

**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 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026. The meeting was called to order by Jay Christensen, Mayor in the Chair, and the following Council members were:

PRESENT: Richard Petersen, Aaron Nippert, Troy Schaben, Sharon Kroger.

ABSENT: Jennifer Kelly and Kyle Lindberg.

The City Clerk presented the agenda. It was moved by Nippert and seconded by Petersen to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: AYES: Petersen, 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 03-17-26 Council meeting
- B. Claims List No. 1359 in the amount of \$199,785.27
- C. New Application for WINETIME, LLC DBA SHELBY COUNTY SPEEDWAY Special Class "C" 5-day Retail Alcohol License with outdoor service.
- D. Renewal Application for GUSSIED UP COCKTAIL LOUNGE DBA GUSSIED UP COCKTAIL LOUNGE Class "C" Retail Alcohol License.
- E. New Application for Highbanks Promotions LLC DBA Highbanks Promotions pending necessary requirements and DRAM approval.

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

Council Member Schaben introduced Resolution No 2637 – Resolution to Set Public Hearing for Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 at 5:15 P.M. Regarding the Proposed Sale of City Owned Lots 21-23 & 25 of G.H. Christiansen Subdivision in the City of Harlan, Iowa to Hansen House Harlan LLC. Council Member Nippert seconded the motion. Roll call vote: AYES: Petersen, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried and the Resolution was duly adopted.

It was moved by Kroger and seconded by Nippert to receive and file minutes from the 03-17-2026 Personnel & Finance Committee meeting. Roll call vote: AYES: Petersen, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kroger and seconded by Schaben to approve recommendation to approve a \$2.00 increase for Parks Department Superintendent, Veteran's Memorial Auditorium/ C.G. Therkildsen Superintendent and Street Department Superintendent. Roll call vote: AYES: Petersen, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kroger and seconded by Petersen to approve MP-2026-006, Multi-Purpose Permit Application for the Westside. Roll call vote: AYES: Petersen, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Nippert introduced Resolution No 2638 – Resolution Authorizing the City to Apply for Membership in the Iowa Municipalities Workers' Compensation Association (IMWCA). Council Member Petersen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: AYES: Petersen, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried and the Resolution was duly adopted.

It was moved by Kroger and seconded by Nippert to approve City of Harlan, Iowa Policy on Salary and Pay Increase Requests. Roll call vote: AYES: Petersen, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Petersen and seconded by Schaben to approve Harlan Building Inspection Contract with Southwest Iowa Planning Council (SWIPCO). Roll call vote: AYES: Petersen, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kroger and seconded by Petersen to Set Public Hearing Date of April 21, 2026, 5:15 PM for the Proposed FY26/27 Annual Budget. Roll call vote: AYES: Petersen, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was had on the Notice of Nuisance Fees and Charges. Item was tabled due to lack of quorum.

It was moved by Nippert and seconded by Petersen to approve MP-2026-007, Multi-Purpose Permit Application for Relay for Life. Roll call vote: AYES: Petersen, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

The City Administrator presented his report.

The Mayor presented his report.

It was moved by Nippert and seconded by Schaben to appoint Randy Kroger to the Veterans Memorial Auditorium Commission for a 3-year term expiring 04/19/2029. Roll call vote: AYES: Petersen, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Update was presented by Harlan Municipal Utilities.

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.”*