

Harvard City Council Minutes  
January 10, 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 posting in three different locations around town. Roll call showed the following to be present: Council Members: Frank VanCampen, Bruce Smith, Dean Winchell, Nate Brown, Leann Wessels and Mayor Keith Ljunggren.

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 VanCampen to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll call: All Ayes, motion carried.

Arnold Motor/Shop Supply	\$56.41
Aurora Coop/Fuel	\$4,797.01
Black Hills Energy/Gas	\$1,740.23
BCBS/EE Health Ins	\$5,944.30
BOK Financial/Debt Service	\$1,010.00
Business World/Office Supply	\$82.48
Cardmember Services/Antivirus, Web, Janit, Tractor	\$456.13
Bobcat/Compactor Purchase	\$7,214.00
Chemsearch/Sewer Chems	\$1,519.85
Clay Co News/Library Sub	\$34.00
Clay Co News/Publish	\$145.39
Commercial Lighting/Bulbs	\$386.91
Consolidated Concrete/Street Repair	\$1,506.25
Co Line Striping/Parking Lines	\$700.00
Dana Cole/Accounting	\$9,534.15
Delta Dental/EE Ins	\$378.18
Econo Signs/Street Signs	\$428.02
Fastenal/Shop Supply	\$52.11
Four Rivers Sportsman/Annual Memb	\$110.00
Garrett Tires/Flat Repair, Shop Supply	\$32.55
Grace's Locksmith/Doors, Locks	\$209.00
Hometown Leasing/Copier	\$239.07
LARM/Liability Ins	\$77.14
Madison National Ins/EE Life Ins	\$31.95
Menards/Wipers, Chem, Melt, Tools	\$1,067.84
NE Enviro Lab/Water Test	\$16.00
NMC/Motor Grader, Parts	\$1,649.79
Olsson/Streets Consulting	\$593.03
One Call/Diggers Hotline	\$27.88
SCPPD/Electric	\$3,433.96
Solheim/Attorney	\$557.40
UHI/Hose, Pipes	\$95.54
Verizon/Cells	\$138.33
Windstream/Phone	\$877.49
Woodwards/Garbage	\$5,866.24
December Payroll Totals	\$33,341.61

Public Comment: Hearing none

Cary Ernst with Iowa Pump Works gave a presentation on what it would mean to upgrade the current sewer system that was installed in 1978 and only has a life expectancy of 25 to 30 years but has lasted 45 years.

Mayor Ljunggren appointed Misty Pair to fill the Ward 1 council vacancy. Motion by Smith, seconded by Winchell to accept the appointment. Roll call: Ayes VanCampen, Smith, Winchell, Brown, Wessels. Motion carried. Misty Pair read the Oath of Office.

Mayor Ljunggren assigned Committee Members for 2023. An updated list is kept current at the City Clerk's office.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Brown to accept the quote from Stewart Signs and Precision Signs & Graphics in the amount of \$1,187.03 plus labor between \$350.00 - \$600.00 to repair the electronic sign with \$957.47 coming from the Harvard Foundation and the remainder from the general fund. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Winchell to accept a Purchase Agreement from Cornerstone Bank to purchase Lot 322 & 323 O.T., Harvard City & S30'x30' Lot 198, O.T., Harvard City, for \$42,230.00, authorizing Mayor Ljunggren to sign and allowing Certificate of Deposits to be cashed for the purchase of the building. Upgrades of the property to be paid for with Keno and Water Account Funds. Roll call: Ayes, VanCampen, Smith, Winchell, Brown, Wessels, Pair. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Motion by VanCampen, seconded by Brown to renew our current health plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Purchasing parcels on a tax sale was postponed until closer to the tax sale date.

Councilmembers Dean Winchell and Frank VanCampen informed the mayor and council that they went through the Editorial Review on the new code book and answered questions then sent it on to the city attorney to review. Mr. Winchell told them that the code book needs to be updated annually with any new Bills passed through the Legislature.

Councilmember Bruce Smith informed the mayor and council that the grant funds we received from the Housing Development to demolish properties have to be owned by the city.

Mayor Ljunggren appointed Councilmember Dean Winchell as the Floodplain Administrator. Motion by Smith, seconded by Brown to accept the appointment. Roll call: Ayes, VanCampen, Smith, Winchell, Brown, Wessels, Pair. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Winchell to accept a quote from MacQueen for a New/Used Sewer Rodding Machine in the amount of \$31,770.00 to be paid for with ARPA Funds through a Resolution to be passed at the January 24, 2023 meeting. Roll call: Ayes VanCampen, Smith, Winchell, Brown, Wessels, Pair. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report by Ben Mattley

Police Report by Chief Alley

Mayor comments: Mayor Ljunggren sat in on the broadband webinar.

Committee comments: Councilmember Dean Winchell just wanted to praise the Harvard Fire Department for doing an excellent job on a recent house fire in town.

As there was no further business, motion by Brown, seconded by Smith the meeting be adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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Keith Ljunggren, Mayor

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Cheryl Walker, City Clerk