American Rescue Plan Act.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Pair to adopt the following Resolution 2023-5. Roll call: Ayes, Winchell, Brown, Wessels, VanCampen, Pair, Smith. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-5

RESOLUTION OBLIGATING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS (CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS) FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has adopted the “American Rescue Plan Act of 2021” (ARPA), and it has become law; and

WHEREAS, Section 603 of the ARPA provides for financial assistance for counties, cities and non-entitlement units of local government for eligible expenses in accordance with the “Final Rule” issued by the U. S. Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to receive \$170,616.18 to be distributed in equal tranches, half in 2021 \$85,308.09 and the remaining half in 2022 \$85,308.09; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Treasury has issued guidance on how the City can utilize the funding, with funds having to be obligated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the City Council hereby obligates American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) from the U.S. Department of Treasury in a total amount of \$49,385.64 for the purpose of updating the Well Water Control System to control three wells at the city shop; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the funds shall be expended by 2026; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Clerk are directed to complete all necessary and required reporting and documentation to comply with the American Rescue Plan Act.

Motion by Wessels, seconded by Pair to accept a quote from Leak Investigators in the amount of \$1,200.00 for the trip charge/hotel/per diem from a quote approved on April 11, 2023 to repair the pool. Roll call: Ayes, Winchell, Brown, Wessels, VanCampen, Pair, Smith. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Brown to accept a bid from Man vs Tree in the amount of \$800.00 to remove a tree in the middle of the campgrounds at the Water Tower Park. Roll call: Ayes, Winchell, Brown, Wessels, VanCampen, Pair, Smith. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report by Ben Mattley
Police Report by Chief Alley
Mayor Comments: None
Committee Comments: None

Pursuant to Section 84-1410 of the Open Meetings Act, the City Council has the right to go into Executive Session.

Motion by Winchell to enter into executive session to discuss personnel, at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Brown. Roll call: Ayes, Winchell, Brown, Wessels, VanCampen, Pair, Smith. Nays, none. Motion carried.

The council reconvened to regular session at 8:28 pm.

As there was no further business, Council President adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Frank VanCampen, Council President

Cheryl Walker, City Clerk