

**MINUTES OF REGULAR HARVEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY – JULY 24, 2023 – 7:00 P.M**

Mayor Christopher J. Clark called the City of Harvey Regular Council Meeting to order Monday – July 24, 2023, at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Clark asked City Clerk Rosa M. Arambula to call the roll of Council members.
Present: Alderwoman Shirley Drewenski, Alderwoman Colby Chapman, Alderwoman Telanee Smith, Alderman Tracy Key, Alderman Dominique Randle-El, Alderman Tyrone Rogers, and Mayor Christopher J. Clark.
Absent: None

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

Presentation- Swearing-In Ceremony- Harvey Fire Department
Swearing in of Ryan Jones and Joshua Williams by City Clerk Rosa M. Arambula.

Approval of Minutes Dated: July 10, 2023.

Alderman Randle-El made the motion to approve the Minutes.
The Motion was seconded by Alderman Rogers.

Voting Aye: Aldermen Randel-El, Key, Rogers, Alderwomen Chapman, Smith.
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: Alderwoman Shirley Drewenski.
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Bills for Payment: July 6, 2023.

Alderman Rogers stated that they were going to have a Finance Committee meeting on August 14, 2023. At this meeting they would elect who was going to be the Chairman for the Finance Committee and they would also look at the bills lists.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR THE CITY OF HARVEY

Old Business- None

New Business

Ordinance # 3476 An Ordinance Amending the Harvey Code of Ordinances Chapter 5-02 Regarding General Business Licenses.

Alderman Randle-El made the motion to approve the Ordinance.

The Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Smith.

Alderwoman Drewenski asked the Mayor if it can be stipulated in the Ordinance that a house of worship is included as a non for profit organization.

Mayor said that it could be included for more clarity.

Alderwoman Chapman asked about the fees associated with the business licenses.

Mayor said that the fees have not changed for the business license.

Alderman Key asked if a church is now considered to be a business.

Mayor stated that it has always been a non-for-profit business that needs a license.

Counsel Krafthefer mentioned that the current city code does include non-for-profit as a business that needs a license and that they would already be in violation if they did not have one.

Alderman Randle-El stated that the businesses are already aware.

Counsel Krafthefer pointed out that if they did not pass this ordinance tonight, the non-for-profit business would still need to get their licenses because they would be in violation. This Ordinance is just adding more clarity to the one we already have enforced.

Mayor reiterated that it is to make the language clearer in this Ordinance.

Alderwoman Chapman asked about the date that these businesses would need to get their licenses.

Mayor stated that the licenses expire at the end of April each year and they are sent a letter 60 days in advance by mail.

Alderwoman Drewenski asked if those who do not have a license should they wait until April to get their license?

Counsel Krafthefer stated that if they are a business, then they are currently in violation for not getting a license.

Alderman Randle-El stated that he concluded that they are not implementing anything new. If you are a current business, be it for profit or for non-profit, you should have a business license. He continued to say that they are just cleaning up the language for this Ordinance.

Alderwoman Drewenski asked for a special letter to be mailed out to the non-profit organizations that they need to come into the City to apply for a business license.

Mayor stated that if they are working as a business, they do get the letter in the mail. But if they are working undercover, we wouldn't know to send them a letter.

Alderwoman Smith asked if the letters are sent out by certified mail.

Mayor answered, no.

Alderwoman Drewenski asked if there was a way the 103 non-profit organizations in the City can be notified by either through email or letter as effective tonight of this Ordinance so that these non-profit organizations can come in ASAP to pick up their license.

Mayor answered yes.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session-Litigation

Time into Executive Session: 7:37 p.m.

Alderwoman Drewenski made the motion to go into Executive Session.
The motion was seconded by Alderman Randle-El.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Back Into Public Session: Time: 7:53 p.m.

Alderman Rogers made the motion to go back into Regular Session.
The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Drewenski.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment:

1. **Pastor Ron Cummings** – Pastor Cummings mentioned that Mr. Hasan has supplied many jobs for the community. He stated that he stands up for those people that give jobs to the community.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:56 p.m.

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

Voting Aye: Alderwomen Drewenski, Chapman, Smith, Aldermen Key, Randle-El, Rogers.

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED


Rosa M. Arambula
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