

Harvard City Council Minutes
May 23, 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: Leann Wessels, Frank VanCampen, Misty Pair, Dean Winchell, Nate Brown 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 Brown to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of Treasurer's Report, Claims and previous meeting minutes. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Aspegren Repair/Truck Repair	\$123.72
Black Hills Energy/Gas Bill	\$690.95
Business World/Office Supply	\$96.60
Cornerstone Bank/Bond Pymt	\$806.25
Cornhusker Press/Letterhead Env.	\$148.67
Dana Cole/Audit	\$2,445.85
Delta Dental/Emp Ins	\$323.86
Dutton Lainson/Pool Bldg Repair	\$328.38
Eakes/Copies	\$213.61
Madison Natl/Life Ins	\$38.34
Menards/Pool & Parks	\$235.26
Olsson/Street Eng	\$200.00
SCPPD/Light Bill	\$3,580.09
Storey Kenworthy/Water Bills & Env	\$1,940.92
Squarespace/Website	\$252.00

Public Comment: None

The City Council had a moment of silence for Council Member Bruce Smith who passed away on May 11, 2023.

Mayor Ljunggren declared a Ward 1 Council Vacancy. The mayor requested the vacancy be posted in three different locations around town and stated the deadline for interested eligible residents to apply is June 12, 2023 at 5 p.m.

Motion by VanCampen, seconded by Winchell to renew employee dental insurance with Delta Dental after comparing quotes from Principal and Delta Dental. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Ben Mattley talked to the council about different issues going on at the city landfill. Ben talked with Woodward's Disposal and asked for comparison on how much Harvard's trash dumpster gets dumped compared to surrounding towns and he was told Harvard's landfill dumpster gets dumped twice a week compared to Sutton and Clay Centers dumpster that gets dumped 1 to 2 times a month and Fairfield, Edgar, and Glenvil gets dumped once a month. Harvard is spending close to \$1,000.00 a week to dump the dumpster at the landfill.

The Landfill Committee will be discussing different options to reduce this cost. In the meantime, Mayor Ljunggren suggested adding another 20-yard dumpster at the landfill. Motion by VanCampen, seconded by Brown to add another 20-yard dumpster at the landfill. Roll call: Ayes, Wessels, VanCampen, Pair, Winchell, Brown. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report by Ben Mattley

Police Report by Chief Alley

Mayor Comments: None

Committee Comments: Dean Winchell said we are still waiting on the title search to be completed on 405 N Harvard Ave.

As there was no further business, Mayor Ljunggren adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Next Council Meeting will be June 13, 2023.

Keith Ljunggren, Mayor

Cheryl Walker, City Clerk