

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 February 2026. The meeting was called to order by Troy Schaben, Mayor Pro-Tem 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 Lindberg and seconded by Nippert to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

The Mayor Pro-Tem 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 02-03-26 Council meeting
- B. Claims List No. 1356 in the amount of \$36,897.65
- C. Expenditure & Revenue reports for the month of August 2025, September 2025, October 2025, November 2025, and December 2025
- D. Sheriff's Statistical Report for January 2026

It was moved by Kroger 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.

Mayor Pro-Tem Schaben 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 Lindberg and seconded by Petersen that Ordinance No. 2026-01 now be read for the third time. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried and the third reading of Ordinance No. 2026-01 was passed.

Bids for City Dumpster Garbage Service were reviewed. Three bids were received: Kroger & Sons Hauling LLC, R&S Waste Disposal Inc, and Harlan Hauling. It was moved by Lindberg and seconded by Petersen to approve 3-Year Solid Waste and Recyclables Haulers License Bid from Kroger & Sons Hauling LLC for the time period of 03-01-2026 through 06-30-2029. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben. ABSTAIN: Kroger due to conflict of interest. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Lindberg and seconded by Petersen to approve Letter of Support for WESCO Industries. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Nippert and seconded by Kelly to approve MP-2026-004 Multi-purpose Permit Application for Tiny Lund. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Petersen and seconded by Kroger to approve Support Letter for River Access Project. 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 02-10-2026 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. 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 recommendation to sign the Construction Contract with Christensen Bros., Inc. for the River Access Project. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Nippert introduced Resolution No 2630, Resolution Approving and Authorizing Execution of a Construction Contract for Grading Work with Christensen Bros., Inc. in Connection with the January 21, 2026 Letting. 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.

Council Member Petersen introduced Resolution No 2631, Resolution to Adopt the Regional Planning Affiliates 13 & 18 Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A) Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. 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.

Council Member Lindberg introduced Resolution No 2632, Resolution Authorizing the Harlan Veteran's Memorial Auditorium Acoustic Enhancement Project and Approving Project Manuals and Contractual Terms. Council Member Nippert seconded the motion. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried and the Resolution was duly adopted.

Council Member Petersen introduced Resolution No 2633, Resolution Setting Public Hearing on the Proposed Acoustic Enhancement Project at the Harlan Veteran's Memorial Auditorium. Council Member Kelly seconded the motion. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried and the Resolution was duly adopted.

Council Member Kelly introduced Resolution No 2634, Resolution to Set Public Hearing for Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 5:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers for the consideration of FY26/27 Consolidated General Fund Tax Levy. 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.

The City Administrator presented his report.

The Mayor Pro-Tem presented his report.

It was moved by Kelly and seconded by Lindberg to appoint Stefanie Kramer to fulfill remaining term of Andrew Sandquist on the Library Board expiring 07-01-2026. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Lindberg, Nippert, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Ashley Schleis, City Clerk

Troy Schaben, Mayor Pro-Tem

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