January 16, 2026

The Harpers Ferry City Council met on Friday, January 16th 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, Tom Diggins, Alan Garin, Kenny Barta and Sandi Riha. Minutes were recorded by Kelli Melcher, City Clerk.

Public Comments: A resident recommended the City Council to pay the request from Economic Development to support tourism in Harpers Ferry.

Motion made by Barta, second by Diggins to approve the Consent Agenda, the December 8, 2025, Minutes, the Treasurer Report ending December 31, 2025, and approval of the payment of claims. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Barta, Kaeppel, Garin, Riha, Diggins. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Funds	**Claims Paid**	**Revenues Received**	**Fund Totals**
General Fund	$31,462.19	$11,567.18	$748,641.11
Garbage	$4,605.67	$14,112.09	$92,846.21
Library	$1,305.66	$5,352.37	$52,321.37
Hotel/Motel	$0.00	$1,135.82	$18,522.24
Road Use	$2,649.45	$2,462.81	$9,269.81
Local Options	$50.82	$6,617.31	$54,372.06
Sewer Operations	$11,189.61	$41,257.91	$183,492.59
Sewer Rev Bond Sink	$0.00	$6,333.00	$82,813.00
Sewer Revenue Surplus	$0	$508.20	$47,897.35

Claims Paid:

Date	Name	Memo	Credit
12/09/2025	Christine Cota	Paycheck	249.57
12/09/2025	Dianne L Nation	Paycheck	116.91
12/09/2025	Jody Delaney	Paycheck	380.16
12/09/2025	AcenTek-Library	INV 13324197 -Library Phone-December 2025	46.12
12/09/2025	Dragonfly Books	Invoice 176342 Books Ordered in November 2025	144.84
12/09/2025	Chris Cota (Vendor)	Library Cleaning-November 2025	40.00
12/09/2025	Jody Delaney (Vendor)	Reimbursement for Standard bill	81.60
12/09/2025	Mulgrew Oil Co	Account # 29040976 - Diesel	450.71
12/09/2025	Harpers Ferry Library	Transfer from General to Library	2,350.00
12/09/2025	Allamakee-Clayton Electric	Electrical Bills for November 2025	3,236.14
12/10/2025	Anderson Law Office	INV 145110 - Attn to reviewing Orner property maint issues and email to city clerk regarding the...	785.40

12/12/2025	USPS	Postage Stamps for Utility Billing (242)	188.76
12/22/2025	Alan J Garin	Paycheck	110.82
12/22/2025	Daren C Kaeppel	Paycheck	110.82
12/22/2025	Jason S Sullivan	Paycheck	443.67
12/22/2025	Jerry C Valley	Paycheck	1,196.72
12/22/2025	Kelli L Melcher	Paycheck	1,655.74
12/22/2025	Kenneth A Barta	Paycheck	73.88
12/22/2025	Paul J Deason	Paycheck	1,483.52
12/22/2025	Thomas E Diggins	Paycheck	110.71
12/22/2025	Sports World	Sales Order # 83626 - 2026 Golf Cart decals	428.33
12/22/2025	City of Harpers Ferry	Transfer from Sewer Checking to Revenue Bond Sinking Savings	6,333.00
12/22/2025	City of Harpers Ferry	Transfer from Sewer Checking to Revenue Bond Sinking Savings	375.00
12/30/2025	Sandi A Riha	Paycheck	34.42
12/30/2025	IPERS	03301	1,668.36
12/30/2025	United States Treasury	42-1076054	2,674.78
12/30/2025	Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance	69-0424458-001	362.00
12/31/2025	Peoples State Bank	Service Charge	6.00
01/02/2026	Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance		357.69
01/05/2026	Jason S Sullivan	Paycheck	443.67
01/05/2026	Kelli L Melcher	Paycheck	1,655.74
01/05/2026	Paul J Deason	Paycheck	1,483.52
01/05/2026	Peoples Company of Indianola	Refund due to cancellation of the community center on 1/29/2026	75.00
01/12/2026	Portside One Stop	INV 47096 gas for city truck	147.00
01/12/2026	Barry's Mini Mart	INV 899288-Fuel for city truck, misc.	277.69
01/12/2026	Waukon Standard Newspaper	INV WS320797 - December 8 2025 Meeting Minutes	73.36
01/12/2026	Allamakee County Auditor	2025 City-School Election	1,069.01
01/12/2026	Decorah Tech	INV 10430 Server monthly cleanup, tune up and patching	225.00
01/12/2026	Allamakee County Sheriff	INV DEC2025C -Contract law enforcement for December 2025	2,500.00

01/12/2026	Waukon Tire Center	INV 1-98818 Dismount and Mount, Tube, Service Call for Tractor	390.00
01/12/2026	AcenTek-City	INV 13364906 telephone for January 2025	47.12
01/12/2026	Consolidated Energy Company	INV 3774723 - 490.9gal City Hall, INV 3774724 - 176.1gal City Shop	793.73
01/12/2026	Iowa Codification	INV 2025-IC-0465; November 2025 Supplement Ord. No. 337 to 345	360.00
01/12/2026	Microbac Laboratories, Inc	Lab Analysis/Sewer Testing-INV NT2511365, NT2511478, NT2511642, NT2511676, NT2511828, NT2511932	499.25
01/12/2026	Spee-Dee	INV 1365209, 1373551, 1376944, 1379450 Shipping for sewer samples	91.84
01/12/2026	Elan Financial Services	Acct xx6293- December pymt- Google Suite, Prime Membership,Pauls Cellphone, Internet, Office Sup...	625.67
01/12/2026	Republic Services	Invoice 0935-000158211; January 1-31 240 Garbage/Recycle	4,320.00
01/12/2026	Allamakee-Clayton Electric	Electrical Bills for December 2025	3,385.99
			43,959.26

Valerie Reinke was present to request funding for Allamakee County Economic Development and Tourism for the fiscal year 26-27. The requested funding rate is $3.25 per person, based on the 2020 census population.

Motion by Kaeppel, second by Riha to move the February city council meeting to Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 1:00pm. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaeppel, Barta, Riha, Garin, Diggins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Valley requested Kenny Barta be appointed as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion by Diggins, second by Garin to approve Kenny Barta as Mayor Pro Tem. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Garin, Diggins, Barta, Kaeppel, Riha. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kaeppel, second by Diggins to approve Kelli Melcher as City Clerk and Shelby Schwartz and Sheila Diggins as Assistant City Clerks. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Riha, Kaeppel, Diggins, Garin, Barta. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Garin, second by Barta to approve Paul Deason as Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Whalen as Assistant, Maintenance, and Jason Sullivan as Wastewater Operator. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaeppel, Riha, Barta, Garin, Diggins. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

The mayor made the following city council committee appointments: Personnel – Riha, Kaeppel; Finance – Kaeppel, Riha, Streets – Diggins, Barta; Parks – Diggins, Garin; Sewer – Diggins, Garin. Motion was made by Barta, second by Kappel to approve the city council committee appointments as stated. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Barta, Garin, Kaeppel, Riha, Diggins. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Diggins, second by Barta to approve John Anderson as City Attorney for Harpers Ferry. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Garin, Diggins, Riha, Kaeppel, Barta. Nays: None. Motion was carried

Miscellaneous: None.

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

Jerry Valley

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Jerry Valley, Mayor

Kelli Melcher

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Kelli Melcher, City Clerk