

City of Harvey Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 10th, 2026
6:00 pm

The Harvey City Council met in regular session Monday, August 10th, 2026, at 6 p.m. at the Harvey Community Center/City Hall. Mayor Kelly Cooper presiding. Council Members present: Adam Dubois, Leonard Geery, Donald Nilius, Dennis Seibert and Scott Starmer. Also present: Jennifer Geery- City Clerk. City of Harvey Residents: Bob Awtry, Dan Boomershine, Amy Leeper-Robbins and Bobbie Starmer.

Agenda approved in a motion by Nilius, seconded by Seibert, all ayes, motion carries.

Previous Minutes of Monday, July 13th, 2026, approved in a motion by Dubois, seconded by Nilius, all ayes, motion carries.

Financial Report for July 2026 approved in a motion by Dubois, seconded by Geery, all ayes, motion carries.

City Street Finance Report Fiscal Year 2026 approved in a motion by Nilius, seconded by Dubois, all ayes, motion carries.

Resolution 1-8-10- 26 Approving invoice from Manatt's for \$178,994.15 for maintenance/repairs with single sealcoat using washed limestone chips and surface patching for streets and double seal for City Hall/Community Center/Park approved in a motion by Seibert, seconded by Geery, all ayes, motion carries.

Dan Boomershine addressed the council concerning overgrown ditches and general residential lawn maintenance. After reviewing the city's ordinance Chapter 53 Mowing of Properties, Dan Boomershine stated many of his neighbors work hard to keep their lawns and ditches maintained and questions whether some properties were exempt from the ordinance as a nearby property's ditch is overgrown and is causing issues with water flow. The council responded that no one is exempt from the ordinance and that any property owners not maintaining their lawns and ditches will be sent a copy of the ordinance as a reminder. If the issue is not resolved, then a notice to abate the nuisance will be sent to any property owner in violation of the ordinance.

Pat Rawls requested to address the council concerning streets. Pat Rawls was absent from the meeting. No action taken.

Reviewed and discussed ClerkBooks fund accounting quote with a \$9,000 initial one- time set up fee with full data transfer or quote for \$5,400 initial one-time set up fee with 1 year data transfer.

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Reviewed and discussed Aspen Outdoor Services quote for \$3,522.44 for brush removal, burning and spraying mulched area by City Hall/Community Center. Aspen Outdoor Services quote for \$3,522.44 for brush removal, burning and spraying mulched area by City Hall/Community Center approved in a motion by Dubois, seconded by Starmer, ayes by Dubois, Starmer, Geery and Seibert, nay by Nilius, motion carries. Discussed KC Tree Service and Firewood cutting down trees and grinding down stumps along the right-of -way by City Park and City Hall/Community Center at no cost to the City of Harvey.KC Tree Service and Firewood cutting down trees and grinding down stumps along the right-of -way by City Park and City Hall/Community Center at no cost to the City of Harvey approved in a motion by Dubois, seconded by Geery, all ayes, motion carries.

Discussed and considered purchase of 201 3rd Street, Harvey, IA from Gary VanderHeiden for \$18,000.00. Council considered pros and cons of purchase. Discussion and vote tabled for next regular session. No action taken.

Discussed Nuisance Abatement. No action taken.

Discussed potential city improvements including Post Office Building repairs and maintenance and adding additional recreation. Council Member Nilius stated he would like time to speak with his constituents to find out what they think and any ideas they may have to contribute. Council Member Starmer stated he would like to begin conversations pertaining to any necessary routine maintenance or city improvements and continue the discussion over several meetings. The Council would like to post flyers on the city bulletin boards and city website inviting residents to join the next regular session on Monday, September 14th, 2026, at 6pm at the Community Center/City Hall to provide their input and share ideas concerning city improvements. Residents may request to be on the agenda or address the council during open forum. No action taken.

Discussed state procedures for transitioning council members from concurrent terms to staggered terms- Iowa Code Chapter 376. Reviewed information from the auditor's office concerning the process.

Discussed whether the question should be on the ballot November 2026 or November 2027. Discussion will continue at the next regular sessions. No action taken.

Discussed creating individual council member city emails. No action taken.

Discussed tree and weed overgrowth on 4th Street walking bridge. Council considered clearing the area or removing the bridge. Discussion will continue at the next regular session. No action taken.

Park report heard. No action taken.

Street report heard. Council member Dubois shared concerns of excess rock on the sides of streets. The council discussed moving the excess rock to the center to continue being sealed down this fall. No action taken.

Approve to pay July bills in a motion by Nilius, seconded by Geery all ayes, motion carries.

Held Open Forum. Adam Dubois asked, per a resident, when MCRWD would be installing a new water line to Harvey. Don Nilius responded that MCRWD will be installing a water line for emergency purposes to Harvey but does not have a start date at this time. MCRWD will continue to use the Harvey water treatment plant as planned. No action taken.

Approved to adjourn in a motion by Dubois, seconded by Geery, all ayes, motion carries.

Attest:

Jennifer Geery, City Clerk

<u>July Fund Summery</u>	<u>Revenue/Transfers In</u>	<u>Expenditures/Transfers Out</u>
General	\$3,649.61	\$10,230.69
Garbage	\$3,311.94	\$3,302.16
LOST	\$3,750.83	\$0.00
Road Use Tax	\$2,580.50	\$366.25
Water (adjustments)	\$2,289.41	-\$259.05
Sewer(adjustments)	\$3,730.23	\$0.00
Employee Benefit	\$5.82	\$0.00
Total	\$19,318.34	\$13,640.05

**Approved Claims
07/14/26-08/10/26**

Mid-American Energy	Electric	\$366.25
Windstream	City phone and CB phone and internet	\$329.35
Manatt's, Inc.	Maintenance and repairs to streets&city park drive	\$178,994.15
US Postal Service	PO Box 87 Renewal Fee 50119	\$82.00
Marion County Bank	Service Charge	\$6.74
IPERS		\$265.93
United State Treasury	Tax Deposit	\$558.66
Geery, Clint	Refund of overpayment	\$3.60
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Golay, Owen	Refund of overpayment	\$6.65
Private Housing	Refund of overpayment	\$6.56
VanWeelden, Brent	Refund of overpayment	\$2.61
Country Trash	City Wide Trash pick-up July 2026	\$2,091.00
Iowa One Call	Email Charges	\$17.10
Menninga Pest Control	Pest Control	\$42.80
Marion County Express	Legal Publication	\$229.52
Marion County Rural Water District.	City Hall/CB Water and Sewer	\$57.46
Elan Financial Services	MSFT Fees	\$13.38
Payroll	July Payroll	\$1,154.94
Cooper, Kelly.	Mayor Gas Reimbursement	\$76.27
Geery, Jennifer	City Clerk Gas Reimbursement	\$51.04
Geery, Jennifer	City Clerk Partial Internet Reimbursement	<u>\$49.48</u>
TOTAL		\$184,409.09