

Harvard City Council Minutes
August 22, 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: Nate Brown, Frank VanCampen, Misty Pair, Sharon Ryan, Dean Winchell and Mayor Keith Ljunggren. Absent: Leann Wessels.

Mayor Ljunggren 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 Brown, seconded by Ryan to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of Claims and Previous Meeting Minutes. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Aqua-Chem - Pool Operations \$594.00
Aspegren Repair - Veh Repair \$4,000.00
Black Hills Energy - Gas Bill \$362.94
Clay County News - Publish \$537.31
Cornerstone Bank - Water Bond Pymt \$35,603.75
Delta Dental/Emp Dental Ins \$325.65
Eakes - Color Copies \$98.63
J.I.L. Asphalt Paving Co - Street Repair \$134,410.48
K-T Heating & Air - Blower Repair \$1,038.75
Olsson - Street Engineer \$2,125.12
Quality 1st Hail & Dent - Police Veh \$7,756.54
SCPPD - Light Bill \$4,947.36
Solheim Law Firm - City Attorney \$390.00
Utility Service - Water Tower Maint \$3,489.96
Village Uniform - Mat Exchange \$95.58
Windstream - Phone Bill \$137.02
July Payroll Totals \$40,524.53

Public Comment: None

Patty Niemoth gave an end of season pool report.

Elaine Schiel gave an update on the 150th Celebration, asked about insurance if a Carnival would come to town, a lot for decorating and she talked to the council about leaving the Sadie Likens flag staying on display in the library and the sign going up by the jail.

Tom Chrisman talked to the council about the building north of him being a Nuisance.

Motion by VanCampen, seconded by Brown to retain Dana F. Cole for the 2023-2024 Budget at \$5,300.00 plus expenses and the 2022-2023 Audit for \$14,900.00 plus expenses. Roll call: All Ayes.

Motion by Winchell, seconded by VanCampen to approve the additional 1% Restricted Funds Authority. Roll call: Ayes, Winchell, Brown, VanCampen, Pair, Ryan. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Motion by Pair, seconded by Ryan, to purchase 4 ads in the Clay County News to support the Harvard School. Roll call: Ayes, Winchell, VanCampen, Pair, Ryan. Nays, Brown. Motion carried.

Councilmember Winchell introduced Ordinance No 906:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HARVARD, CLAY COUNTY NEBRASKA, TO AMEND CITY CODE 91.27; TO REQUIRE OPEN BURN PERMITS; TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

Motion by Winchell, seconded by VanCampen to suspend the Three Reading Rule. Roll call: Ayes, Brown, VanCampen, Pair, Ryan, Winchell. Motion carried.

Motion for final passage of Ordinance No 906 as amended by VanCampen, seconded by Winchell. Roll call: Ayes, Brown, VanCampen, Pair, Ryan, Winchell. Motion carried.

Mayor Ljunggren Declares Ordinance No 906 Passed and Adopted as Amended on the 22nd day of August, 2023.

The City Clerk talked about the tall grass complaints coming into her office.

Motion by Ryan, seconded by Winchell for Council Members Nate Brown, Fank VanCampen and Misty Pair to be on the Compliance Committee. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Council Member Dean Winchell talked about different ideas for Employee Retention. Discussion of the police vehicle purchase was postponed until a later date.

Maintenance Report by Ben Mattley
Police Report by Chief Alley

As there was no further business, Mayor Ljunggren adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Keith Ljunggren, Mayor

Cheryl Walker, City Clerk