

Harvey City Council

Mon Aug 26, 2024, at 7:00 pm

Roll Call

Quorum Present (7 Present, 0 Absent)

Present: Mayor C.J. Clark, Alderpersons Shirley Drewenski, Colby Chapman, Telanee Smith, Tracy Key, Dominique Randle-El, Tyrone Rogers

Absent: None

Marked Non-Voter: City Clerk Rosa Arambula, Treasurer Aisha Pickett

Call Meeting to Order – 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call of Council Members

Quorum Present (7 Present, 0 Absent)

Present: Mayor C.J. Clark, Alderpersons Shirley Drewenski, Colby Chapman, Telanee Smith, Tracy Key, Dominique Randle-El, Tyrone Rogers

Absent: None

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Alderperson Rogers

Aldermanic Comments

Alderperson Drewenski, 1st Ward, thanked everyone for coming to her 1st Ward meeting where the Thornton Township Assessor came out to talk to her residents about their high tax bills. She commented on how everyone should be mindful of the mosquitos and ticks in our area.

Alderperson Chapman, 2nd Ward, thanks everyone for attending the back-to-school night. She mentions that there will be a 2nd and 4th Ward meeting on September 18, 2024. Chapman makes comments about the administration and the way they handle business. She reads a Bible verse.

Alderperson Key, 4th Ward, makes statement toward Mayor, stating he will stand his ground with his beliefs and opinions. He continues to say that he wishes the City would have handled a specific situation that recently happened, differently and internally. He said he was proud of Chapman.

Mayor Clark asked Alderperson Key many times to come to order. He stated that what Key was asking was not on this agenda.

Mayor states that a City Council Meeting is a meeting designed to handle City business. He mentions that the Agenda packets are emailed to all the Alderpersons 1 week before so that they may look at it and ask questions before the meeting if they do not understand something. This way the meeting would run smoother without any questions being asked at the meeting. He also said that no disruptive behavior would be tolerated, like hissing, booing or clapping.

Aldersperson Randle-El asked for a 15-minute recess.

Recess – 15 Minutes - 7:22 p.m.

Return from Recess – 7:57 p.m.

Roll Call of Council Members

Quorum Present (7 Present, 0 Absent)

Present: Mayor Clark, Alderspersons Drewenski, Chapman, Smith, Key, Randle-El, Rogers

Absent: None

Aldersperson Smith stated that for the record, she wanted her seat to be permanently changed away from Aldersperson Chapman. Smith mentioned how she has received threats and unacceptable behavior from Colby Chapman and her followers. She states how she doesn't think any elected official should have to tolerate meeting after meeting some form of intimidating tactics from Chapman or her followers.

Aldersperson Randle-El thanks everyone in attendance. He encourages everyone to reach out to their alderspersons regarding questions and concerns. He asks the residents to be cautious with the children going back to school. He states that City business should be done in a professional orderly way.

Aldersperson Rogers thanks residents of 6th Ward for attending ward meeting. He thanks the City for boarding up the car wash at 146th & Halsted. He thanks Public Works Department for the work they've done in his ward. He commends the Fire Department for taking care of 2 fires in his ward in a swift matter.

Aldersperson Key was recognized. Mayor declines

Aldersperson Chapman was recognized. Mayor declines.

Chapman continues to speak, and Mayor asked her to come to order. Chapman refuses to come to order, and Mayor asked her to remove herself from the meeting.

Mayor then asks for a 15- minute recess but he first mentioned all the names of the ones who were to speak in Public comment and said that they can come back after the recess to give there comment.

Aldersperson Key mentioned to City Clerk Arambula that he had a family emergency and would not be back after the recess.

Recess- 15 Minutes – 8:10 p.m.

Return from Recess – 8:17 p.m.

Roll Call to Return to Open Session

Quorum Present (5 Present, 0 Absent)

Present: Mayor Clark, Alderspersons Drewenski, Smith, Randle-El, Rogers.

Absent: Aldersperson Chapman and Key

Executive Session: Discussion of Personnel and Litigation Matters - None

Approval of Minutes: August 14, 2024

Motion by Alderperson Rogers

Second by Alderperson Smith

Voting began

Voting Criteria: Majority Vote of Members Present Needed

Results tallied

Yes: Alderpersons Drewenski, Smith, Randle-El, Rogers.

No: None

Abstain: None

RESULT: Passed by Majority Vote of Members Present

Approval of Bills for Payment: August 26, 2024

Alderperson Rogers makes motion to table this until next meeting due to bills list not being given ahead of time.

Motion to Move Treasurer's Report to Comptroller for Review and Approval

Alderperson Randle-El was recognized.

Alderperson Drewenski was recognized.

Motion by Alderperson Randle-El.

Second by Alderperson Rogers.

Voting began

Voting Criteria: Majority Vote of Members Present Needed

Results tallied.

Yes: Alderpersons Drewenski, Smith, Randle-El, Rogers.

No: None

Abstain: None

RESULT: Passed by Majority Vote of Members Present

Approval of Ordinance(s) and Resolution(s) for the City of Harvey: B. New Business 1.

Motion to Approve a settlement agreement between Ezra Hill and the City of Harvey.

This motion authorizes the settlement agreement between Ezra Hill and the City of Harvey for the events that allegedly occurred between March 12, 2014, and March 8, 2017 (Case No.: 17-CV-4699).

Motion by Shirley Drewenski

Second by Telanee Smith

Voting began

Voting Criteria: Majority Vote of Members Present Needed

Results tallied

Yes: Alderpersons Drewenski, Smith, Randle-El, Rogers.

No: None

Abstain: None

RESULT: Passed by Majority Vote of Members Present

Approval of Ordinance(s) and Resolution(s) for the City of Harvey: B. New Business 2.

Motion to Approve a release and settlement agreement between Kenya Cason and the City of Harvey. This motion authorizes the release and settlement agreement between Kenya Cason and the City of Harvey for pending lawsuit 2023-6011123.

Motion by Alderperson Drewenski

Second by Alderperson Smith

Voting began

Voting Criteria: Majority Vote of Members Present Needed

Results tallied

Yes: Alderpersons Drewenski, Smith, Randle-El, Rogers.

No: None

Abstain: None

RESULT: Passed by Majority Vote of Members Present

Public Comment

Chappell Hooks

Ryan Sinwelski

Sharron McGee

Johnathan Johnson

Ruby Donahue

Mayoral Comment

Mayor states that there are a lot of things he could say but he chooses not to say them. He says this administration is grateful. He is aware that not everyone agrees with the way he runs meetings and the way the administration runs them. He mentions that the City is 164 million dollars in debt and knows that not everyone understands how difficult it is to build the City back up. Mayor Clark thanks the department heads for the work they are doing in the City.

Adjournment Time: 8:55 p.m.

Motion by Alderperson Drewenski

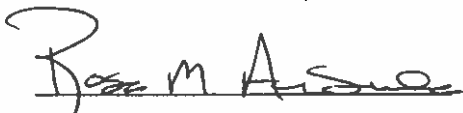
Second by Alderperson Randle-El

Voting began

Voting Criteria: Voice Vote

Results tallied

RESULT: Passed by Voice Vote



City Clerk Rosa M. Arambula