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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 3rd day of February 2026. The meeting was called to order by Jay Christensen, Mayor in the Chair, and the following Council members were:

PRESENT: Aaron Nippert, Troy Schaben, and Sharon Kroger

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Jennifer Kelly

ABSENT: Richard Petersen and Kyle Lindberg

The City Clerk presented the agenda. It was moved by Kroger and seconded by Schaben to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, 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 01-20-26 Council meeting
- B. Claims List No. 1355 in the amount of \$166,795.35
- C. New Application for MR KUMAR LLC DBA CIGAR AND VAPE Class "E" Retail Alcohol License
- D. New Application for THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF HARLAN IOWA INC DBA ST MICHAELS CHURCH HALL Class "C" Retail Alcohol License
- E. Renewal Application for FAMILY DOLLAR STORES OF IOWA LLC DBA FAMILY DOLLAR #33183 Class "B" 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, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried and the Consent Agenda items were approved and 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 Kroger and seconded by Schaben that Ordinance No. 2026-01 now be read for the second time. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried and the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-01 was passed.

Council reviewed the Order of Local Housing Official and Petition for Title to Abandoned Property at 906 9th Street. It was moved by Nippert and seconded by Kroger to proceed with Order of Local Housing Official and Petition for Title to Abandoned Property at 906 9th Street. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kroger introduced Resolution No 2629, Resolution to Enter into a Farm Lease and Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Distribution. Council Member Nippert seconded the motion. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried and the Resolution was duly adopted.

It was moved by Kroger and seconded by Kelly to approve the 2026 Overnight Town Agreement with RAGBRAI. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Nippert and seconded by Kroger to approve MP-2026-002; Multi-purpose Permit Application for Shelby County Speedway for 06/11/2026. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kroger and seconded by Schaben to approve MP-2026-003; Multi-purpose Permit Application for Shelby County Speedway for 07/15/26 until 07/19/26 at 2:00 A.M. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

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.”