

REGULAR HARVEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, June 11th, 2025, 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, June 11th, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Mayor Dean Klier, Council Members Milo Baltrusch, Donnie Hoepfer, Gil Steedsman, Kerry Susag, and Gary Kennedy. Also present were City Auditor Karen Nordby, Public Works Director Jamey Weinmann, JDA Director Spencer Marchand, and Terri Powers. Council Member Mike Prom was present via Zoom. Absent was Chief John Foss.

VISITORS: Shelley Chin, Ryan Schneibel & Scott Arends with the HFD, Dave Voeller with Ottertail Power Co., Chad Reimche, Brenda Buchmiller, Marlin & Gertraud Lockrem.

Mayor Klier opened the regular Council Meeting.

MINUTES: M by Baltrusch, MS by Kennedy to approve the minutes from the regular May 14th, 2025, meeting. Upon VV, MC.

CASH REPORT: M by Hoepfer, MS by Steedsman to approve the Auditor's Cash Report as submitted with May revenue of \$204,585.43. Upon RCV, MC.

VOUCHERS: M by Hoepfer, MS by Steedsman to approve the vouchers with expenses of 4U Custom Apparel 1176.32, B&B Service & Repair 1041.74, Bank of ND 736.92, Brandon Storbeck 2238.62, City of Harvey 549.48, Core & Main 3040, Dacotah Paper Co. 397.02, DJ Schneibel 175, Double M Sanitation 26057, ES Opco USA LLC 7260, Fire Equip. Co. 112.50, Galls Inc. 43.94, Global Safety Network 105, Grand Forks Fire Equip. LLC 1344, Harvey Fire Dept. 787.50, Harvey Oil Co. 3096.07, Harvey Park District 3496.76, HAV-IT Recycling 1265.50, Hawkins Inc. 3559.54, Herald Press 1624.82, Hinrich's Super Value 1057.19, Hometown Variety 16.99, Information Tech. Dept. 49.70, Interstate Power Systems 850, Jamey Weinmann 77, Kevin's Landscaping 1600, Kim Johnson 200, Kurita America Inc. 5987.04, Lauth's Autobody & Towing 180.42, Leever's Foods 95.91, Lemer's Ace 294.70, Little Mart 45.05, Moore Engineering 400, Municipal Judges Assoc. 25, Napa Auto Parts 28.93, ND Dept. of Health/Microbiology 104, NDTC 1549.55, Network Center 1525.50, Nixon Buchmiller 30, Nyhus Law Firm 2690, One Call Concepts 39.85, Ottertail Power Co. 8730.71, Pizza Ranch 160.41, Schmaltz's Greenhouse 1748.95, Spencer Marchand 1984.38, Steven Stutlien 236.60, Systems Tech. 415, Tractor Supply Co. 154.93, Tyler Swang 30, United Accounts Inc. 119.20, Unum Life Ins. 187.21, USPS 311.99, Verendrye Elec. 130, Verizon 255.12, Vessco Inc. 867.84, Vestis 278.94, Visa 6425.57, & May Payroll \$98,438.32. Upon RCV, MC.

VISITORS: Ryan Schneibel with the Harvey Fire Dept. was present to update the Council on a few items. He stated that between the rural fire department and the city, the foam used for grass fires was getting low, so they ordered more. They were waiting to receive the bill. They applied for a grant from State Farm in the amount of \$10K. If they receive the grant, they will use the money to purchase stabilization struts. They received a quote from Bob Rexine to add the cement pillars in front of the south door and to install PVC pipe to direct the water to the street from the roof drains for \$1800. M by Susag, MS by Baltrusch to approve the project. Upon VV, MC.

Brenda Buchmiller requested a reduction in the water bill for 1020 E 4th Street. In January 2025, a pipe busted under a mobile home that she was taking care of. She was unable to reach anyone from the City to turn the water off at the curb. The consensus of the Council is that it is the homeowner's responsibility to be able to turn water off at the residence with the shut off that every meter has installed with the last meter project. Her request was denied.

Dave Voeller presented the Ottertail Ordinance. M by Baltrusch, MS by Kennedy to approve the second & final reading of Ordinance #25-01 granting to the Ottertail Power Co., a Minnesota Co., its successors and assigns, permission to erect, construct, install, and maintain within the City of Harvey, an electric light and

power system and transmission lines and to operate the same and to install conduits, poles, wires, pipes, and other fixtures in, upon and under the streets, alleys, bridges, and public grounds of said City for the purpose of furnishing electric light, heat, and power to said City and the inhabitants thereof. Upon VV, MC.

M by Hoepfer, MS by Susag to approve the second & final reading of the ordinance to amend the Midcontinent Franchise Agreement whereas Midcontinent Communications (Midco) holds a communications franchise for the construction and operation of a communications system within the City of Harvey, Wells Co., North Dakota and whereas, said City and Midco have mutually agreed to amend the Franchise by adopting this Ordinance Amendment and to make such other changes as are mutually agreed upon. Upon VV, MC.

Chad Reimche was present to follow up with the Council on the Peaceful Valley Golf Course building a 30x30 cart shed and expanding the driving range tee zone on the City owned property by the Water Treatment Plant. The township granted permission if they followed all setbacks. The golf course will sign a lease agreement with the City of Harvey and pay for any paperwork or legal fees involved. They will also be responsible for maintaining the road to the shooting range. M by Steedsman, MS by Baltrusch to proceed with the project. Upon VV, MC.

Trudie Lockrem attended the meeting to ask the Council about snowbird rates. She does not feel that they should be paying for garbage services during the months they are not living here. The Council stated that they will discuss it with Double M Sanitation when the contract is up for renewal in 2028.

Deshawn Stueber included a letter to the Council asking if he could remove the sidewalk that runs along his property at 421 Emerson and 5th Street. M by Hoepfer, MS by Baltrusch to approve the removal of the sidewalk since it doesn't go anywhere. Upon VV, MC.

JDA REPORT: JDA Director Marchand's report was in the packet for the Council to review. He informed the council that the JDA Board approved the loans for Home Town Meats and Harvey Home Town Storage. They also approved a pace buy down for the Edgewood & Breezeway Apartments. He is waiting for some grant opportunities to open for the CVB to apply for. The Council suggested that he work on a packet for the Eagles State Convention and the All School Reunion that will take place in 2026.

JDA MINUTES: JDA Minutes from the regular May 13th, 2025, meeting was included in the packet for the Council to review.

CVB MINUTES: CVB Minutes from the regular June 4th, 2025, meeting was included in the packet for the Council to review.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Foss's report was in the packet for the Council to review. He included that mental health problems have consumed many hours over the last quarter.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Public Works Director Weinmann's report was in the packet for the Council to review. The City of Harvey's landfill application is up for renewal. DEQ changed the entire application. He had to get Moore Engineering involved. They will complete the application and submit it to the state. The estimate for their service is \$21,500. M by Hoepfer, MS by Susag to approve. Upon RCV, MC. Moore Engineering also discussed an expansion cell for the landfill. M by Hoepfer, MS by Kennedy to approve Moore to submit the expansion application. Upon VV, MC. They will only charge us for the time it takes to complete the application. Upon VV, MC. David O'Kelley has passed his Apprentice Program training. In the agreement for the apprentice program, Dave would receive increases for completing certain benchmarks. He is a level 2 operator for distribution and a level 1 for water treatment. M by Baltrusch, MS by Susag to pay him \$1300 for completing the benchmarks and an increase of \$1.00/hour for completing the program. Upon VV, MC. M by Baltrusch, MS by Steedsman to approve the invoice from Kurita America for chemicals for the WTP in the amount of \$5429.67. Upon VV, MC.

AUDITOR REPORT: Nordby's report and the financials were in the packet for the Council to review. She included some information regarding the Harvey Dam to keep them up to date on the situation. She thanked the American Legion, the VFW, and the VFW Auxiliary for the updated sound system for the armory. Karen updated the Council on Moore Engineering's work on the Comprehensive Water System Study grants. They are ready to submit it to North Dakota Water Resources. They have been in conversations with USDA/RD about possibilities of grants. If the City is interested in funding projects with the USDA/RD, we can apply for grant money for the study. The Council's consensus is to move forward with the grant applications and

the City will go to USDA/RD for funding when they are ready for the projects. M by Baltrusch, MS Hoepfer to approve the Auditor Bonding through NDIRF. Upon VV, MC.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ARMORY UPDATE: Auditor Nordby was informed that, if we are not digging into anything, we're ok to move forward with our community center improvements with the CDBG funding. We will wait for the official report from the Department of Commerce.

NEW BUSINESS:

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT: M by Susag, MS by Steedsman to approve the special event permit for the Harvey Fire Department to have their annual family picnic in Centennial Park from 5:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. on June 23rd, 2025. Upon VV, MC.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT: M by Susag, MS by Steedsman to approve the special event permit for the Harvey Area Chamber of Commerce to block off Lincoln Ave. between 8th & 9th Streets from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. on August 1st, 2025, for their Crazy Days Event. Upon VV, MC.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT: M by Susag, MS by Steedsman to approve the special event permit for the First International Bank to have their employee picnic in Centennial Park from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m. on July 1st, 2025. Upon VV, MC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AIRPORT AUTHORITY MINUTES: Airport Minutes from the bid opening April 16th, 2025, meeting, the special April 24th, 2025, meeting and the regular May 1st and May 21st, 2025, meetings were included in the packet for the Council to review.

HARVEY WELLS COUNTY LIBRARY MINUTES: Library minutes from the regular May 21st, 2025, meeting was included in the packet for the Council to review.

With no further business, Mayor Klier adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Dean Klier, Mayor

Karen Nordby, Auditor