

**The public was offered to participate by Zoom audio internet connection or by phone.**

The City Council of the City of Harlan, Iowa met pursuant to law and the rules of said Council in regular session, in the Council Chambers at 5:15 o'clock P.M. the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026. The meeting was called to order by Jay Christensen, Mayor in the Chair, and the following Council members were:

PRESENT: Jennifer Kelly, Richard Petersen, Kyle Lindberg, Aaron Nippert, Troy Schaben, Sharon Kroger.

ABSENT: None

The City Clerk presented the agenda. It was moved by Nippert and seconded by Lindberg to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

The Mayor asked the Council members to state any conflicts of interest, as applicable.

All items listed under the Consent Agenda will be enacted by one motion with a roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made prior to the time Council votes on the motion. Consent Agenda items may include any non-controversial subjects.

- A. Minutes of the 12-16-2025 Council meeting and 12-18-2025 Council Work Session
- B. Claims List No. 1353 in the amount of \$517,977.72
- C. Renewal Application for CBS LLC for Class "C" Retail Alcohol License
- D. Amended Application re change of ownership for Casey's General Store for Class "E" Retail Alcohol License
- E. Renewal Application for Cyclone Lanes for Class "C" Retail Alcohol License
- F. Council Committees and Liaisons for 2026/2027
- G. Fire Department Officers and Members 2026

It was moved by Petersen and seconded by Schaben that the items on the Consent Agenda be approved and adopted. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried, and the Consent Agenda items were approved and adopted.

The Mayor announced that this is the time and place for the Public Hearing regarding the Proposed Sale of City Property, 1708 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Harlan, Iowa to 1708 6<sup>th</sup> St Harlan LLC. It was moved by Schaben and seconded by Lindberg to open the Public Hearing. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried. The Public Hearing was opened at 5:21 P.M.

No oral or written objections were stated or filed.

It was moved by Petersen and seconded by Kroger to close the Hearing at 5:21 P.M. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Lindberg introduced Resolution No. 2625, Resolution for the sale of the City Interest in Real Estate – 1708 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Harlan, Iowa to 1708 6<sup>th</sup> St Harlan LLC for the Price of \$10,010.99. Council Member Kroger seconded the motion. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried and the Resolution was duly adopted.

It was moved by Lindberg and seconded by Kroger to receive and file the HHPC meeting minutes from 12/18/2025. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Lindberg and seconded by Kroger to approve expansion of current eligibility map an additional block each direction for commercial properties only zoned B-1 or B-2. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Nippert introduced Resolution No. 2626, Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harlan, Iowa, authorizing an in-kind contribution of asphalt millings to support the Shelby County Fair Board and the Shelby County Speedway. Council Member Petersen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried and the Resolution was duly adopted.

The City Administrator presented his report.

The Mayor presented his report.

It was moved by Kroger and seconded by Lindberg to re-appoint Troy Schaben as Mayor Pro-Tem through December 2027. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Kroger. ABSTAIN: Schaben due to conflict of interest. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Nippert and seconded by Petersen to approve the re-appointments of the following City officers for two-year terms to expire 12/31/2027: City Health Officer, Luke Wolken and City Attorney, Todd Argotsinger. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Schaben and seconded by Kroger to approve the re-appointment of the following City officer for a one-year term to expire 12/31/2026: City Treasurer, Wava Bails. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion Carried.

Updates were presented by the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Harlan Municipal Utilities, and Shelby County Sheriff's Department.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Ashley Schleis, City Clerk

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Jay Christensen, Mayor

*“These minutes are as recorded by the Clerk and are subject to Council approval at the next regular meeting.”*