

Harvard City Council Minutes  
March 14, 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 – Bruce Smith, Leann Wessels, Nathanael Brown, Misty Pair, and Frank VanCampen. Absent: Mayor Keith Ljunggren, City Clerk Cheryl Walker, and Council Member Dean Winchell

Council President Frank VanCampen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. by 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, which consists of bills, previous meeting minutes, and the treasurer's report. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Aurora Cooperative/Fuel \$1,849.05  
Cardmember/Website, Heater \$79.99  
Careys/Pest Control \$140.00  
Cen NE Bobcat/Street Maint \$289.08  
Chemsearch/Sewer Maint \$2,761.40  
Clay Co News/Publish \$227.39  
Cpypcat/Comm Signs \$50.91  
Env Services/Testing \$702.00  
Friesen/Tires, Repair \$1,194.71  
Hometown/Copier \$239.07  
Menards/Water Maint \$335.80  
Solheim/Legal \$1,522.50  
Sutton Auto/Equip Maint \$159.40  
Uline/Office Supply \$705.28  
Woodwards/Garbage \$7,018.10

Public Comment: None

Motion by Smith, seconded by Brown to approve Fire Department Roster. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried. Reutzel reported on purchase of a different pumper. House at 321 N Harvard to be burned on March 31<sup>st</sup>, alternate date April 1.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Pair to repeal Ordinance #896 entitled Vacant Property Registration. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to establish a Compliance Committee composed to review reported nuisances. On advice of Counsel the Council tabled this item.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Pair to adopt Resolution 2023-2 (entitled Obligating American Rescue Plan Funds) authorizing the use of \$8,947.60 from ARPA Funds to purchase a building for the new City Office. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion Carried

Resolution 2023 – 2

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 \$8,947.60 for the purpose of purchasing a building to relocate the city office. The location is legally described as; S 30 ft of the W 30 ft of Lot 198, and all of Lot 322 and Lot 323, Original, Town of Harvard, Clay County Ne, 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.

Discussion about Community Room Rules. Kenny Reutzel offered that it would be good to have access to the utility room in case either the Fire Hall or those using the facility have to reset breakers.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Pair to approve Community Room Rules. Roll call: Ayes: Wessels, Brown, Pair, VanCampen. Nays: Smith. Motion carried

Police Report – Chief Alley

No Maintenance Report – Ben Mattley-absent

No Mayoral Comment

No Committee Reports

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

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Frank VanCampen, Council President

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Frank VanCampen, City Clerk Pro Temp