CITY OF HARLAN – HARLAN, IOWA – NOVEMBER 3, 2026

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 3rd day of November 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, Troy Schaben, Sharon Kroger.
ABSENT: Kyle Lindberg and Aaron Nippert

The City Clerk presented the agenda. It was moved by Petersen and seconded by Kroger to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, 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 10-20-26 Council meeting
B. Claims List No. 1373 in the amount of $144,399.47

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, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried and the Consent Agenda items were approved and adopted.

The Mayor announced that this is the time and place for the Public Hearing regarding the proposed rezoning of 2001 College Place, Harlan, Iowa. It was moved by Kroger and seconded by Schaben to open the Public Hearing. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried. The Public Hearing was opened at 5:17 P.M.

No oral or written objections were stated or filed.

It was moved by Kroger and seconded by Petersen to close the public hearing at 5:19 P.M. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Christensen introduced Ordinance No. 2026-06 – An Ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Harlan, Iowa. It was moved by Kroger and seconded by Schaben that Ordinance No. 2026-06 now be read for the first time. Roll call vote: AYES: Petersen, Schaben, Kroger, Kelly. NAYS: None. Motion carried and the first reading of Ordinance 2026-06 was passed.

Mayor Christensen introduced Ordinance No. 2026-05 – An Ordinance amending Ordinance Nos. 1989-3, 1992-02, 2002-01, 2005-04, 2006-10, 2008-08, and 2009-01, providing that general property taxes levied and collected each year on all property located within the Amended Harlan Urban Renewal Area, in the City of Harlan, County of Shelby, State of Iowa, by and for the benefit of the State of Iowa, City of Harlan, County of Shelby, Harlan Community School District, and Other taxing districts, be paid to a special fund for payment of principal and interest on loans, monies advanced to and indebtedness, including bonds issued or to be issued, incurred by the City in connection with the Amended Harlan Urban Renewal Area **(Area removed by Amendment No. 2 to the Amended and Restated Harlan Urban Renewal Plan).** It was moved by Kelly and seconded by Kroger that Ordinance No. 2026-05 now be read for the second time. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried and the second reading of Ordinance 2026-05 was passed.

Council Member Schaben introduced Resolution No. 2661 – Resolution requesting payment of the outstanding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation Program balance associated with the Gary McCoy property. Council Member Kroger seconded the motion. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried and the Resolution was duly adopted.

It was moved by Kroger and seconded by Schaben to receive and file minutes from the 10-26-2026 Streets, Alleys, and Sidewalks Committee meeting. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Schaben and seconded by Petersen to approve recommendation to install stop signs with flashing red lights at Onyx Drive and Willow Street and Pine Street and College Place making these three ways stops. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Petersen and seconded by Kelly to approve recommendation to add a radar speed sign back at the location of 19th Street and Pine. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Chris Bylund, Code Enforcement Officer stated that he received numerous phone calls against the recommendation to move the existing "No Parking This Side" restriction on Victoria Street between 12th and 8th Street, to the South side of the road. No motion was made.

Mayor Christensen introduced Ordinance No. 2026-07 – An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Harlan, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to stop signs. It was moved by Kroger and seconded by Petersen that Ordinance No. 2026-07 now be read for the first time. Roll call vote: AYES: Kelly, Petersen, Schaben, Kroger. NAYS: None. Motion carried and the first reading of Ordinance 2026-07 was passed.

No motion was made for Ordinance No. 2026-08 – An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Harlan, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to no parking zones due to prior failed motion.

The City Administrator presented his report.

The Mayor presented his report.

Updates were presented by Harlan Municipal Utilities and Shelby County Sheriff's Department.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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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."