July 13, 2026

The Harpers Ferry City Council met on Monday, July 13, 2026, 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, Tom Diggins, Alan Garin, and Sandi Riha. Minutes were recorded by Kelli Melcher, City Clerk.

A public hearing was held regarding the City Budget Amendment for FY 2026/2027. There was no comment from the public and the hearing was closed.

Public Comments: None.

Motion by Barta, second by Diggins to approve the Consent Agenda, Minutes of the June 11, 2026, City Council meeting, the Treasurer Report ending June 30, 2026, and approval of payment of claim. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Garin, Riha, Kaeppel, Barta, Diggins. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Funds	Claims Paid	Revenues Received	Fund Totals
General Fund	$84,756.65	$7,792.78	$754,243.87
Garbage	$8,276.71	$5,254.66	$100,563.48
Library	$1,694.59	$2,888.04	$51,283.08
Hotel/Motel	$494.82	$400.33	$18,764.20
Road Use	$2,199.86	$3,098.13	$9,476.89
Local Options	$8,738.30	$3,113.41	$60,494.37
Sewer Operations	$14,921.46	$19,759.21	$170,411.41
Sewer Rev Bond Sink	$0.00	$6,333.00	$120,811.00
Sewer Revenue Surplus	$0.00	$511.67	$50,416.74

Claims Paid:

Date	Name	Memo	Credit
06/12/2026	USPS	Postage Stamps for Utility Billing (240)	187.20
06/12/2026	Harpers Ferry Library	Transfer from General to Library	2,350.00
06/16/2026	Bodensteiner Implement	PO # 839362- John Deere Z997R, John Deere X750	2,000.00
06/16/2026	ClerkBooks, Inc.	INV 9134-5 hour remote support & training package	525.00
06/19/2026	Strub Blacktopping	Pave Street Patches Per Bid- Fire Station Alley, Ripley St Intersection, Cook St. by Mailboxes, ...	68,200.00
06/22/2026	Alan J Garin	Paycheck	230.87
06/22/2026	Daren C Kaeppel	Paycheck	230.87
06/22/2026	Jason S Sullivan	Paycheck	443.67
06/22/2026	Jerry C Valley	Paycheck	1,473.77
06/22/2026	Kelli L Melcher	Paycheck	1,655.74
06/22/2026	Kenneth A Barta	Paycheck	184.70

06/22/2026	Sandi A Riha	Paycheck	215.14
06/22/2026	Shelby Schwartz	Paycheck	472.54
06/22/2026	Thomas E Diggins	Paycheck	230.64
06/22/2026	Michael D Whalen	Paycheck	815.14
06/22/2026	Paul J Deason	Paycheck	1,483.52
06/22/2026	City of Harpers Ferry	Transfer from Sewer Checking to Revenue Bond Sinking Savings	6,333.00
06/22/2026	City of Harpers Ferry	Transfer from Sewer Checking to Revenue Bond Sinking Savings	375.00
06/23/2026	IPERS	03301	2,187.84
06/23/2026	Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance	69-0424458-001	385.00
06/23/2026	United States Treasury	42-1076054	3,438.42
06/29/2026	Fisk Farm & Home	Edging and Mulch for Tillinghast Park	494.82
06/30/2026	Peoples State Bank	Service Charge	6.00
07/06/2026	Jason S Sullivan	Paycheck	476.38
07/06/2026	Kelli L Melcher	Paycheck	1,739.02
07/06/2026	Michael D Whalen	Paycheck	1,112.60
07/06/2026	Paul J Deason	Paycheck	1,565.80
07/06/2026	Shelby Schwartz	Paycheck	420.23
07/13/2026	Bruening Rock Products, Inc	Rock-INV 400735 Stockpile and INV 401635 Stockpile	1,060.14
07/13/2026	Decorah Tech	INV 11130 Server monthly cleanup, tune up and patching, QBs troubleshooting and Windows updates,...	1,151.50
07/13/2026	Iowa Dept of Natural Resources	Annual Water Supply Fee for FY27-PWS ID: 0330001	25.00
07/13/2026	Cunningham Hardware	INV 2606-256083 115BC 6X1-1/8 CRN BRC ZN, Nuts and Bolts	38.04
07/13/2026	ClerkBooks, Inc.	INV 9153-Utility Billing & Closing Tools Annual Software Renewals	200.00
07/13/2026	AcenTek-City	INV 13511267 telephone for July 2026	55.56
07/13/2026	Allamakee County Sheriff	INV JUNE2026C -Contract law enforcement for June 2026	2,500.00
07/13/2026	Dubuque Fire Equipment	Invoice 214284- Service stored pressure fire extinguisher and certify, hydrotest low pressure fi...	328.00
07/13/2026	Iowa League of Cities	Member Dues 7/1/26-6/30/27	410.00
07/13/2026	Microbac Laboratories, Inc	Lab Analysis/Sewer Testing-INV NT2604395, NT2604641, NT2604660, NT2604781, NT2604911, NT2605158	567.25
07/13/2026	Allamakee-Clayton Electric	Electrical Bills for June 2026	3,719.81

07/13/2026	Portside One Stop	INV 54096 gas for city truck	186.01
07/13/2026	Spee-Dee	INV 1486385, 1489782, 1492215, 1495635 Shipping for sewer samples	97.97
07/13/2026	Elan Financial Services	Acct xx6293- June pymt- Google Suite, Prime Membership,Pauls Cellphone, Internet, Office Supplie...	642.57
07/13/2026	Waukon Standard Newspaper	INV WS355426 June Meeting Minutes	144.10
07/13/2026	Iowa Codification	INV2026-IC-0194; Code Update Project Down Payment	2,000.00
			112,358.86

Motion by Riha, second by Garin to approve the bi-annual payment to the Harpers Ferry Fire Department in the amount of $10,962.46. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Riha, Kaeppel, Diggins, Barta, Garin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Diggins, second by Barta to approve a $800.00 donation to the American Legion Post #722 for fireworks. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Diggins, Barta, Garin, Riha. Kaeppel abstained from voting due to conflict of interest. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Garin, second by Riha to approve River Run Pub & Grub Class C Liquor License (LC Commercial), with Outdoor Services, pending dramshop approval. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaeppel, Garin, Riha, Barta, Diggins. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Diggins, second by Garin to table the request to plant trees on Olive Street and 2nd Street until more information is provided. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Barta, Garin, Diggins, Riha, Kaeppel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous: Mayor Jerry Valley thanked Council Member Tom Diggins for presenting a speech on behalf of the city at the America's 250th celebration on July 4th, 2026 at the Legion Hall. Council Member Kenny Barta asked if the speed feedback signs are helping with slowing vehicles down. He also mentioned that the conditions of the railroad crossings are worsening.

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

Jerry Valley

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Jerry Valley, Mayor

Kelli Melcher

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Kelli Melcher, City Clerk