

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 24, 2007 - 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Nolan called the City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge to the flag. Clerk Wells called roll. Aldermen present: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Hay. Also present were Treasurer Meseck, City Administrator Nelson, Chief Kazy-Garey, Building Inspector Perkins, Code Enforcement Officer Brennecka and City Attorney Carlos Arévalo.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NONE**

**REGULAR AND CLOSED SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 04/10/07 - APPROVED**

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Logan to approve the Regular and Closed Session City Council Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2007. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Logan, Adams, Perkins and Hay. All ayes. Motion carried.

**HARVARD MAIN STREET REQUEST/5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CINCO DE MAYO - APPROVED**

Cathy Pescinski, Director of Harvard Main Street outlined their request for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Cinco De Mayo. Moved by Logan, seconded by Marzahl to approve Harvard Main Street's requests for their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Cinco De Mayo Festival on May 5<sup>th</sup> as follows:

1. Block off Brainard St. from Ayer St. to Eastman St. from 4:00 -10 p.m.
2. Block off first three rows of parking in City lot at corner of Eastman and Brainard from 3-10 p.m. for car show.
3. Post "No Parking Saturday, May 5, 2007, from 3-10 p.m." signs in and around parking lot at Eastman and Brainard two days before the event.
4. City to provide four large and eight small barricades and twelve garbage containers placed in City parking lot at corner of Eastman and Brainard
5. Permission to place a portable toilet in City parking lot at corner of Eastman and Brainard
6. Raffle Request from 5-8:30 p.m.

Chief Kazy-Garey noted there were no problems or concerns last year. Also the noise permit application has been issued for this year's event. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Hay. All ayes. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN GRANT AGREEMENT NO. 06-203733 – APPROVED**

Mayor Nolan outlined the state grant agreement in the amount of \$35,000 to redo the Police Radio Room. Moved by Logan, seconded by Hay to authorize the Mayor to execute the grant agreement. Roll call vote: Leyden, aye; Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye and Hay, aye. Motion approved eight to zero.

**AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN GRANT AGREEMENT NO. 07-203223 – APPROVED**

Mayor Nolan outlined the state grant agreement in the amount of \$25,000 for a shelter at Northfield Park. Moved by Marzahl, seconded by Perkins to authorize the Mayor to execute the grant agreement. Roll call vote: Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Hay, aye and Leyden, aye. Motion approved eight to zero.

**PROCLAMATION TO DESIGNATE MAY AS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH - APPROVED**

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Logan to approve a Proclamation Designating May as "*Motorcycle Awareness Month*". Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Logan, Adams, Perkins and Hay. Motion approved eight to zero.

**ORDINANCE APPROVING FY2007/2008 BUDGET – ORD. 2007-110 APPROVED**

Moved by Logan, seconded by Adams to approve Ordinance 2007-110, Approving the City of Harvard Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2007/2008. Roll call vote: Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Hay, aye; Leyden, aye and Marzahl, aye. Ordinance 2007-110 approved eight to zero.

**PARKING REFERRED TO ORD. COMMITTEE – 05/01/07**

Chairman Hay called an Ordinance Committee Meeting for Tues., May 1, 2007, at 7 p.m. to discuss

parking.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Chairman Ulmer reviewed the Public Property Committee Meeting Minutes of April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

**Downtown Streetscape Concept – Approved**

The Committee reviewed the proposed downtown streetscape concept plan for improvements on Ayer St. from Park Street to Five-Points. Improvements include street resurfacing with brick crosswalks, islands, curbs, sidewalks with brick inlay and pedestrian and street lighting. The projected start date would be 2009 at an approximate cost of \$1.4 million. Financing would be through existing funds in the Downtown TIF District, portions of the natural gas tax earmarked for beautification and park land acquisition, the 2009 MFT Road and Bridge Fund and financing the balance through a loan which would be paid from the natural growth in TIF District funds. Site furnishings such as benches, garbage cans and planters could be sponsored by individuals and businesses. The Public Property Committee recommends to the City Council approval of the downtown streetscape concept plan with the Mayor to report back to the Committee with additional construction and engineering proposals and financing options.

Moved by Ulmer, seconded by Marzahl to approve the Public Property Committee’s recommendations as presented. Roll call vote: Szczap, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Hay, aye; Leyden, aye; Marzahl, aye and Ulmer, aye. Motion approved eight to zero.

**Incubator Building/Proceeds from Sale**

The Committee discussed re-investing proceeds from the sale of the incubator building which has been sold to All World Machinery; the general consensus was for the Mayor and City Administrator to meet with the EDC to seek their input and report back to the Committee.

Administrator Nelson updated the City Council on a conversation with the EDC Chairman; item will be on the next EDC agenda for discussion.

**MCHEMRY CO. ZBA NOTICE OF HEARING WITHIN CITY'S 1½ MILE JURISDICTION**

The City Council reviewed the McHenry County ZBA Notice of Hearing to be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 for property located at 10308 Route 14, Harvard, with respect to reclassification of a portion of the property from A-2 to A-1 and a Conditional Use to allow a Commercial Nursery. There were no objections.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

☞ American Legion Poppy, May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

Moved by Logan, seconded by Adams to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Logan, Adams, Perkins and Hay. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ALD. LOGAN - BILLS APPROVED**

Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$367,331.33. Roll call vote: Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Hay, aye; Leyden, aye; Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye and Szczap, aye. Motion approved eight to zero.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Nolan thanked the City Council for their support of the downtown streetscape plan.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Administrator Nelson thanked the City Council for approving the budget.

**CLERK’S REPORT - UPCOMING MEETING DATES**

May 1	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Cancelled
	Ordinance Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.
May 8	Regular City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Meseck noted that the monthly treasurer's report is in the aldermen's folders.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Arévalo reported that he met with the Mayor and City Administrator for their monthly meeting.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS**

Smith Engineering & Dept. Heads: Reports as submitted.

**NO REPORTS**

Aldermen Hay, Perkins, Adams, Szczap, Ulmer, Marzahl and Leyden had no report at this time.

At 7:11 p.m., moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to adjourn the meeting. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Logan, Adams, Perkins and Hay. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Andy Wells,  
City Clerk

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Date