

Harvard City Council Minutes
January 24, 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, Leann Wessels, Frank VanCampen, Misty Pair and Mayor Keith Ljunggren. Absent: Bruce Smith.

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

Big G Ace/Shop Door Repair	\$6.50
Black Hills Energy/Gas Bill	\$1,901.79
Central District Health Dept/Water Testing	\$103.00
Chemsearch/Sewer Maint	\$2,086.85
DEA Electronics/New Monitor	\$249.00
Fastenal/Operating Supplies	\$34.89
Harvard Foodmart/Fuel & Misc Items	\$485.86
Harvard Public Schools/Tobacco & Alcohol Fees	\$520.00
Hastings Ford/Police Explorer Service	\$613.85
Hastings Tribune/Annual Sub Library	\$195.00
Kully Pipe & Steel/Metal for Trailer	\$768.54
League of Nebraska Municipalities/MidWinter Conf	\$600.00
Madison National Life/Emp Life Ins	\$31.95
Man vs Tree/Cemetery Tree Removal	\$5,000.00
Menards/Op Supply/Sewer Repair/Shop Supply	\$719.16
Mid-American Research Chemical/Patch Cmp	\$1,568.00
Municipal Supply/Trailer Repair for Sewer	\$90.40
Olsson/Street Eng.	\$600.00
SCPPD/Electric Bill	\$3,944.58
Village Uniform/Mat Exchange/Janitorial	\$90.51

Public Comment:

Elaine Scheil thanked the maintenance department for doing a great job at cleaning the streets after the snow storm. She also gave an update on the 150th celebration.

Lisa Peterson with South Central Public Power talked about how they will not be raising rates again this year for the 10th year in a row. She mentioned incentives they offer are posted on their website. SCPPD is building a new service center in Clay Center for equipment and linemen in this area, this spring.

Motion by Winchell, seconded by Brown to give the residents located at 703 N. Harvard Ave 6 months to clean up their nuisance. Roll call: Ayes, Winchell, Brown, Wessels, VanCampen, Pair. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Motion by VanCampen, seconded by Pair to declare the following property a nuisance: SUB A & B OF LOT 46 & UND $\frac{3}{8}$ INT of SUB C LOT 46 COURTS ADDITION HARVARD CITY, for inoperable vehicle and yard nuisance. Roll call: Ayes, Winchell, Brown, Wessels, VanCampen, Pair. Nays, none. Motion carried.

The following Resolution was motioned for adoption by VanCampen, seconded by Brown. Roll call: Ayes, Winchell, Brown, Wessels, VanCampen, Pair. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-1

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 \$31,770.00 for the purpose of purchasing a SECA Trailer Jetter and more specifically for a machine that rods the sewer when there is blockage; 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 VanCampen, seconded by Winchell to advertise in the Clay County News for a Pool Manager, Assistant Manager and Lifeguards with new wages for all positions. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report by Ben Mattley

Police Report by Chief Alley

Committee Comments: Council Member Dean Winchell wanted to thank the Harvard Fire Department and the surrounding fire departments that helped out, for the outstanding job they did on the house fire in Harvard in December.

Mayor Comments: Mayor informed council that the purchase of the property legally described as Lot 322 & 323 O.T., Harvard City must be posted in the paper once with a 30-day waiting period, then a public hearing will be held before we can close on the property.

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

Keith Ljunggren, Mayor

Cheryl Walker, City Clerk

