

# Harvey FFA Winter Judging

The N.D. State FFA Agronomy, Agricultural Sales, and Livestock Evaluation CDEs were held on Monday at the ND State Fair Center. Eleven members of the Harvey FFA Chapter participated in the event.

At his first state Agricultural Sales CDE, Malachi Anderson earned a silver award which was a personal best for the season. In his mock sale, Anderson sold a livestock syringe to judges and completed a test about the sales and service industry.

In Livestock evaluation the team earned a bronze award. Hogs, sheep, and cattle are evaluated, and members must then give oral reasons on their placings. Leading the team was Christian Swang-silver, Rebekah Schimke-silver, and first year judges Kris Lies and Cayden Reimche earned bronze award.

The Agronomy team earned 6th place gold finish. These members identify crop and weed seeds and plants, insects, disorders in grain, and look at soil mapping. Leading the team in 8th place was Matthew Ongstad, Carson Reimche was 17th place gold, Micheal Schindler-silver, James Ongstad-silver, and Kinly Vollmer-silver. Individually participating was Marta Fernandez-Llamas, a foreign exchange student from Spain.



Back: James Ongstad, Carson Reimche, Kris Lies, Cayden Reimche, Christian Swang, Michael Shindler  
Front: Malachi Anderson, Matthew Ongstad, Rebecka Schimke, Kinley Vollmer, Marta Fernandez-Llamas

## Andy Givens also facing criminal charges

the Carrington Police Department when his law enforcement credentials were renewed. According to a BCI report, Givens' pending employment agreement with the city of Carrington has been terminated.

The investigation into these allegations is being handled by the North Dakota Bureau of Investigation after Wells County Sheriff Christopher Kluth cited a conflict of interest preventing his office from leading the case.

# Public Notices

### SUMMONS

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
IN DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF WELLS  
SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Traci Manchenton, Plaintiff,  
v.  
Ryan Manchenton, Defendant.

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the Complaint in this action, which is herewith served upon you, by serving upon the undersigned an answer or other proper response within twenty days after the service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

#### NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

Under the Rule 8.4 of the North Dakota Rules of Court, upon service of this summons, you, and your spouse, are bound by the restraints following:

1. Neither spouse shall dispose of, sell, encumber, or otherwise dissipate any of the parties' assets, except:  
a. For necessities of life or for the necessary generation of income or preservation of assets; or

b. For retaining counsel to carry on or to contest the proceeding;

If a spouse disposes of, sells, encumbers, or otherwise dissipates assets during the interim period, that spouse shall provide to the other spouse an accounting within 30 days.

2. Neither spouse shall harass the other spouse.

3. All currently available insurance coverage must be maintained and continued without change in coverage or beneficiary designation.

#### IF EITHER SPOUSE VIOLATES ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, THAT SPOUSE MAY BE IN CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 2026.  
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(April 11, 18 & 25, 2026)

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(Probate No. 52-2026-PR-00005)  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WELLS COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KITTY-LEE WECKERLY, DECEASED.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or the claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be presented to Jerald D. Weckerly, personal representative of the estate, at 221 4th St W, Hurdfield, ND 58451, or filed with the Court.

Dated 4/7/26  
Jerald D. Weckerly  
Personal Representative  
221 4th St W  
Hurdfield, ND 58451  
701-341-0454  
kingdom@daktel.com  
(April 11, 18 & 25, 2026)

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE MARTIN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 6, 2026, 7:00 pm  
City Hall  
Martin City Council met at City Hall on Monday, April 6, 2026 at 7:00 pm.  
Present: Mayor Milton Hase, Council members: Cindy Martin, Travis Monge, and Tina Schmitt, Auditor Shonella Lemer.  
Absent: Gus Grade.  
Mayor Hase called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.  
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: none  
MINUTES: Minutes from March 2, 2026 Regular Meeting were in council packet. M by Schmitt, MS by Monge to approve the minutes as presented. Upon VV, MC.  
FINANCIAL REPORTS: February and March 2026 Statement of Activities and Financial Position were in council packet. M by

Monge, MS by Martin to approve the Financial Reports as presented. Upon VV, MC.

OLD BUSINESS: no progress on lift station, burn variance has expired - will apply again.

NEW BUSINESS: Items discussed: NDIRF Annual Meeting, NDIRF sewer backup and water main break coverage endorsement, lagoon maintenance, maturing CDs. No action taken on any of these items.

BILLS: M by Martin, MS by Schmitt to approve the following bills for payment: OTCPO 565.44, Herald-Press 90.18, CPWD 33.02, Circle Sanitation 1,011.25, Shane Hase 55.41, Shonella Lemer 1,108.20, Milton Hase 203.17, Gus Grade 83.11, Travis Monge 83.11, Cindy Martin 110.82, Tina Schmitt 110.82, Job Service ND 8.08, Dakota Fire Extinguishers 59.59, ND League of Cities 200.00, US Treasury 309.08, USPS 78.00, City of Souris 120.00. Upon VV, MC.

M by Martin, MS by Monge to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm. Upon VV, MC.

NOTE: These minutes are subject to correction and approval by Council.

Milton Hase, Mayor  
Shonella Lemer, Auditor  
(April 11, 2026)

### FESSENDEN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 6, 2026 7:30 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
City Hall

PRESENT: Aldermen Joel Bartz, Vince Harshbarger, Jeff Johnson, Karl Mogren, Brian Schimelfenig, Ron Widiger; Paula Tweton, city auditor; Steve Sprague, water billing clerk.

GUESTS: Aaron Opdahl, Joey Allmaras and daughter, Stephanie McNaughton, Rae McNaughton, Anne Ehni, Jill Stevens, Tammy Roehrich, Bruce Seibold, Mike Beaver, Dan Silhan; Kella Norby, Wells County Sheriff's Department.

The regular meeting of the Fessenden City Council was called to order by City Council President Jeff Johnson at 7:15 p.m. It was moved by Bartz and seconded by Mogren to approve amendments to the agenda, i.e., damage to city shop and lagoon update. Motion carried on voice vote.

Moved by Bartz and seconded by seconded by Schimelfenig to amend minutes to indicate that March 2026 amended minutes were for regular city council meeting. Motion carried on voice vote.

Bills: Auditor Tweton indicated bill list was not complete and would bring complete list to upcoming special city council meeting. Moved by Widiger and seconded by Schimelfenig to approve bills; motion carried on roll vote, all voting aye.

Timecards reviewed; moved by Schimelfenig and seconded by Widiger to approve timecards. Motion carried on voice vote.

Finance: Auditor was instructed to contact Apex Engineering and Nexus to determine if payments had been received.

Unfinished Business: Bruce Seibold stated that Givens dog continued to be a nuisance. Moved by Harshbarger and seconded by Widiger to have auditor send a certified letter to Givens family indicating that a \$50 fine had been instituted with request for Givens to attend city council meeting. Motion carried on voice vote.

Jill Stevens indicated that Cenex bill was still owing. Council inquired whether bill could be paid with 1 check by auditor and for subsequent bills Stevens would set up 3 accounts with understanding that individuals purchasing at Cenex would write on receipt to what account charge was to be applied.

New Staff: New water billing clerk, Steve Sprague, introduced himself to the Council and guests. Regarding Streets/Water position, Schimelfenig indicated that he had visited with Mike Beaver and evaluated Atticus Pfeiffer on payload operation. Harshbarger inquired if Mike had been evaluated on equipment and Schimelfenig stated not at this time but this will be performed. Question raised about offering part-time position to Pfeiffer. Subject will be tabled at this time and finalized at a special city council meeting next week.

Due to time required for training and observation on water testing by new employee, discussion held on extending Terry Morrow's agreement with the City to provide this service from April 4, 2026, to July 6, 2026, with the potential to extend this service. Moved by Bartz and seconded by Mogren to approve this arrangement. Motion carried on voice vote.

Schimelfenig reported that Tamarac Land Surveyors will survey the whole half block near Silhan property, providing boundary surveys, for \$1600. Moved by Widiger and seconded by Harshbarger to accept this bid. Motion carried on voice vote.

Schimelfenig stated that he had been unable to get any firm numbers for sidewalk replacement. Price may be dependent on whether other residents would want to have work done on their sidewalks.

Damage to the city shed was discussed. Auditor instructed to contact Renee Johnson regarding insurance claim.

Bill paying policy: Moved by Schimelfenig and seconded by Widiger to have auditor mail bills by Thursday at 2 p.m. or Friday by 2 p.m. following approval at city council meeting. Motion carried on voice vote.

Aaron Opdahl discussed the upcoming informational meeting regarding a new fire hall to be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at City Hall. Discussion held regarding raising mill levies to assist in construction of new fire hall as well as maintaining ISO rating and the benefit to home owners' insurance based on this rating. Price was estimated to be \$600,000 to \$1 million.

Joey Allmaras spoke to Council regarding his 4-plex and drainage problems. Schimelfenig moved to have Joey fill in hole near property with Mogren seconding motion. Motion carried on voice vote.

Building permit application from Raymond van Tonder discussed for improvements on property on Main Avenue. Discussion held regarding concrete work done to curb and gutter. Contact will be made to have new application completed by Van Tonder and specifications regarding curb and gutter.

Special city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 7 p.m. at City Hall. Lagoon update: Tammy Roehrich stated that work was weather dependent. Pipe crew will be coming in near future. Next lagoon progress meeting will be held tomorrow, April 9, 2026, at 2 p.m.

Public Comment: Aaron Opdahl stated that crack sealing had been performed on the north side of town with south side to be done tomorrow.

Daniel Silhan discussed work on the alley behind his home. Harshbarger stated that he thought work had been completed. Silhan will be given a copy of the resolution regarding water resolution and rate increases.

Jill Stevens inquired where special meeting notices were posted and was told that they were posted at City Hall. Stevens also asked about water billing applications and requested a copy of special meeting minutes. Auditor will be provided with list of candidates and letters will be sent to applicants informing them of hiring decision.

Widiger moved to adjourn the meeting; Bartz seconded. Motion carried on voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Next regular meeting of the Fessenden City Council will be held on Monday, May 4, 2026.  
(April 11, 2026)

### REGULAR HARVEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, March 11th, 2026, 5:30p.m.  
City Hall

Note: All motions unanimously passed unless otherwise stated.

Key: M-Motion, MS-Motion Second, VV-Voice Vote, RCV- Roll Call Vote, MC-Motion Carried

The Harvey City Council met at City Hall on Wednesday, March 11th, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Mayor Dean Klier, Council Members Milo Baltrusch, Donnie Hoepfer, Gil Steedsman, Gary Kennedy, and Kerry Susag. Also, present were Auditor Karen Nordby, Police Chief John Foss, and Terri Powers. Council Member Mike Prom and Public Works Director Jamey Weinmann were absent.

VISITORS: Scott Arends, Daniel Deck, Elizabeth Heinz, Dave O'Kelley, and Neil Nelson.

Mayor Klier led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Klier opened the Regular City Council Meeting.

MINUTES: M by Baltrusch, MS by Kennedy to approve the minutes of the regular February 11th, 2026, meeting. Upon VV, MC.

CASH REPORT: M by Hoepfer, MS by Susag to approve the Auditor's Cash Report as submitted with February revenue of \$807,772.32. Upon VV, MC.

VOUCHERS: M by Hoepfer, MS by Susag to approve the vouchers with expenses of AT&T Mobility 191.25, B&B Service & Repair 242.84, Black Mountain Software 100, Central Plains Water Dist. 200, City of Harvey 335.93, Dakota Fire Extinguishers 187.46, Double M Sanitation 23411, EDND 300, Expressway Suites 297, Ferguson Waterworks 571.33, Gaffaney's of Minot 311.38, Harvey All School Reunion 7500, Harvey Archery Program 200, Harvey Park District 2105.70, Harvey Public School 2500, HAV-IT Recycling 1246, Hawkins Inc. 1967, High Plains Equip. 327.56, Herald

Press 2638.65, Hinrich's Super Value 1011.71, Hometown Variety 21.69, Information Tech. Dept. 109.90, John Deere Financial 1310.63, Keller Plumbing & Heating 794.60, Kenny Erickson 465, Kim Johnson 125, Kotaco 5021.58, Leevers' Foods 13.87, Lerner's Ace 159.35, Little Mart 49.05, Mid-Dakota Lumber 598.83, Napa Auto Parts 360.94, Natasha Wilcox 250, ND Clerk's Assoc. 100, ND Dept. of Environmental Quality 60, ND Dept. of Health 40.78, ND Dept. of Health/Microbiology 54, NDTCC 1551.53, Network Center 1844.93, Northern Tier Professional Pet Services 100, Nyhus Law Firm 1650, Ottertail Power Co. 8851.81, Patzer Truck Repair 782.71, Sanitation Products 1055.56, Top-Notch Outdoor Services 1168, Tractor Supply Co. 16.99, Unum Life Insurance 201.60, USPS 330.15, Verendrye Elec. 324, Verizon 239.12, Vestis 292.86, Visa 4265.73, & February Payroll \$103,470.29. Upon RCV, MC.

Fire Chief Scott Arends was there to update the Council on the change in roles for the Harvey Volunteer Fire Department and to see if they had any questions for him. He stated that things have been quiet since the first of the year. They have been working on getting inspections done for the local daycares. On April 11th, they have training scheduled in Harvey with multiple departments.

Elizabeth Heinz with North Dakota Rural Water was there to present Dave O'Kelley with his Certificate of Completion for the Water Apprenticeship Program. He has completed 4000 hours of on-the-job experience and 300 classroom hours. He completed the program faster than any other trainee. Congratulations Dave!

JDA REPORT: N/A

JDA MINUTES: JDA Minutes from the Regular March 10th, 2026, meeting was included in the packet for the Council to review.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Foss's report was in the packet for the Council to review. He informed the Council that they had a rough few days but that they are doing ok.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Public Works Director Weinmann's report was in the packet for the Council to review. M by Baltrusch, MS by Steedsman to approve the invoice from Ferguson Waterworks for \$1721.32 for a piece of 4-inch x 1 ft. long pipe for the #2 pre-filter plumbing to be used on the skids at the WTP and they need two of them. Upon VV, MC. Ledor Co. is asking to lease three acres in the industrial park to park their equipment for approximately 18 months. They will gravel and install a temporary fence at the property. M by Steedsman, MS by Kennedy to approve the lease provided they are paying \$1000/month. Baltrusch suggested that they have Nyhus Law look at the lease before signing. Upon VV, MC. M by Baltrusch, MS by Susag to approve the service estimate from Interstate Power Systems for \$1836 to repair the generator by the coulee. Upon VV, MC.

AUDITOR REPORT: Nordby's report and the financials were in the packet for the Council to review. She included a letter from Rath & Mehr, P.C. with this year's fee for the annual audit. It will not exceed \$19K. M by Baltrusch, MS by Hoepfer to approve. Upon VV, MC. She included a quote from Network Center & Wiest Associates to replace the NVR system with a new Ubiquiti NVR system that will work with our current cameras. M by Susag, MS by Kennedy to approve the quote from Wiest Assoc. for \$2892. Upon VV, MC. Auditor Nordby informed the Council that the armory needs a new water heater. The consensus of the Council is to wait until the bathroom remodel is underway. She included the blueprint for the bathroom remodel for the Council to review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ARMORY UPDATE:

SALES TAX: M by Susag, MS by Steedsman to approve the Second & Final Reading to amend the Harvey Code of Ordinances to adopt an additional 1% tax on gross receipts of retailers from all sales at retail and dedicated to the City of Harvey Park District for the new swimming pool. The 1% shall remain in effect for a period of 10 years if approved by voters. It will take effect in January 2027. Upon VV, MC. It will now go on the ballot for the June election.

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A SALES AND USE TAX PURSUANT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARVEY, ND: SECTION I: SALES AND USE TAX

I. Definitions.

All terms defined in chapters 40-05.1, 57-39.2, 57-39.4, 57-39.5, 57-39.6, and 57-40.2 of the North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.), including any future amendments, are adopted by reference. All references to the N.D.C.C. include amendments adopted by the North Dakota Legislative Assembly.

II. Sales Tax Imposed.

Subject to the provisions of N.D.C.C. § 40-05.1-06, and except as otherwise provided by this Ordinance, or the sales and use tax laws of

the State of North Dakota, a tax of three percent (3%) is imposed upon the gross receipts of retailers from all sales at retail, including the leasing or renting of tangible personal property, within the corporate limits of the of the city of Harvey, North Dakota.

III. Use Tax Imposed.

Subject to the provisions of N.D.C.C. § 40-05.1-06, and except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, or the sales and use tax laws of the State of North Dakota, an excise tax is imposed upon the storage, use, or consumption within the corporate limits of the city of Harvey, North Dakota of tangible personal property purchased at retail for storage, use, or consumption in this city, at the rate of three percent (3%) of the purchase price of the property. An excise tax is imposed on the storage, use, or consumption within the corporate limits of the city of Harvey, North Dakota of tangible personal property not originally purchased for storage, use, or consumption in this city at the rate of three percent (3%) of the fair market value of the property at the time it was brought into this city. With respect to the purchase price of tangible personal property used by a contractor or subcontractor to fulfill a contract as defined in N.D.C.C. § 57-40.2-03.3, the tax imposed by this section applies only to bids submitted on or after the effective date of this Ordinance.

IV. Gross Receipts of Alcoholic Beverages.

Subject to the provisions of ND.C.C. § 40-05.1-06, and except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, a gross receipts tax of three percent (3%) is imposed upon all gross receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages within the city. A person who receives alcoholic beverages for storage, use, or consumption in this state is subject to tax on storage, use, or consumption of those alcoholic beverages at the rate of three percent (3%).

V. Exemptions.

All sales, storage, use or consumption of tangible personal property which are exempt from imposition and consumption of the sales or use tax of the State of North Dakota are specifically exempt from the provisions of this Article. In addition to the exemptions provided by state law, the Harvey tax ordinance provides exemptions for sales of natural gas, gross receipts from the sales of new farm machinery and agricultural repair parts, new farm irrigation equipment and steam used for the processing of any product.

VI. Contract with State Tax Commissioner.

The City Auditor for the City of Harvey shall enter into an agreement under Section 57-01-

02.1 NDCC with the State Tax Commissioner for the collection of such sales tax and use tax and must be administered by the Tax Commissioner in accordance with the relevant provisions of Chapter 57-39.2 NDCC, including reporting and paying requirements, correction of errors, payment of refunds, and application of penalty and interest.

VII. Collection and Administration.

The Tax Commissioner and City Auditor for the City of Harvey shall have the powers enumerated in the provisions of Chapter 57-39.2 NDCC and Chapter 57-40.2 NDCC relating to the collection and administration of the state sales and use tax, including all administrative rules adopted by the Tax Commissioner. The Tax Commissioner is authorized to establish rate tables integrating the tax imposed by this chapter with other state, county and city taxes.

VIII. Dedication of Tax Proceeds.

The 1% sales and use tax previously approved by the voters that is collected, less administrative expenses, shall be controlled by the City of Harvey JDA, separate and apart from all other funds, except as provided by this section. The revenue shall be used for community and economic development projects. Which projects may include but are not limited to economic development and job creation, professional health care recruitment, general infrastructure development which will enhance job creation.

The second 1% sales and use tax previously approved by the voters that is collected, less administrative expenses, shall be maintained in a special fund of the City of Harvey to be used specifically for general infrastructure

development, including water, sewage, roads, utilities, and other projects, including the debt applicable to the foregoing projects, past, present, or future, and whether in the form of general obligations or special assessments.

A third 1% sales and use tax may be imposed if it is approved by a majority of the votes cast at a regular or special election. If so passed the 1% sales tax collected, less administrative expenses shall be controlled by the City of Harvey Park District, separate and apart from all other funds, except as provided by this section. The revenue shall be used for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a new Harvey Swimming Pool, including any debt service incurred in the construction.

IX. Compensation.

City sales and use tax permit holders are allowed to retain a portion of their city tax collections or use tax obligation to help recover administrative expenses. This compensation shall equal three percent (3%) of the city sales and use tax due; however, the deduction is limited to \$83.33 per month or \$250.00 per quarter. A tax return must be filed and paid in full by the scheduled due date or the compensation will be disallowed and the tax obligation will be subject to penalty and interest.

X. Termination.

The 1% sales and use tax controlled by the City of Harvey JDA shall be continued unless terminated by resolution of the City Council. The 1% sales tax for general infrastructure development shall remain in effect for its initial approved period and then will terminate unless the voters approve an extension by a majority vote at a regular or special city election. The 1% sales tax proposed to be controlled by the City of Harvey Park District must be first approved by the voters and shall remain in effect for a period of 10 years from its commencement and then terminate unless the voters approve an extension by a majority vote at a regular or special city election.

XI. Saving Clause.  
Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional, or invalid for any reason, this remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION II: REPEAL.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION III: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and take effect from and after final passage, due publication according to law, and following ratification by a majority vote of the residents of Harvey, North Dakota.

NEW BUSINESS:

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT: M by Steedsman, MS by Baltrusch to approve the Special Event Permit for the Ludwig Family Reunion on July 11th, 2026, to be held in Centennial Park. Upon VV, MC.

DUMPSTER INCREASES: Double M Sanitation is raising their rates for 4 yd. dumpster rentals. A regular cleanup will increase from \$100 to \$125 and a construction clean out will increase from \$175 to \$185.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HARVEY WELLS COUNTY LIBRARY MINUTES: Library minutes from the regular February 24th, 2026, meeting and the Special January 30th, 2026, meeting were included in the packet for the Council to review.

With no further business, Mayor Klier adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Dean Klier, Mayor  
Karen Nordby, Auditor  
(April 11, 2026)

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