

**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 20<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, and Sharon Kroger.

ABSENT: None

The City Clerk presented the agenda. It was moved by Petersen 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 01-06-26 Council meeting
- B. Claims List No. 1354 in the amount of \$67,358.92
- C. HMU Sewer & Landfill Reconciliation Report for December 2025
- D. Sheriff's Statistical Report for December 2025
- E. Salaries paid in 2025 and instruct Clerk to publish the same
- F. Renewal Application for DOLGENCORP LLC Class "B" Retail Alcohol License

It was moved by Nippert and seconded by Petersen 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.

It was moved by Kroger and seconded by Lindberg to receive and file the Airport Commission meeting minutes from 01-14-2026. 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 recommendation to enter into a Farm Lease Agreement with Jeff & Karla Hundt. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kroger introduced Resolution No. 2627, Resolution to Enter into a Farm Lease and Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Distribution. Council Member Lindberg 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 Petersen and seconded by Kroger to approve the Accident Investigation Program. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Petersen and seconded by Kelly to approve the City of Harlan Ergonomics Program. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Lindberg introduced Resolution No. 2628, Resolution for the Adoption of the Iowa LOSAP Program. Council Member Nippert seconded the motion. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. ABSTAIN: Petersen due to conflict of interest as a volunteer firefighter. NAYS: None. Motion carried and the Resolution was duly adopted.

Mayor Christensen introduced Ordinance No. 2026-01 – An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Harlan, Iowa by amending provisions pertaining to Snow Emergency Violations. It was moved by Petersen and seconded by Kroger that Ordinance No. 2026-01 now be read for the first time. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried and the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-01 was passed.

It was moved by Nippert and seconded by Lindberg to approve the Fire Department Building Expansion Purchase Agreement with Ahrenholtz Construction. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kroger and seconded by Petersen to approve MP-2026-001; Multi-purpose Permit Application for Roar Into Harlan 2026. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kroger and seconded by Schaben to approve Support for Iowa Disaster Case Advocacy (IDCA) Program Surge Staffing Plan for EMA. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

The City Administrator presented his report.

The Mayor presented his report.

Update was presented by the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

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.”*