

**MINUTES OF REGULAR HARVEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY – September 12, 2022 – 7:00 P.M**

Mayor Christopher J. Clark called the City of Harvey Regular Council Meeting to order Monday – September 12, 2022, at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor Clark asked City Clerk Rosa M. Arambula to call the roll of Council members.

Present: Alderwoman Telanee Smith, Alderman Tracy Key, Alderman Dominque Randle-El, Alderman Tyrone Rogers, and Mayor Christopher J. Clark.

Absent: Alderwoman Shirley Drewenski, Alderman Marshun Tolbert

Alderman Randle-El gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Tolbert appeared at 7:12 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 22, 2022 -Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Alderman Rogers made the motion to approve the Minutes dated August 22, 2022.
The motion was seconded by Alderman Randle-El.

Voting Aye: Alderwoman Smith, Aldermen Randle-El, Rogers

Voting Nay: Alderman Key

Abstain: None

Absent: Alderwoman Drewenski, Alderman Tolbert

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT: September 12, 2022

Alderman Rogers made the motion to approve the Bills list dated August 22, 2022.
The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Smith.

Voting Aye: Alderman Randle-El, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Rogers.

Voting Nay: Alderman Key.

Abstain: None

Absent: Alderwoman Drewenski, Alderman Tolbert.

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR THE CITY OF HARVEY

Old Business- None

New Business

Ordinance – # 3462 - An Ordinance Amending the City of Harvey Code of Ordinances to Replace the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals with a Newly Established Combined “Planning and Zoning Commission”.

Alderman Rogers made the motion to approve Ordinance.
The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Smith.

Voting Aye: Alderman Randle-El, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Rogers.
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: Alderman Key.
Absent: Alderwoman Drewenski, Alderman Tolbert

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution # 3016 – A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority and the City of Harvey for the Acquisition of Certain Properties Through Abandonment Proceedings

Alderman Key asked if there was a list of properties. Mayor responded by saying that this is for South Suburban Land Bank to determine what properties could be on a list.

Alderman Randle-El made the motion to approve the Resolution.
The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Smith.

Voting Aye: Alderwoman Smith, Aldermen Key, Rogers, Randle-El.
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Alderwoman Drewenski, Alderman Tolbert

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Clark stated that at this moment the City of Harvey has limited resources. He continued to say that South Suburban Land Bank has worked with other communities with their dilapidated properties and that we need them on board to help with the City’s properties also. Just to demolish a property is about 15,000 dollars. He said that to get some of these properties through

the court system, we still must file, complaints, motions, do research on the owner of the properties or other interested parties. Also, legal fees are part of this research. South Suburban Land Bank also help us ascertain which properties are easier to get. Alderman Rogers mentioned that this is a great plan and that the funding will come from the South Suburban Land Bank for demolition.

Resolution – # 3017 – A Resolution Awarding a Contract for Engineering Services to Antero Group for the Community Hubs/Police Substation Project.

Alderman Rogers asked if the City had received the million dollars that was being donated by State Representative Will Davis for the Hubs/Police Substation Project. Mayor Clark said he was very grateful to State Representative Will Davis and that the City had not received it yet but it is forthcoming. Alderman Rogers mentioned that he understood that there were also some monies coming from Nicor Gas and if we will get them before the year was out. Mayor Clark said from his understanding that money is forthcoming.

Alderman Tolbert made the motion to approve the Resolution.
The motion was seconded by Alderman Rogers.

Voting Aye: Alderman Key, Alderwoman Smith, Aldermen Randle-El, Rogers, Tolbert.
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Alderwoman Drewenski.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution # 3018 – A Resolution Awarding a Contract for Design Engineering Services for the 154th Street Improvement Project (Stage 2)

Alderman Tolbert made the motion to approve the Resolution.
The motion was seconded by Alderman Randle-El.

Voting Aye: Aldermen Tolbert, Key, Alderwoman Smith, Aldermen Rogers, Randle-El
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Alderwoman Drewenski.

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Rogers asked if Phase 2 included trees.

Mayor Clark mentioned that Mr. Curtis Witek from Antero Group was there to answer questions. Curtis Witek said that there are no trees being planted in the Stage two project but that they had received funding from the Conservation funds which would incorporate green infrastructure.

This would be landscaping on either side of the road which would also help with storm water.

Alderman Tolbert asked Mr. Witek how many more phases are there.

He replied that he only thinks there is one more phase left and that the reason it is being spaced this way is because the availability of grant money. Stage three would also include trash receptacles, benches, and trees.

Alderman Key wanted to know if stage 2 will cost more than stage one.

Mr. Witek answered yes and that it is a larger construction scope like the resurfacing of streets.

Alderwoman Smith commented on how she has seen how trees tear up the sidewalks.

Mayor Clark said that you must pick the kind of trees that do not destroy property.

Alderman Randle-El wanted everyone to know that this grant money was given to the City for this particular purpose and for this particular area. He said this was a great opportunity and he thanked everyone who took the time to form these relationships to make this happen.

Mayor Clark mentioned that because the City used the money where it was suppose to go this positions us for greater grant opportunities and that hopefully we would get grant money one day for all sidewalks.

Mayor asked Chief of Police Biddings to explain what happened the past week.

Chief Biddings said that with the assistance of the FBI they were able to take into custody three adults and 6 juveniles that were in a home in Harvey. We were able to help them with the human tragedy and get the help they needed. He commented that they could not give out too much information because it was still under investigation.

Mayor Clark thanked the Chief and the Police department.

Chief Biddings said that these police substations would also help because they would be in the community close to this downtown area where there was sex trafficking. It will help the community. We are currently working on a line called Tip411 where you can call in anonymously and also receive alerts to what is happening in your neighborhood.

Alderman Rogers also commended the police department and the FBI for doing a great job.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ryan Sinwelski: Ryan praised Officer Lopez for doing a great job with animal issues. Ryan continued to say that he had a complaint about two other officers that had come to his property when he called them for being harassed by a neighbor. One officer just told him to go back inside his property. When Ryan asked him to do a report for him, the officer answered that the systems were down. Ryan said that the officer was, "Rolling his eyes and sighing." Ryan pointed out,

"We need to make sure that the police are consistent in responding to all calls. It only takes one bad experience to scare residents, investors, and businesses from staying in Harvey."

Treasurer Pickett:

Treasurer Pickett read a letter to Mayor Clark which is attached with the Minutes.

Mayor Clark mentioned that the St. John Fest that Father Gary hosted in the First Ward was wonderful.

Mayor Clark thanked Governor Pritzker, State Representative Will Davis, and State Senator Napoleon Harris among many others for coming to the Press Conference in Harvey for the Wood Street project where almost one hundred million dollars have been invested into this project.

Mayor invited everyone to the Mexican Independence Day Festival that was being held outside of Harvey City Hall on September 17, 2022. He stated that the festival was being hosted by him and Clerk Rosa M. Arambula. He commented on how he and Clerk Arambula worked together as a team to make this Festival a success.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:07 p.m.

Alderman Randle-El made the motion to adjourn meeting.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Rogers.

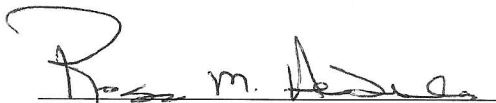
Voting Aye: Alderman Tolbert, Alderwoman Smith, Aldermen Key, Randle-El, Rogers.

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Alderwoman Drewenski

MOTION CARRIED


Rosa M. Arambula – City Clerk