

Harvard City Council Minutes
December 13, 2022

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: Neil Riley, Lisa Jodway, Bruce Smith, Dean Winchell, Nate Brown. Mayor Keith Ljunggren. Absent: Frank VanCampen.

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 Smith, seconded by Brown to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll call: All Ayes, motion carried.

Axon Enterprise Inc/Final Taser Pymt	\$280.00
Aurora Coop/Fuel & Repair	\$1,712.44
Cardmember Services/Police, Janit., Web	\$1,137.86
Carey's Pest Control Qtrly Spray	\$140.00
Central NE Bobcat/Equip Rental	\$405.00
Clay County News/Annual Sub & Publish	\$322.04
Consolidated Concrete/Road Gravel	\$669.02
Copycat Printing/Harvard Logo	\$203.00
Cornerstone Bank/Safe Depo Box	\$60.00
Fastenal/Shop Op Supply	\$251.09
Grace's Locksmith Service/Keys & Locks	\$144.55
Harvard Fire Department/Reimb. Fuel	\$971.94
Hastings Ford/Car Serviced	\$59.95
Hometown Leasing/Copier Lease	\$239.07
Logan/Tar for Streets	\$2,970.00
Madison Natl. Ins/Emp Life Ins	\$31.95
Macqueen Equip/Sewer Jet Repair	\$653.16
Menards/Bldg Maint	\$23.86
Platte Valley Comm/Radio Repair	\$429.15
Sapp Bros/Tractor Fluid	\$560.00
Solheim Law Firm/City Attorney	\$1,912.50
Sutton Auto Supply/Police Mini Bulb	\$1.46
Verizon/Cell Phones	\$138.43
Walmart/Police Op Supply	\$113.15
Windstream/Phone Bill	\$872.84
Woodward's Disp/Disposal & Sanitation	\$11,521.74
November Payroll Totals	\$30,521.66

Public Comment

Mike Hiatt addressed the council concerning a nuisance letter he received, asking to have until Feb 1, 2023 to clean up his property. Mayor Ljunggren agreed to give him until that date to get property cleaned up.

Motion by Winchell, seconded by Smith to approve the 2022 Municipal Paving Improvements Project #022-00035 and authorize the mayor to sign contract documents. Roll call: Ayes, Riley, Jodway, Smith, Winchell, Brown. Motion carried.

Mayor Lunggren presented a plaque to outgoing Councilmember Neil Riley thanking him for his 12 years of service on the council and a thermal cup to Councilmember Lisa Jodway for her service on the council.

Elected Council Members Nathanael Brown and Leann Wessels took the Oath of Office.

With new elected members another roll call was taken: Present were Bruce Smith, Dean Winchell, Nate Brown, Leann Wessels, Mayor Ljunggren. Absent Frank VanCampen and Edward Harms.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Winchell to accept a resignation letter from Edward Harms the council member elected to replace Neil Riley in Ward 1, effective immediately. Roll call: Ayes, Smith, Winchell, Brown, Wessels. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Winchell to declare a vacancy for Ward 1 and give notice in three locations around town. All interested individuals must do so in writing by January 9, 2023 to the city clerk. Roll call: Ayes, Smith, Winchell, Brown, Wessels. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Smith nominated Frank VanCampen for Council President with a second by Brown. Motion by Smith, seconded by Brown to approve VanCampen to serve as Council President beginning immediately. Roll call: Ayes, Smith, Winchell, Brown, Wessels. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Assigning of new committee members was postponed until the January 10th, 2023 meeting.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Brown to purchase 2 new Harvard Nebraska 150 years + 2 books for the library, with library funds. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Winchell to purchase a 2x4 ad in the Clay County News Christmas Wishes Edition for \$57.20. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Winchell to approve a quote from Sargent in the amount of \$49,385.64, not including tax and shipping, to upgrade the Well Communication System to be paid from ARPA Funds by resolution. Roll call: Ayes, Smith, Winchell, Brown, Wessels. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Winchell to accept a quote from Iowa Pump Works in the amount of \$80,512.94, not including tax and shipping, to update the Lift Station to be paid from ARPA Funds by resolution per approval. Roll call: Ayes, Smith, Winchell, Brown, Wessels. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report by Ben Mattley

Police Report by Chief Alley

Mayor Comments: None

Committee Comments: City Clerk informed council she will be looking for grants to fund a possible skate park in town and asked if anyone had some extra time to look into it themselves that would be helpful.

As there was no further business motion by Smith, seconded by Brown the meeting be adjourned.

Keith Ljunggren, Mayor

Cheryl Walker, City Clerk