

Harvard City Council Minutes  
September 26, 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 20, 2023. Roll call showed the following to be present: Council Members: Misty Pair, Dean Winchell, Frank VanCampen, Nate Brown, Sharon Ryan and Mayor Keith Ljunggren. Absent: 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.

Councilmember Winchell left the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Motion by VanCampen, seconded by Pair to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll call: Ayes, Pair, VanCampen, Brown, Ryan. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Big G/Supplies \$17.97  
Black Hills Energy/Gas Bill \$364.11  
Business World/Office Supplies \$301.22  
Central NE Bobcat/Equip Rental \$360.00  
Chemsearch/Sewer Maint \$2,874.30  
Clay County Sheriff's Office/Papers Served \$51.13  
Consolidated Concrete/Street Repair \$146.25  
Friesen/Tire Repair \$21.55  
Madison National Life Ins/Emp Ins \$31.95  
Menards/Supplies \$2,021.70  
Municipal Supply/Sewer Repair \$131.18  
NE Public Health/Water Testing \$1,320.00  
Neenah Foundry/Manhole Cover \$567.00  
SCPPD/Electric Bill \$4,750.72  
Titan Machinery/Shredder Parts \$314.29  
Village Uniform/Mat Exchange & Janitorial \$95.58  
August Payroll \$55,642.20

Public Comment from Jerry Schmidt requesting a PA System for the community room.

Carol Moellenberndt gave an update on what she found out about demolition of her building.

Council discussed information about a deconstruction grant.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Ryan to approve a request from Windstream to bury a fiber drop from pole 435AC along and across the alley to provide internet to a resident. Roll call: Ayes, Pair, VanCampen, Brown, Ryan. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Motion by VanCampen, seconded by Pair to accept a three-year contract with Woodward's Disposal for solid waste collection. Roll call: Ayes, Pair, VanCampen, Brown, Ryan. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Council discussed the Owner-Occupied Grant of \$30,000.00 that was extended until September 1, 2024.

Councilmember Frank VanCampen introduced Ordinance No 909:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HARVARD, CLAY COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND SECTION 51.09 RATES; TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion by VanCampen, Seconded by Pair to suspend the Statutory Three-Reading Rule. Roll call: Ayes, Pair, VanCampen, Brown, Ryan. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Ljunggren declared the Statutory Three-Reading Rule suspended.

Motion by Ryan, seconded by Brown for final passage of Ordinance No 909. Roll call: Ayes, Pair, VanCampen, Brown, Ryan. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Ljunggren declared Ordinance No 909 Passed and adopted on this 26th day of September, 2023.

Mayor and council agreed not to close three parking stalls at the East corner of Maple St. and Clay Ave.

Motion by VanCampen, seconded by Pair to advertise for sealed bids to mow nuisance properties with a deadline for bids to be turned into the city clerk by October 24th, 2023 at 4 p.m. Bids are to be bid with an hourly rate and include a copy of their liability insurance. Roll call: Ayes, Pair, VanCampen, Brown, Ryan. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Motion by Ryan, seconded by VanCampen to accept a quote from M & E Plastic Repair in the amount of \$14,250.00 to replace platforms on playground equipment. Roll call: Ayes, Pair, VanCampen, Brown, Ryan. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Ryan to renew a lease with Bobcat on a Skid Loader and a Compact Excavator at a cost of \$8,000.00 each for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. Roll call: Ayes, Pair, VanCampen, Brown, Ryan. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report by Ben Mattley  
Police Report by Chief Alley  
Mayor comments: None  
Committee comments: None

As there was no further business, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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Keith Ljunggren, Mayor

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Cheryl Walker, City Clerk