

REGULAR HARVEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, December 13th, 2023, 5:30p.m.
City Hall

Note: All motions unanimously passed unless otherwise stated.

Key: M-Motion, MS-Motion Second, VV-Voice Vote, RCV- Roll Call Vote, MC-Motion Carried

The Harvey City Council met at City Hall on Wednesday, December 13th, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Mayor Rick Eckart, Council Members Shelley Svoboda, Milo Baltrusch, Melissa Anderson, Arnie Selzler, and Gil Steedsman. Also, present were Auditor Karen Nordby, Interim Public Works Director Jamey Weinmann, JDA Director Spencer Marchand, Senior Officer Travis Carlson, Officer Gabe Johnson, and Terri Powers. Absent was Council Member Kerry Susag.

VISITORS: Debbie Richards, Shelley Chin, and Marci Eckart. Josh Feil with Moore Engineering was present via Zoom.

Mayor Eckart opened the Regular Meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Josh presented his Engineer's Report to the Council. They discussed the sewer rehab project. Josh advised the Council to televise, clean, and re-line the sewer lines with the rehab project. We may run into a spot that has collapsed and we would need to discuss that at that time. Sewer lining is done block by block. The consensus of the Council is to wait to televise the lines.

Debbie Richards with the Chamber of Commerce was present to update the Council on the status of hiring a new Chamber Director. The members of the board are currently filling in until someone is hired.

JDA REPORT: JDA Director Marchand's report was in the packet for the Council to review. Spencer discussed the Rural Housing Grant. He stated that they will be rehabilitating the properties the City obtained from the county on back taxes. They are currently waiting for the deeds and will be touring the properties as soon as they are received. He informed the Council that the grant rewards will be announced on January 12th, 2024.

POLICE REPORT: Officer Travis Carlson briefed the Council on the P.D.'s activities for November. He informed them that the radios were not working as they should. He presented them with a quote from Electronic Communications and Motorola Solutions for \$48,429.56 to replace three vehicle radios and three portable radios. M by Selzler, MS by Svoboda to approve. Upon RCV, MC. Burleigh Co. will donate their old radios until we receive our new ones. Travis requested to return the push-to-talk phones and go back to iPhone. M by Svoboda, MS by Baltrusch to continue with AT&T and make the change to iPhone 13's. Upon VV, MC. M by Baltrusch, MS by Anderson to approve ICrime, a system that will help the P.D. get documents to the state's attorney in a more secure manner. The cost is \$1500/year. Upon VV, MC. M by Svoboda, MS by Baltrusch to have Guardian out of Minnesota outfit the new vehicle for the P.D. which will save approximately \$3300. Upon VV, MC. Travis informed the Council that Officer Johnson had passed the academy and received his POST License.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Interim Public Works Director Weinmann's report was in the packet for the Council to review. He stated that there has been no interest in the garbage truck. They suggested letting Sanitation Products know that we have one for sale. He informed them that the front of the firehall is complete, and they are waiting for the doors. Construction has started on the shop's roof replacement.

AUDITOR REPORT: Nordby's report and the financials were in the packet for the Council to review. They discussed the water rate study. M by Svoboda, MS by Anderson to decrease the gallons included in the base rate from 2000 to 1000. Upon VV, MC. M by Svoboda, MS by Baltrusch to start billing out all unbilled meters. Upon VV, MC. M by Steedsman, MS by Baltrusch to start billing insurance companies for water usage by the fire department while fighting fires. Upon VV, MC. She informed the Council that Hav-it Services will no longer be available to clean the City Armory, Police Station, Firehall, or Pilot's Lounge due to staffing shortages. The consensus of the Council is to place an ad in the paper for the position.

MINUTES: M by Baltrusch, MS by Selzler to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on November 8th, 2023. Upon VV, MC.

CASH REPORT: M by Selzler, MS by Svoboda to approve the Auditor's Cash Report as submitted with November revenue of \$317,993.10. Upon RCV, MC.

VOUCHERS: M by Selzler, MS by Svoboda to approve the vouchers with expenses of Airside Solutions 574.64, Aladdin Food Management 705, Aramark 580.83, AT&T Mobility 138.61, Aqua-Pure Inc. 4345, B&B Service & Repair 10000, Badlands Environmental 1280, Barnes Co. Clerk of Court 250, Borsheim Crane Service 1460.94, Cherie Heisler 300, City of Harvey 17197.57, Cole Papers 2327.93, Dale's Radiator & Repair 5666, Dave O'Kelley 300, Double M Sanitation 24227, Electronic Communications 455, Evolve Inc. 713.95, Farmer's Union Oil & C-Store 2550.60, Faul's Excavating 4315.50, Gabriel Johnson 576.40, Grand Forks Fire Equip. 46, Harvey Area Chamber of Commerce 585, Harvey Fire Department 11444, Harvey Park District 2512.96, HAV-IT Recycling 1225, HAV-IT Services 530, Hinrich's Super Value 760.07, Hometown Variety 35.95, Information Tech. 38.55, Interstate Engineering 29920, Interstate Power Systems 99950, Jamey Weinmann 200, John Donarski 300, John Deere Financial 62.41, Karen Nordby 458.25, Keller Plumbing & Heating 60, Kenny Erickson 327.15, KHND 375, Kotaco 5620.94, Lauth's Autobody 199.07, Lemer's Ace 377.72, Main Electric Const. Inc. 40788.64, Mathew Pratt 300, Mid Dakota Lumber 105.18, Napa Auto Parts 60.88, ND Dept. of Health 177.42, ND Dept. of Health/Microbiology 68.54, NDSU 250, NDTC 1692.64, ND Water Users 300, Nyhus Law Firm 615, One Call Concepts 1.30, Opdahl Concrete 28660, Ottertail Power Co. 12635.90, Patzer Truck Repair 1691.07, Paul's Snow Removal 507.50, Rough Rider Industries 41.72, Shelley Svoboda 98.25, Spencer Marchand 300, SMP Health 50, Sun Dog Const. 20000, Syn-Tech Systems 42, TJ Plumbing 1198, Terri Powers 300, Tom's Home Furnishings 472.02, Tractor Supply Co. 249.07, Uniform Center 1742.94, Unum Life Insurance 190.33, USPS 285.92, Verendrye Electric Coop 152, Verizon 144.53, Visa 13940.51, Warehouse Groc. 1111.62, Waste Management 15812.95, Wells Co. Recorder 14481.66, Wiest Associates 2514, Zada Wiedmeier 62.50, and November Payroll \$85,149.02. Upon RCV, MC.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ARMORY UPDATE: M by Baltrusch, MS by Steedsman to approve the estimate for \$1064.98 for paint from Lemer's Ace to paint the armory. Upon VV, MC. The Council will have a working meeting in January to discuss the armory remodel.

UPDATE COMMITTEE LIST: N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS: M by Anderson, MS by Selzler to approve the Liquor License Renewals for 2024 for Harvey Bottle Shop, Cobblestone Inn & Suites of Harvey, Harvey Eagles Club, Krafty's Bar & Grill, Inc., Little Mart C-Store, and Ta Ahni, Inc. Upon VV, MC.

GAMING SITE AUTHORIZATION: M by Selzler, MS by Svoboda to approve the Gaming Site Authorization for the RMEF Minndak Inc. to conduct a raffle on March 9th, 2024, at the Harvey Eagles Club provided all gaming rules and regulations are followed. Upon VV, MC.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Auditor Nordby informed the Council that the City of Harvey Christmas Party is scheduled for January 5th, 2024, at the Peaceful Valley Golf Course.

CITY COUNCIL RAISES: M by Svoboda, MS by Anderson to approve the raise recommendations made by Mayor Eckart to increase the City Council Members from \$1200/year to \$1500/year and the Harvey Mayor from \$2400/year to \$3000/year. Upon VV, MC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

JDA MINUTES: JDA Minutes from the regular November 21st, 2023, meeting was included in the packet.

HARVEY PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES: Library Minutes from the regular November 16th, 2023, meeting was included in the packet.

HARVEY AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION MINUTES: HACF Minutes from the regular November 16th, 2023, meeting was included in the packet.

M by Baltrusch, MS by Selzler to adjourn meeting. Upon VV, MC.

Rick Eckart, Mayor

Karen Nordby, Auditor