April 21, 2025

The Harpers Ferry City Council met in special session on Monday, April 21, 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, Kenny Barta, Russ Walker, Alan Garin, and Tom Diggins. Minutes were recorded by Kelli Melcher, City Clerk.

A public hearing was held for the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. The clerk reported that no written comments or calls were received regarding the budget prior to the meeting. The public hearing was closed at 1:02 p.m.

Upon motion by Kaeppel, second by Walker the following Resolution was approved:

Resolution 519 – Adoption of the FY 2025/2026 Budget

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Barta, Garin, Kaeppel, Diggins, Walker. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Motion by Walker, second by Garin to approve the request for variance at Trackside Court Lot #2. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaeppel, Walker, Barta, Garin, Diggins. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Motion by Diggins, second by Kaeppel to approve the request for variance at 444 Park Drive Road. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Diggins, Garin, Barta, Walker, Kappel. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Motion by Garin, second by Walker to place the playground equipment behind the concession stands at the ball diamond. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Walker, Kaeppel, Barta, Diggins, Garin. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Motion by Walker, second by Barta to go into closed session to discuss the sale of 3 city owned parcels on 1st Street. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaeppel, Barta, Walker, Garin, Diggins. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

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

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

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

Upon motion by Garin, second by Diggins the following Resolution was approved:

Resolution 520 – A Resolution Proposing Vacation and Conveyance and Setting a Public Hearing

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Diggins, Walker, Barta, Kaeppel, Garin. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

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

Jerry Valley

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Jerry Valley, Mayor

Kelli Melcher

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Kelli Melcher, City Clerk