

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR HARVEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY – NOVEMBER 09, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Christopher J. Clark called to order the Regular scheduled City Council Meeting Monday -November 9, 2020 held electronically at 7:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Clark asked City Clerk Rosa Arambula to call the roll of Council members. Present were Alderwoman Shirley Drewenski, Aldermen Quinton Crudup, Tracy Key, Dominique Randle -El, Tyrone Rogers and Mayor Christopher J. Clark.

Absent at roll call were Alderman Marshun Tolbert.

Mayor Clark gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Clark: "I'd like to amend the agenda under old business and remove items 5 a, b, and c. It has come to my attention that the Chairman of the Legislative Committee has called for a Committee meeting for November 20<sup>th</sup>,2020."

Alderman Key mentioned that his mother-in-law, Shanon Sanders, had passed away and that she was a lifelong resident of Harvey, IL.

**AMEND THE AGENDA:**

Alderwoman Drewenski made the motion to amend the agenda. The motion was seconded by Alderman Rogers

Voting Aye: Aldermen Crudup, Key, Rogers, Alderwoman Drewenski and Alderman Randle -El.

Voting Nay: 0

Absent: Alderman Tolbert

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED: Monday – October 26, 2020.**

Alderwoman Drewenski made the motion to approve Minutes dated October 26, 2020. The motion was seconded by Alderman Crudup.

Voting Aye: Alderwoman Drewenski, Aldermen Key, Crudup, Randle -El and Rogers.

Voting Nay: 0

Absent: Alderman Tolbert.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS FOR PAYMENT: AUGUST 24, 2020 & October 8, 2020.**

Alderman Rogers stated that the bills list dated August 10, 2020 had two amendments. He said the bills to be paid would be with the removal of line items. The first one is Antero Consultants for \$12,000.00(line item 01-126-5077). The second one is Ancel Glink Diamond & Bush (line items 01-061-4030 thru 01-161-5065).

Alderman Rogers made the motion to accept the Bills list minus the line items. The motion was seconded by Alderman Key.

Voting Aye: Aldermen Rogers, Randle- El, and Key.

Voting Nay: Alderwoman Drewenski, Alderman Crudup, Mayor Clark

Absent: Alderman Tolbert

**MOTION FAILED**

Corporation Counsel Keri-Lyn: "There are 3 instances in which the Mayor can vote. 1. When the vote has resulted in a tie. 2. When one half of the Aldermen have voted in favor of an ordinance, resolution or motion even though there is no tie. 3. When a vote greater than a majority of the corporate authorities is required. So here, the second instance is available. So the Mayor voted to create a tie so that motion fails."

Alderman Rogers: "Point of order. I would like to have that case law number. If that is the case, then the Mayor can vote in every case."

Corporation Counsel Keri-Lyn: "It is not a case. It is a Statute. It's the Illinois Municipal Code Section 3.1-40-30 65 ILCS"

Alderman Key: "Point of order you say that is section 3.1.40-30? Can you explain what your responsibilities are? You are here to represent the Aldermen and the Mayor. Can you explain this to the residents?"

Corporation Counsel Keri-Lyn: "You are absolutely right. My job as Corporation Counsel for the City of Harvey is to advise on any elements of legality related to the office of Mayor, related to the office of Aldermen, related to what the City Council is trying to accomplish. So in this instance, the Mayor had a right to vote. This isn't even a grey area of law. I would love to see the City of Harvey moving forward in a united fashion."

Alderman Randle-El stated that a Committee report from the Finance Committee would have been helpful for the Council and the residents to understand why those line items had been removed from the Bills List.

Alderwoman Drewenski also agreed that it was a mistake not to have an explanation of why those line items had been removed. She continued to mention that all the Municipalities Codes are there to be referred too. "No one is trying to hide anything. We are just trying to follow the laws".

Mayor Clark said that every Committee meeting should provide recommendations in writing after their meetings.

Alderman Crudup made the motion to approve the Bills dated August 10, 2020.

The motions was seconded by Alderwoman Drewenski.

Voting Aye: Alderman Crudup, Alderwoman Drewenski, Mayor Clark

Voting Nay: Aldermen Rogers and Randle-El.

Absent: Aldermen Tolbert and Key

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BILLS FOR PAYMENT DATED:**

Alderman Crudup made the motion to approve the Bills dated October 8, 2020.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Rogers.

Voting Aye: Aldermen Randle- El, Crudup, Alderwoman Drewenski and Alderman Rogers

Absent: Aldermen Tolbert and Key.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There were no executive session items.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

City Clerk Rosa Arambula: "There were no public comments received."

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:37 P.M.**


Alderman Drewenski made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alderman Randle - El.

Voting Aye: Aldermen Crudup, Randle -El, Rogers, Alderwoman Drewenski.

Voting Nay: 0

Absent: Alderman Tolbert and Key

**MOTION CARRIED**

  
City Clerk Rosa M. Arambula