

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR HARVEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY – February 24, 2020 – 7:00 P.M**

Mayor Christopher J. Clark called the regular City of Harvey regular Council meeting to order Monday – February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 8:22 p.m.

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

Alderman Marshun Tolbert arrived at 8:25 p.m.

Absent was Alderman Quinton Crudup due to recovering from surgery.

Invocation was given by Pastor Ferlander Lewis and Mayor Christopher Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Rogers Point of order Mayor. It was brought to my attention that there were no public comment sheets made available for the residents to fill out and I'd like to make a motion on the floor that we extend public comments to 30 minutes on a first come, first serve basics, two minutes per person."

Mayor Clark Public comments will be extended and additional 16 minutes.

Alderman Rogers made the motion to extend public comments. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Drewenski.

Voting Aye were Alderwoman Drewenski, Aldermen Key, Randle- El, Rogers and Tolbert.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

#1. Jerlene Harris commented that the Elected Officials should represent the citizens of Harvey. They should represent us. We need to hold them to the fire.

#2. Ruby Donahue commented on the liquor ordinance and read names in favor of retaining the 12 o'clock curfew for the selling of liquor in Harvey.

#3. Ferlander Lewis commented on behalf of the faith leaders of the City of Harvey.

#4. Melville King Jr. commented on why Harvey residents being controlled by outside sources. He also commented on the negative effects of some businesses in the City of Harvey.

#5. Cheretha Gaston commented on the many CEDA programs that they offer. We have been offered a grant for Harvey residents.

Alderman Rogers Point of order Mayor, the reason I asked for additional time was for the people that did not have the opportunity to fill out those sheets.

Mayor Clark Alderman, the sheets were filled out. You asked for additional time and that was granted.

#6. Ruth Cameron commented on the four Aldermen that want to repeal the ordinance on Liquor. Harvey should not be dependent on liquor sales and adult establishments.

Alderman Key Point of order Mayor, this is too one sided. We have to be fair. These people never filled out a form. Can we just form two lines and go every other person?

Alderwoman Drewenski Am I understanding something, is this the end of the line. The cutoff point is at 45 minutes, so everyone will be able to speak.

#7. Myke Gerring commented on the importance to the US Census. Please make sure you fill out the census survey. The reminder will come out on March 12<sup>th</sup> 2020. The money goes where the numbers go. Make sure everyone is counted in your house.

#8. Mauzkie Ervin commented that he is in support of Ordinance #3377 and read a list of names of residents from all wards that are in also support of this ordinance.

#9. Teresa Cameron commented that she is in support of the Ordinance #3377 and read names in support of the ordinance.

#10. Telaee Smith commented on Liquor Ordinances. We just want some peace. We are sick and tired.

#11. Cynthia Townsend Childress commented on the great things the Mayor has done In the short time he has been in office.

#12. John Armstrong commented on Mayor and turning the city around. Our goal is to make Harvey better.

#13. John Hamilton commented on the Mayor about the things that he is doing that were right. It's been 23 murders in Harvey.

#14. No name commented on the liquor clubs. It's only 3 gentlemen clubs in Harvey and we pay thousands of dollars in taxes.

# 15. No name commented on the Clubs and restaurants being closed early does not have any impact on the crimes in Harvey, crime happens in the afternoon.



# 16. Albert Abney commented about the liquor ordinance, it needs to be repealed. It's not about the liquor stores or liquor clubs, it's about our personal freedom.

#17. Bonnie Rateree commented on the problems that we are having. It's a drug problem and a gang problem. The liquor establishments aren't the problem.

#18. Ross Burgess commented on demolition of properties that have been burnt out an eye sore in the City of Harvey and would like to get them torn down.

#19. Craig Abram commented on the liquor ordinance when these tax paying businesses are gone who it will be paying these taxes.

#20. Chepell Hooks commented in support of the clubs staying open.

#21. Keith Price commented on the liquor stores and gas stations. What if all these businesses started opening up at 12noon until midnight.

Alderman Randle- El Thanked everyone that came out today to show support one way or the other, I just thought it is important. The liquor Ordinance on the agenda tonight has nothing to do with clubs. This is about package liquor that clubs don't sell.

Alderman Rogers Point of order Mayor, I'd like to make an amendment to the agenda and move item 5 new business, and change it to number 6. Make number 6 to 5.

Mayor Clark Point of order, that's out of order, no. If we move on we'll get through them all."

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Approval of the Minutes dated January 27, 2020 and February 03, 2020.

Alderman Randle El made the motion that Council approve the minutes dated January 27, 2020 and February 3, 2020. The motion was seconded by Alderman Key.

Alderwoman Drewenski asked a question in the January 27 minutes it was discussed that did it go to Public works committee?

Alderman Randle -El no it was to go to Public Safety Committee we are awaiting for information.

Voting Aye were Alderwoman Drewenski, Aldermen Key, Randle - El and Rogers.  
Voting Nay was Alderman Tolbert.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Approval of the Bills for payment dated February 24, 2020.

Alderman Rogers made the motion that Council approve the Bills for payment that were approved at the Finance Committee at 6:00 p. m. on today. The motion was seconded by Alderman Randle - El.

Voting Aye were Alderman Randle - El, Key, Alderwoman Drewenski and Alderman Rogers.

Voting Nay was Alderman Tolbert.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR THE CITY OF HARVEY.**

**Resolution # 2910** - A resolution designating Harvey Shopping Center LLC as designated redeveloper for Harvey Town Square and authorizing future special tax allocation fund expenses incurred in connection with redevelopment of Harvey Town Square. (Sponsored by Mayor Clark)

Mayor Clark This particular Ordinance is about a variety of issues. We have been working for quite sometime since the beginning of this administration trying to get a grocery store into the City of Harvey and we have been able to accomplish that goal. In doing so this is a redevelopment project for the entire plaza.

Director of Economic Development Nick Greifer introduced Mr. Reggie Greenwood to talk about the project.

Alderman Rogers made the motion that Council approve Resolution #2910. The motion was seconded by Alderman Key.

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

Alderman Tolbert – Abstained.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Ordinance # 3395** – An ordinance authorizing the establishment of tax increment financing interested parties registries and adopting registration rules for such registries (Sponsored by Mayor Clark)

Mayor Clark this has to do with the first phase project in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward downtown Harvey.

Alderman Tolbert made the motion that Council approve Ordinance #3395. The motion was seconded by Alderman Rogers.



Voting Aye were Aldermen Randle-El, Key, Alderwoman Drewenski, Aldermen Rogers and Tolbert.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Ordinance # 3394** – An ordinance for the City of Harvey, Cook County Illinois establishing a Video Gaming Terminal Push Tax. (Sponsored by Mayor Clark)

Mayor Clark acknowledged that it was the efforts of Aldermen Tolbert and Randle -El. It allows the city to capture one cent tax per punch for the gaming terminals.

Alderman Randle-El made the motion that Council approve Ordinance #3394. The motion was seconded by Alderman Tolbert.

Voting Aye were Aldermen Tolbert, Key, Alderwoman Drewenski, Aldermen Rogers and Randle-El.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Ordinance # 3393** – An ordinance for the City of Harvey, Cook County Illinois amending Title 5-06 of the City Municipal code to provide for and express right to appeal and for an on the record hearing process for Liquor Licensees. (Sponsored by Mayor Clark)

Alderman Rogers made the motion that Council approve Ordinance #3395. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Drewenski.

Voting Aye were Aldermen Randle -El, Key, Alderwoman Drewenski, Alderman Rogers.

Alderman Tolbert abstained.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Ordinance # 3392** – An ordinance for the City of Harvey, Illinois Cook County. amending certain sections of Title 13 Chapter 13 of the City of Harvey, Municipal Code. (removing water meter installation fees for residential customers (Sponsored by Mayor Cark) and Alderman Randle- El.

Alderwoman Drewenski what this ordinance does is it's protects the residents.

Alderman Rogers made the motion that Council approve Ordinance #3395. The motion was seconded by Alderman Key.

Voting Aye were Aldermen Rogers, Tolbert, Randle - El, Alderwoman Drewenski, and Key.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Resolution # 2908** - A resolution of the City of Harvey, Cook County, Illinois authorizing submittal of a No Cash Bid application to the Cook County Board for property at 16701 So. Halsted Street (Skyline Provisions) (Sponsored by Mayor Clark)

Alderman Randle- El made the motion that Council adopt Resolution # 2908. The motion was seconded by Alderman Alderwoman Drewenski.

Voting Aye were Aldermen Rogers, Tolbert, Randle- El, Alderwoman Drewenski and Alderman Key.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor asked Clerk for the Ordinance number.

**Ordinance # 3396** – An ordinance of the City of Harvey establishing a procedure for the Aldermen to add items to the agendas for City Council meetings. (Sponsored by Aldermen Tolbert, Key, Randle - El and Rogers.

Alderman Rogers made the motion that Council approve Ordinance # 3396. The motion was seconded by Alderman Randle-El.

Voting Aye were Aldermen Key, Tolbert, Randle-El, Rogers and Alderwoman Drewenski.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Ordinance # 3397** – An ordinance amending section 2-08-010 B of the code of ordinances Harvey, Illinois (Sponsored by Aldermen Tolbert, Key, Randle -El and Rogers.

Corporation Counsel explained that the way these Ordinance are on the agenda does not explains to the public what the topic is about.

Alderman Randle-El can this be ratified at the next meeting.

Alderman Rogers made the motion that Council approve Ordinance #3397. The motion was seconded by Alderman Tolbert.

Voting Aye were Aldermen Key, Rogers and Tolbert  
Voting Nay was Alderwoman Drewenski.  
Alderman Randel-El – Abstained

**MOTION CARRIED**



**Ordinance # 3398** – An ordinance for the City of Harvey, Illinois repealing Ordinance # 3377. (Sponsored by Aldermen Tolbert, Key, Randle -El and Rogers.)

Alderman Tolbert made the motion that Council approve Ordinance #3398. The motion was seconded by Alderman Rogers.

Corporation Counsel it doesn't say the topic.

Voting Aye were Aldermen Tolbert, Key, and Rogers.

Voting Nay was Alderwoman Drewenski.

Alderman Randle- El – Abstained.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

**Ordinance # 3399** – An ordinance of the City of Harvey, Illinois amending Chapter 2-24 "Law Department" including section 2-24 -130 "Legislative Counsel. (Sponsored by Aldermen Tolbert, Key, Randle - El and Rogers.)

Alderman Rogers made the motion that Council approve Ordinance #3395. The motion was seconded by Alderman Tolbert.

Voting Aye were Aldermen Randle-El, Key, Aldermen Rogers and Tolbert.

Voting Nay was Alderwoman Drewenski.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

**Resolution # 2911** – A resolution authorizing the entering into of a contract to fill a vacancy in the contracted for position of Legislative Counsel to the City of Harvey Cook County, State of Illinois. (Sponsored by Aldermen Tolbert, Key, Randle- El and Rogers.)

Alderman Rogers made the motion that Council adopt Resolution # 2911. The motion was seconded by Alderman Tolbert.

Alderwoman Drewenski it says exhibit A, but there is no exhibit A attached.

Marshun Tolbert it was at the special meeting the.. Clerk has the contract.

Alderwoman Drewenski you don't have the right to disrespect me and shake your hand like that.

Voting Aye were Aldermen Randle El, Key, Aldermen Rogers and Tolbert.

Voting Nay was Alderwoman Drewenski.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Clark For the record, if a vote was required my vote would have been no.

Corporation Counsel Under section when the mayor can cast a vote when there is not a tie. 3396 all voted Aye, 3397- 3 Ayes, 1 abstain, and the same thing for 3398, it wouldn't affect the outcome at all.

Mayor Clark There is not an executive session. May I have a motion to adjourn?

Alderman Rogers Yes we do. I was under the impression that the removal of former Chief Winters was going to be discussed in executive session. Why was it taken off the agenda? It was tabled.

Alderman Randle-El Can you explain why?

Corporation Counsel He was removed from office, there was no vote taken at that time.

Mayor Clark It was tabled, we can put it on the next agenda.

Alderman Randle-El My question is how can, it be off the table, it should have remained on the agenda. Why was it taken off the agenda if the matter was not resolved?


Mayor Clark We can make that adjustment and put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Alderman Rogers to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Drewenski.

Voting Aye were Alderwoman Drewenski, Aldermen Tolbert, Key, Randle- El and Rogers.

Adjournment 10:07 P.M.

  
Rosa M. Arambula – City Clerk