

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 17th day of March 2026. The meeting was called to order by Jay Christensen, Mayor in the Chair, and the following Council members were:

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

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Richard Petersen.

ABSENT: None.

The City Clerk presented the agenda. It was moved by Lindberg and seconded by Kroger 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 03-03-26 Council meeting
- B. Claims List No. 1358 in the amount of \$78,701.83
- C. Expenditure & Revenue reports for the months of January 2026 and February 2026
- D. HMU Sewer & Landfill Reconciliation Report for January 2026
- E. Sheriff's Statistical Report for February 2026
- F. Renewal Application for HY-VEE INC DBA HY-VEE WINE & SPIRITS Class "E" Retail Alcohol License

It was moved by Nippert and seconded by Kroger 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 Lindberg and seconded by Schaben to receive and File 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Audit. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Schaben and seconded by Lindberg to receive and File 2024/2025 CSLFRF Exam. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kroger and seconded by Kelly to approve MP-2026-005, Multi-Purpose Permit Application for Harlan Community Schools. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

MP-2026-006, Multi-Purpose Permit Application for the Westside was tabled until the April 7, 2026 meeting. City staff will reach out and request more information and a sketch.

It was moved by Lindberg and seconded by Nippert to receive and file minutes from the 03-10-2026 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Kroger. ABSTAIN: Schaben due to Monogram employment. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Nippert and seconded by Kelly to approve recommendation to move forward with the High School Baseball Bullpen Fencing Project pending grant approval and/or private funds only. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Lindberg and seconded by Schaben to approve recommendation to move forward with ARC Electric for pool lights pending that the lumen study meets requirements. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Nippert and seconded by Kroger to approve recommendation to approve the signage as presented for Monogram Foods JJ Jensen Sports Complex. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Kroger. ABSTAIN: Schaben due to Monogram employment. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Schaben and seconded by Lindberg to receive and file minutes from the 03-11-2026 Insurance Committee meeting. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Lindberg and seconded by Schaben to approve recommendation to approve The Agency's proposal to renew Property/Casualty Insurance with EMC Insurance. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Schaben and seconded by Lindberg to approve recommendation to approve The Agency's proposal for the Work Comp Insurance with IMWCA, policy effective April 1st. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Lindberg and seconded by Kroger to receive and file minutes from the 03-12-2026 Harlan Historical Preservation Committee (HHPC) meeting. 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 the recommendation from HHPC for the approval of 8 applications for the Downtown Façade and Upper Story Grants. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Council member Petersen left at 5:57 P.M.

It was moved by Lindberg and seconded by Schaben to approve City of Harlan, Iowa – Seat Belt Safety Policy. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Lindberg introduced Resolution No 2636 – Approving Budgeted Transfers for FY25/26. Council Member Kroger seconded the motion. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, 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.

Update was presented by Harlan Municipal Utilities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Ashley Schleis, City Clerk

Jay Christensen, Mayor

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