

Harvard City Council Minutes
June 13, 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: Misty Pair, Dean Winchell, Nate Brown and Mayor Keith Ljunggren. Absent: Leann Wessels and 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 Brown, seconded by Pair to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of Treasurer's Report, Claims and previous meeting minutes. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Adams Land & Title/Title Search \$175.00
American Legal/Web Hosting \$450.00
Aqua-Chem/Pool Chemicals \$1,787.05
Arnold Motors/Parts \$128.89
Aspegren/Vehicle Service \$788.92
Aurora Coop/Fuel \$1,696.72
Big G/Parts \$8.35
Blue Cross Blue Shield/Health Ins \$7,172.26
Cardmember Services/Misc Items \$321.41
Carey's Pest Control/Qrtly Spray \$140.00
Clay County News/Publish \$313.52
Consolidated Concrete/Streets \$2,910.89
Friesen Auto/Truck Parts \$35.35
Hastings Ford/Vehicle Service \$231.76
Hastings Outdoor Power/Mower Repair \$590.44
Hometown Leasing/Copier \$239.07
Kelly Supply/Hose Repair \$145.78
Kully Pipe/Pool Repair Items \$83.07
Leak Investigators/Pool Repair \$2,625.00
M&E Plastic Repair/Playground Equip Repr \$500.00
Menards/Pool & Cemetery \$314.97
Mesker Construction/Nursing Home Drive \$15,356.25
Nutrien Ag/Spray \$1,309.67
Rod's TPM/Cemetery Mowing \$2,600.00
Sutton Auto Supply/Parts \$185.59
Sunbelt Rentals/Pool Vac \$748.48
Solheim Law Firm/City Attorney \$180.00
Sutton Lumber/Park Swings \$29.51
Village Uniform/Mat Exchange \$95.58
Verizon/Cell Phone \$138.30
Windstream/Phone Bill \$777.69
Woodward's/Disposal & Sanitation \$8,031.66
May Payroll Expense \$27,259.77

Public Comment: None

Motion by Winchell, seconded by Brown to postpone agenda item #5.1 "Appointment of Ward 1", until the June 27 meeting when more council members are present. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Elaine Scheil gave an update on the 150th Celebration events. On Saturday night the activities will be held at the ballfield. There will be a tour Saturday and Sunday. Sunday morning church service in the park. Kids games, petting zoo, basketball games, cornhole tournament, book signing and souvenirs for purchase. They would like to honor the past and present mayors and council members at the closing ceremony on Sunday. Elaine also asked to have 2 blocks barricaded off on Clay Ave., on Sunday. Council gave permission.

Elaine Scheil asked the council if it was allowed to put up a fence on a city easement. After some discussion with Chief Alley, Mayor Ljunggren asked the chief to have the resident move the fence off of the city easement.

Eugene Keasling told the council that the building owned by Carol Moellenberndt, located next to the Veterans Memorial Wall, is beginning to crumble, bricks are falling and the wall is beginning to bow out. He is concerned it will fall on the memorial wall. He also feels it is a huge safety concern and wants something done. It was mentioned that this building and the one connected to it, owned by Mary Dieringer, have both been condemned by the State of Nebraska. The mayor requested it be looked into and see what the cities rights are to get them taken down.

Motion by Winchell, seconded by Pair to hire two Pool House Attendants at \$10.50 an hour. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Pair, seconded by Brown to hire Kathryn Walker to fill the Clerk Assistant position and pay \$18.50 an hour because she has experience. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Pair to accept a quote from Mesker Construction in the amount of \$15,356.25 to finish the parking lot at the Harvard Nursing Home. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Winchell, seconded by Brown to postpone agenda item #5.8 "Funding for adding an extra dumpster at the landfill", until the June 27 meeting, when more council members will be present. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report: None, Ben Mattley was absent

Police Report by Chief Alley

Mayor Comments: None

Committee Comments: Report from the Landfill Committee will be discussed when Council Member Leann Wessels is present because she has all the notes.

Chief Alley requested to go into Executive Session to discuss a police matter that had happened earlier in the evening.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Winchell to enter into executive session at 8:12 p.m. Roll call: Ayes, Pair, Brown, Winchell, Ljunggren. Nays, none. Motion carried.

The council reconvened into regular session at 8:27 p.m.

As there was no further business, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Keith, Ljunggren, Mayor

Cheryl Walker, City Clerk