March 9, 2026

The Harpers Ferry City Council met on Monday, March 9th 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, Tom Diggins, Sandi Riha, and Kenny Barta. Minutes were recorded by Kelli Melcher, City Clerk.

Public Comments: None.

Motion made by Barta, second by Riha to approve the Consent Agenda, the February 10, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes, the Treasurer Report ending February 28, 2026, and approval of the payment of claims. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Garin, Riha, Kaeppel, Diggins, Barta. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Funds	**Claims Paid**	**Revenues Received**	**Fund Totals**
General Fund	$11,830.61	$6,561.57	$741,576.19
Garbage	$4,581.12	$0.00	$83,811.49
Library	$1,078.27	$701.85	$50,352.53
Hotel/Motel	$0.00	$14.00	$19,139.46
Road Use	$3,160.73	$2,015.83	$8,836.25
Local Options	$630.00	$2,944.47	$60,359.90
Sewer Operations	$12,237.21	$100.00	$159,995.05
Sewer Rev Bond Sink	$0.00	$6,333.00	$95,479.00
Sewer Revenue Surplus	$0.00	$375.00	$48,647.35

Claims Paid:

Date	Name	Memo	Credit
02/13/2026	Jason S Sullivan	Paycheck	443.67
02/13/2026	Kelli L Melcher	Paycheck	1,655.74
02/13/2026	Paul J Deason	Paycheck	1,483.52
02/13/2026	Shelby Schwartz	Paycheck	206.54
02/13/2026	Riverland Expressions	INV 305457- City Employee Shirts/Sweatshirts	201.66
02/23/2026	City of Harpers Ferry	Transfer from Sewer Checking to Revenue Bond Sinking Savings	6,333.00
02/23/2026	City of Harpers Ferry	Transfer from Sewer Checking to Revenue Bond Sinking Savings	375.00
02/25/2026	Jerry C Valley	Mileage to Court House for Assessor Meeting	22.00
02/27/2026	IPERS	03301	1,640.43
02/27/2026	United States Treasury	42-1076054	2,356.96
02/27/2026	Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance	69-0424458-001	362.00
02/27/2026	Peoples State Bank	Service Charge	6.00

03/02/2026	Jason S Sullivan	Paycheck	443.67
03/02/2026	Kelli L Melcher	Paycheck	1,655.74
03/02/2026	Paul J Deason	Paycheck	1,483.52
03/02/2026	Michael D Whalen	Paycheck	485.62
03/02/2026	Sheila Diggins	Paycheck	33.56
03/09/2026	Allamakee County Sheriff	INV FEB2026c -Contract law enforcement for February 2026	2,500.00
03/09/2026	Carquest-Waukon	INV 5583-380168 Ram Truck Wiper Blades	83.97
03/09/2026	Olsgard Auto Sales	Invoice #22767 Repair Damaged Snow Plow, Replace Lift Frame, DS Receiver and Passenger Side Hydr...	1,668.84
03/09/2026	Portside One Stop	INV 50096 gas for city truck	390.00
03/09/2026	Decorah Tech	INV 10646 Server monthly cleanup, tune up and patching, Printer Troubleshooting for Brother Prin...	1,775.00
03/09/2026	Cunningham Hardware	INV 2602-248939 32oz Diesel 911, 1/2gal hand sanitizer, white round plastic seat	38.97
03/09/2026	Waukon Standard Newspaper	INV WS329765 - FY 26-27 Budget Workshop Minutes, WS331152 Feb 10 Council Meeting Minutes	109.51
03/09/2026	Microbac Laboratories, Inc	Lab Analysis/Sewer Testing- INV NT2601069, NT2601223, NT2601384, NT2601522	458.00
03/09/2026	AcenTek-City	INV 13419463 telephone for March 2026	67.41
03/09/2026	Consolidated Energy Company	INV 3884531 - 377.1 gal City Hall, INV 3884532 - 150.2 gal City Shop	627.49
03/09/2026	Spee-Dee	INV 1401482, 1411000, 1413157 Shipping for sewer samples	115.67

03/09/2026	Elan Financial Services	Acct xx6293- February pymt-Google Suite, Prime Membership,Pauls Cellphone, Internet, Office Sup...	551.84
03/09/2026	Iowa Assoc of Municipal Utilities	INV # 34441 - 2026-2027 Water Member Dues March 26-Feb 27	701.00
03/09/2026	Allamakee-Clayton Electric	Electrical Bills for February 2026	2,449.07
03/09/2026	Republic Services	Invoice 0935-000168678 ;March 1-31 240 Garbage/Recycle	4,320.00
			35,045.40

Motion was made by Garin, second by Riha to approve the date of April 1st, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to hold the Property Tax Levy Public Hearing. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Diggins, Garin, Barta, Kaeppel, Riha. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Upon motion by Diggins, second by Kaeppel the first reading of the following Ordinance was approved.

Ordinance 346 - An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Harpers Ferry, Iowa, 2019, by Amending the Sewer Service Charges Effective July 1, 2026.

The sewer rates will go from $66.00 to $69.00 each quarter for residential and non-metered commercial businesses. Commercial businesses with a water meter will be charged a quarterly service fee of $69.00 for the first 20,000 gallons of water used and $3.45 for every 1,000 gallons used over that amount. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Barta, Diggins, Riha, Kaeppel, Garin. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Upon motion by Riha, second by Garin the second and additional readings of Ordinance 346 were waived, and the final reading approved.

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

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

Resolution No. 529 – Resolution Dedicating City Street Right of Way – Extension of Evanson Street

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

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

Resolution No. 530 – Resolution Setting Mileage Reimbursement Rate

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

Motion by Garin, second by Kaeppel to approve Barry's Mini Mart Class B Retail Alcohol License application with the State of Iowa. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Barta, Riha, Kaeppel, Garin, Diggins. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Motion by Riha, second by Kaeppel to approve the Harpers Ferry Fire Department Special Class C Retail Alcohol License, with Outdoor Service application with the State of Iowa. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Garin, Kaeppel, Barta, Diggins, Riha. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Kaeppel, second by Diggins to approve the request by the fire department to close Olive Street between 2nd and 3rd St, and the alley to the east of the fire station on April 11, 2026, for their Wild Game Feed. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Diggins, Garin, Riha, Barta, Kaeppel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous: Council Member Kenny Barta asked about the status of the speed feedback signs. Mayor Jerry Valley informed the council that the Allamakee County Board of Supervisors approved the City of Harpers Ferry to install the speed feedback signs and the city will to meet with the County Engineer to discuss location. Mayor Jerry Valley discussed with the Council regarding the men's softball league using the baseball diamond. The mayor also stated the city will purchase the pitching mound for the Harpers Ferry Little League.

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

Jerry Valley

Jerry Valley, Mayor

Kelli Melcher

Kelli Melcher, City Clerk