

City of Harvey Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 14th, 2026
6:00 pm

The Harvey City Council met in regular session Monday, September 14th, 2026, at 6 p.m. at the Harvey Community Center/City Hall. Mayor Kelly Cooper presiding. Council Members present: Adam Dubois, Leonard Geery, Dennis Seibert, and Scott Starmer. Also present: Jennifer Geery- City Clerk. City of Harvey Residents: Jim Crosby and Bobbie Starmer. Absent: Donald Nilius

Agenda approved in a motion by Dubois, seconded by Starmer, all ayes, motion carries.

Previous Minutes of Monday, August 10th, 2026, approved in a motion by Starmer, seconded by Geery all ayes, motion carries.

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

Discussed sweeping streets of excess rock at intersections and review estimate for \$1,500.00 from Superior Line Striping & Construction. Referenced resident's concern about excess rock on Depot Street. Approved estimate for \$1,500.00 sweeping streets of excess rock at intersections adding Depot Street with total work to not exceed \$2,000.00 in a motion by Dubois, seconded by Geery, all ayes, motion carries.

Discussed Superior Line Striping & Construction trimming tree limbs beginning to interfere with traffic sign at Dennis and West Intersection for \$45.00 per man per hour to complete task. Mayor Kelly Cooper will contact the county concerning trimming the tree limb. Vote tabled. No action taken.

Discussed tree and weed overgrowth on 4th Street walking bridge.

Approved regular routine maintenance by Superior Line Striping & Construction to clear weed and tree overgrowth surrounding 4th Street walking bridge and check the integrity of the bridge in a motion by Starmer, seconded by Dubois, all ayes, motion carries.

Discussed Nuisance Abatement. No action taken.

Discussed municipal specialty attorneys. Council discussed the benefits of an attorney that specializes in municipal law. Mayor Kelly Cooper will speak with the city attorney, Jake Hughes concerning next steps.

Discussed and considered purchase of 201 3rd Street, Harvey, IA from Gary VanderHeiden for \$18,000.00. Council discussed the cost of tearing down the house and the potential value of the property. Council could not justify purchase at \$18,000.00 but will offer \$5,000.00 for property.

Approved to offer \$5,000.00 for 201 3rd Street, Harvey, IA 50119 in a motion by Dubois, seconded by Geery, all ayes, motion carries.

Revisited discussion concerning a city drop box. The city does not have a secure location to relocate the drop box and cannot justify the cost of a secure drop box. Several options are available to pay garbage bills at no additional cost to the resident. No action taken.

Approved to Set Beggars' Night /Trick or Treat for Friday, October 30th, 2026, 5: 00p.m- 7:30p.m. in a motion by Dubois, seconded by Seibert.

Discussed state procedures for transitioning council members from concurrent terms to staggered terms-Iowa Code Chapter 376. The question cannot be on the ballot November 2026. The topic will be revisited Spring of 2027 to begin the process for the question to be on the ballot November 2027. No action taken.

Update- Simmering-Cory Iowa Codification continues working on City of Harvey Code of Ordinances update/codification.

Update- ClerkBooks Fund accounting software will be complete November-December 2026.

Approve to pay bills in a motion by Seibert, seconded by Leonard.

Discussed potential city improvements including rock around park, fencing around coal cart, repairing stage at park, storage building and community events. Kathy Schreiner sent an email requesting the following: culverts' and fill dirt for the ditches on her side of town. Council will consider ideas and continue discussion at the next regular session. No action taken.

Held Open Forum. No comments. No action taken.

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

Attest:

Jennifer Geery, City Clerk

General	\$990.82	\$74,797.17
Garbage	\$2,434.00	\$2,247.17
LOST	\$3,007.78	\$0.00
Road Use Tax	\$3,211.87	\$107,269.38
Water (adjustments)	\$-30.00	\$0.00
Sewer	\$0.00	\$0.00
Employee Benefit	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$9,614.47	\$184,313.72

**Approved Claims
08/11/26-09/14/26**

Mid-American Energy	Electric	\$355.31
Windstream	CB Phone and Internet	\$330.26
Marion County Bank	Service Charge	\$6.42
Elan Financial Services	MSFT Fees and envelopes with postage	\$1,042.63
IPERS		\$265.93
United State Treasury		\$558.66
Cooper, Kelly	Mayor Gas Reimbursement	\$25.52
Geery, Jennifer	City Clerk Partial Internet Reimbursement	\$49.48
Geery, Jennifer	City Clerk Milage Reimbursement	\$76.56
Country Trash	City Wide Trash pick-up August 2026	\$2,091.00
Marion County Rural Water District	City Hall/CB Water and Sewer	\$63.46
Johnson, Lane & Hughes	Legal Fees	\$2,522.44
Marion County Express	Legal Publication	\$167.83
JMK Lawn	Park Mowing Jul 2026-Aug 2026	\$1,320.00
Superior Line Striping & Construction	Basketball court repairs	\$6,498.15
Payroll	August	<u>\$1,154.94</u>
Total		\$16,528.59