

Harvard City Council Minutes  
September 12, 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 on September 6, 2023. Roll call showed the following to be present: Council Members: Leann Wessels, Misty Pair, Dean Winchell, Frank VanCampen, Nate Brown and Mayor Keith Ljunggren. Absent: Sharon Ryan.

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 previous meeting minutes, treasurer's report and bills. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Action Auto Supply - Sewer Machine Parts \$131.96  
Agricultural Service Inc - Weed Killer \$1,750.00  
Arnold Motor - Shop Supplies \$109.95  
Aurora Coop - Fuel \$1,843.36  
BCBS Ins - Emp Health Ins \$7,172.26  
BG&S - Transmission \$2,879.98  
Big G - Furnace Filters \$17.97  
Cardmember Services - Misc \$1,248.75  
Carey's Pest - Qrtly - Spray \$140.00  
Clay County News - Publish \$75.40  
Delta Dental - Emp Ins \$325.65  
Econo Signs - Street Signs \$890.48  
Grace's Locksmith - Keys \$10.00  
Harvard Food Mart - Fuel \$466.39  
Hometown Leasing - Copier Lease \$239.07  
Madison National - Emp Life Ins \$31.95  
Menards - Streets \$37.40  
Menards - Streets & Pool \$67.53  
Menards - Pool Broken Water Line \$298.80  
NSA/POAN - Police Conference \$340.00  
NE Public Health - Water Testing \$38.00  
Rod's TPM LLC - Cemetery Mow & Trim \$3,200.00  
Solheim - City Attorney \$982.50  
Sutton Auto - Sewer Machine Parts \$32.29  
Verizon - Cell Phone \$138.33  
Walmart - Police Supplies \$42.94  
Windstream - Phone \$767.25  
Woodward's - Disposal \$8,012.54

Public comment: None

Rob Woodward with Woodward's Disposal talked to the council about the price increase coming with the new contract due to rising costs of everything right now.

Carol Moellenberndt informed the council she is waiting on a quote to tear down her building on Clay Ave.

Nuisance property legally described as Lot 357, Original Town of Harvard, Clay County NE, was tabled until more information can be gathered.

Councilmember VanCampen introduced Ordinance No 907

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HARVARD, CLAY COUNTY, NEBRASKA; TO AMEND HARVARD CITY CODE 92.16; TO FORM A COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE; TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion by VanCampen, seconded by Winchell to suspend the Statutory Three Reading Rule. Roll call: Ayes, Wessels, Pair, Winchell, VanCampen, Brown. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Ljunggren declared the motion adopted to suspend the three-reading rule.

Motion by VanCampen, seconded by Winchell for final passage of Ordinance No 907. Roll call: Ayes, Wessels, Pair, Winchell, VanCampen, Brown. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor declared Ordinance No 907 passed and adopted on the 12th day of September, 2023.

Motion by VanCampen, seconded by Pair to accept the partnership proposal with TextMyGov for an annual fee of \$3000.00 the first year with a setup fee of \$1000.00 included and \$2000.00 annually thereafter. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Closing three parking stalls on the corner of Clay Ave and Maple St. was tabled until Chief Alley can be present.

Advertising for bids to mow nuisance properties was tabled until Chief Alley can be present.

Accepting a quote to replace platforms on the playground equipment was tabled until a more detailed quote can be presented.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Wessels to approve a wage increase effective October 1, 2023, as follows; 4% for full-time with a 1% addition to the pension match, 2% for part-time employees with the exception of a maintenance worker who will receive an additional \$1.00 an hour and a police officer who will receive an additional \$2.37 an hour. Roll call: Ayes, Wessels, Pair, Winchell, VanCampen, Brown. Motion carried.

Police report: None, Chief Alley was absent

Maintenance report by Ben Mattley

Mayor comments: None

Committee comments: Councilmember Winchell talked about different grants the city could possibly be eligible for.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Wessels to enter into executive session for personnel at 9:11 pm. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Council came out of executive session at 9:41 pm

As there was no further business the mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:41 pm.

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Keith Ljunggren, Mayor

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Cheryl Walker, City Clerk