April 14, 2025

The Harpers Ferry City Council met on Monday, April 14th, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held at City Hall. Mayor Jerry Valley presided over the meeting. Council members in attendance were Daren Kaeppel, Alan Garin, Kenny Barta, Russ Walker, and Tom Diggins. Minutes were recorded by Kelli Melcher, City Clerk.

A public hearing was held regarding the City Budget Amendment for FY 2024/2025. There was no comment from the public and the hearing was closed.

Public Comments: A resident presented a picture of her property lines to the council. She would like the council to consider the sale of city property to straighten out the property line.

Motion was then made by Barta, second by Diggins to approve the Consent Agenda, the March 10, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes, the April 1, 2025, Special Council Meetings Minutes, the Treasurers Report ending March 31, 2025, and approval of the payment of claims. Mayor Jerry Valley made an amendment to the agenda by removing agenda item number 5 due to Friends of Yellow River State Forest not being able to attend the meeting. Call Vote: Ayes: Barta, Garin, Kaeppel, Diggins, Walker. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Funds	Claims Paid	Revenues Received	Fund Totals
General Fund	$31,721.99	$23,962.60	$678,938.71
Garbage	$4,798.10	$36,824.85	$111,243.26
Library	$1,481.32	$126.75	$45,447.83
Hotel/Motel	$0	$480.60	$14,522.15
Road Use	$4,117.34	$2,015.97	$2,054.64
Local Options	$786.45	$2,996.56	$35,168.96
Debt Service	$0	$0	$0
ARPA Funds	$0	$0	$0
Sewer Operations	$12,382.76	$41,243.40	$183,858.68
Sewer Rev Bond Sink	$0	$6,333.00	$101,740.00
Sewer Revenue Surplus	$0	$503.81	$44,122.85
Capital Project – Sewer Upgrade	$0	$0	$0

Claims Paid:

Date	Name	Memo	Credit
03/11/2025	Christine Cota	Paycheck	247.84
03/11/2025	Dianne L Nation	Paycheck	93.74
03/11/2025	Jody Delaney	Paycheck	526.56
03/11/2025	Baker & Taylor	Acct L5178052-Books ordered February 2025	129.24
03/11/2025	AcenTek-Library	INV 13076456 -Library Phone-March 2025	143.74
03/11/2025	Chris Cota (Vendor)	Library Cleaning-February 2025	40.00

03/11/2025	Harpers Ferry Library	Reimbursement from city for internet upgrade- March 2025	45.00
03/14/2025	USPS	Postage Stamps for Utility Billing (250)	182.50
03/17/2025	Jason S Sullivan	Paycheck	409.95
03/17/2025	Kelli L Melcher	Paycheck	1,544.05
03/17/2025	Paul J Deason	Paycheck	1,398.25
03/17/2025	Shelby Schwartz	Paycheck	448.71
03/22/2025	City of Harpers Ferry	Transfer from Sewer Checking to Revenue Bond Sinking Savings	6,333.00
03/22/2025	City of Harpers Ferry	Transfer from Sewer Checking to Revenue Bond Sinking Savings	375.00
03/31/2025	Alan J Garin	Paycheck	147.76
03/31/2025	Daren C Kaeppel	Paycheck	147.76
03/31/2025	Jason S Sullivan	Paycheck	409.95
03/31/2025	Jerry C Valley	Paycheck	1,196.72
03/31/2025	Kelli L Melcher	Paycheck	1,544.05
03/31/2025	Kenneth A Barta	Paycheck	147.76
03/31/2025	Michael D Whalen	Paycheck	389.54
03/31/2025	Paul J Deason	Paycheck	1,398.25
03/31/2025	Russ Walker	Paycheck	147.62
03/31/2025	Shelby Schwartz	Paycheck	395.02
03/31/2025	Thomas E Diggins	Paycheck	110.71
03/31/2025	IPERS	03301	2,612.90
03/31/2025	United States Treasury	42-1076054	3,890.26
03/31/2025	Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance	69-0424458-001	531.00
03/31/2025		Service Charge	6.00
04/08/2025	USPS	Water sample	9.60
04/14/2025	Elan Financial Services	Acct xx6293-March pymt-cell phone, Google Suite, Prime Membership, Office Supplies, Floormat for...	749.57
04/14/2025	Waukon Standard Newspaper	INV WS272245 Proposed Tax Hearing, WS272246 March 10 Meeting Minutes	164.93
04/14/2025	AgVantage FS	ID 4006249, 256.600 gl at city hall/library	302.79
04/14/2025	USPS	Annual PO Box Fee	120.00

04/14/2025	A & J Petersburg Agency	Invoice 723221 Workers Comp Audit 11/28/2023 - 11/28/2024, Invoice 726982 Cyber Liability, Surpl...	1,603.29
04/14/2025	Town & Country Sanitation Inc	ID 481411111402; April 1 -30 240 Garbage/Recycle and April 15- 30 189 Seasonal Garbage/Recycle	6,021.00
04/14/2025	Otting Water Treatment	Account #81356- Bottle Water	13.50
04/14/2025	AcenTek-City	INV 13100449 Telephone for April 2025	52.46
04/14/2025	Allamakee County Sheriff	INV march2025c -Contract law enforcement for March 2025	2,500.00
04/14/2025	Allamakee-Clayton Electric	Electrical Bills for February 2025	3,095.43
04/14/2025	Microbac Laboratories, Inc	Lab Analysis/Sewer Testing- INV NT2501885, NT2502131, NT2502184, NT2502328, NT2502584	413.50
04/14/2025	Electric Pump	INV 030085 Service Agreement on 3 Lift Stations, Hydromatic 4' Gasket Neoprene Diaphragm	1,461.90
04/14/2025	Mulgrew Oil Co	Account # 29040976 - Diesel	7.34
04/14/2025	Decorah Tech	INV 9514 Server monthly cleanup, tuneup & patching, Internet troubleshooting, network switch ins...	354.98
04/14/2025	Carquest-Waukon	INV 364735 - 0w40 Full Synthetic Oil, Oil Filter, Air Filter	136.05
04/14/2025	Cunningham Hardware	INV 2503-227873- 1GL Carpet Cleaner	23.99
04/14/2025	Benjegerdes Machine, Inc.	INV 161190 - Steel and Labor for Mower Broom	115.23
04/14/2025	Spee-Dee	INV 1206846, 1210316, 1213034, 1216000, 1224432- Shipping for sewer samples	113.32

04/14/2025	Office of Auditor of State	Billing for Audit Services Performed for FY Ending June 30, 2022	17,338.06
			59,589.82

Motion by Barta, second by Kaeppel to approve the quote from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers LLC for the seal coating on city streets. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Diggins, Garin, Barta, Walker, Kaeppel. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Motion by Kaeppel, second by Barta to approve the quote from Strub Blacktopping & Trucking LLC for crack sealing on city streets. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Walker, Kaeppel, Barta, Diggins, Garin. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Motion by Diggins, second by Garin to approve $1,000 contribution for the Harpers Ferry Rescue Squad. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaeppel, Barta, Walker, Garin, Diggins. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Upon motion by Walker, second by Garin the following Resolution was approved:
Resolution 517 – A Resolution Amending the Current Budget for FY Ending June 30, 2025
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Garin, Walker, Barta, Diggins, Kaeppel. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Upon motion by Diggins, second by Walker the following Resolution was approved:
Resolution 518 – A Resolution Proposing Vacation and Conveyance and Setting a Public Hearing
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Diggins, Garin, Barta, Kaeppel, Walker. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Motion by Barta, second by Kaeppel to approve renewal of Portside Bar & Supper Club LC0046342 Class C Liquor License, Outdoor Service. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Walker, Barta, Garin, Kaeppel, Diggins. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Motion by Diggins, second by Garin to approve renewal of Barry's Mini Mart Class E Liquor License LE0002347. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Barta, Kaeppel, Walker, Diggins, Garin. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Motion by Barta, second by Walker to approve the installation of a new headstone at the Sandy Point Cemetery. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Garin, Barta, Kaeppel, Diggins, Walker. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Miscellaneous: Mayor Jerry Valley informed the Council that the adult softball league will not be using the ball diamond this year.

Motion by Kaeppel, second by Barta to table the decision on the playground equipment at the ball diamond. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaeppel, Garin, Barta, Walker, Diggins. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Motion by Walker, second by Diggins to go into closed session to discuss the property at 243 N 1st Street. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Walker, Kaeppel, Garin, Barta, Diggins. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Motion made by Diggins, second by Walker to come out of closed session. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Walker, Diggins, Garin, Kaeppel, Barta. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Motion by Barta, second by Diggins to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Barta, Walker, Kaeppel, Garin, Diggins. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Jerry Valley

Jerry Valley, Mayor

Kelli Melcher

Kelli Melcher, City Clerk