

Harvard City Council Minutes  
May 9, 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: Frank VanCampen, Misty Pair, Bruce Smith and Dean Winchell.

Absent: Nate Brown and Leann Wessels.

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 Smith to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of claims and previous meeting minutes. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Aurora Coop/Fuel	\$1,048.22
Cardmember Services/Multiple	\$335.89
Central NE Bobcat/Equip Rental	\$450.00
Chemsearch/Sewer Maint	\$2,286.35
Clay County News/Publish	\$370.32
Consolidated Concrete/Streets	\$2,040.91
Grace's Locksmith/Keys	\$260.00
Hastings Outdoor Power/Mower Repair	\$78.00
Hastings Tribune/Advertisement	\$676.10
Hometown Leasing/Copier	\$239.07
LARM/Workman's Comp	\$1,473.08
Man vs. Tree/Tree Removal	\$800.00
Menards/Sewer,City Bldg,Ballfield	\$458.33
NMC Cat/Parts	\$240.09
Platte Valley Comm/Radio Repair	\$308.95
Rod's TPM/Mow & trim	\$1,000.00
Solheim/Attorney	\$540.00
Sutton Auto Supply/Parts	\$175.22
Utility Service/Tower Maint	\$3,489.96
Verizon/Cell Phone	\$138.30
Village Uniform/Janitorial	\$95.58
Windstream/Phone	\$781.46
Woodwards/Disposal	\$14,881.94

Public Comment: None

Laurie Jarzynka asked the council if they could get electricity to the Children's Memorial Garden. The mayor suggested solar energy to power the fountains that were donated but they would also like a light in their shed. After some discussion the council asked her to get quotes for electrical work and get back on the agenda.

Misty Pair with Southworth Boosters gave an update on the baseball teams and the field. There are two 13 & Under teams with 13 players on one team and 12 on the other, one 9 & under team with 19 players and one T-ball team with 14 players. They did not have enough girls to have a softball team. The season starts May 15th. She also mentioned they would like to put down a couple cement slabs and some grass in the infield.

Mayor Ljunggren introduced Ordinance No. 904 Entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AND FIX THE SALARIES AND COMPENSATION FOR THE SWIMMING POOL EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF HARVARD, NEBRASKA, FROM AND AFTER MAY 10, 2023, AND CONTINUING UNTIL OTHERWISE CHANGED BY ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF ANY ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 904; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion by Smith, seconded by VanCampen to suspend the Three Reading Rule of Ordinance No. 904. Roll call: Ayes, VanCampen, Pair, Smith, Winchell. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Motion by VanCampen, seconded by Smith to adopt Ordinance No. 904. Roll call: Ayes, VanCampen, Pair, Smith, Winchell. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Ljunggren Declared Ordinance No. 904 Passed and Adopted this 9th Day of May, 2023.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Winchell to approve the corrected minutes from March 14, and 28, 2023, which were missing Resolutions 2023-2 and 2023-3. Roll call: Ayes, VanCampen, Pair, Smith, Winchell. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Council Member Dean Winchell gave a brief update on the Owner-Occupied Grant regarding the use of funds and said it will cover the cost of asbestos removal on a city owned property. The council decided more investigation needs to be done before proceeding.

Chief Alley discussed with the council Ordinance No. 825, which is a “no parking” ordinance for the Courts Addition and explained that some residents have designated parking areas at the courts and some do not, which makes it difficult to enforce this ordinance. The council asked the chief to do more research on the parking situation so Ordinance No. 825 can be amended.

Police Report by Chief Alley

Maintenance Report by Ben Mattley

Committee Comments: None

Mayor thanked the council for covering for him while he has been ill.

Pursuant to Section 84-1410 of the Open Meetings Act, the council exercised their right to enter into executive session to discuss Real Estate.

Motion by VanCampen, seconded by Winchell to enter into executive session at 8:24 p.m. to discuss Real Estate. Roll call: Ayes, VanCampen, Pair, Smith, Winchell. Nays, none. Motion carried.

The council reconvened into regular session at 8:42 p.m.

As there was no further business the mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

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Keith Ljunggren, Mayor

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Cheryl Walker, City Clerk