October 12, 2026

The Harpers Ferry City Council met on Monday, October 12, 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, Tom Diggins, Alan Garin, Kenny Barta and Sandi Riha. Minutes were recorded by Kelli Melcher, City Clerk.

Public Comments: Jim Pladsen, candidate running for Allamakee County Board of Supervisors introduced himself. A resident requested the city address with the railroad employees regarding parking their vehicles in the street and along the railroad tracks as they are blocking the view of traffic and trains.

Motion by Riha, second by Kaeppel to approve the Consent Agenda: Minutes of the September 14, 2026, City Council meeting, September 16, 2026, Special Council Meeting AcenTek Pre-construction Metting (No Quorum Present), the Treasurer Report ending September 30, 2026, and approval of payment of claims. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Garin, Kaeppel, Barta, Riha, Diggins. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Funds	**Claims Paid**	**Revenues Received**	**Fund Totals**
General Fund	$25,736.71	$43,043.81	$710,234.59
Garbage	$8,343.96	$14,517.05	$98,639.55
Library	$2,147.03	$698.90	$48,811.75
Hotel/Motel	$70.19	$899.68	$20,734.04
Road Use	$2,146.69	$2,601.82	$10,898.91
Local Options	$109.60	$4,372.17	$71,138.54
Sewer Operations	$12,173.04	$43,328.72	$171,301.63
Sewer Rev Bond Sink	$0.00	$6,333.00	$63,886.00
Sewer Revenue Surplus	$0.00	$512.70	$51,679.44

Claims Paid:

Date	**Name**	**Memo**	**Credit**
09/15/2026	Christine Cota	Paycheck	223.76
09/15/2026	Dianne L Nation	Paycheck	182.36
09/15/2026	Jody Delaney	Paycheck	630.71
09/15/2026	Dragonfly Books	Books Ordered in August 2026	209.57
09/15/2026	AcenTek-Library	INV 13581809 - Library Phone-September 2026	43.76
09/15/2026	Follett School Solutions, Inc.	Customer # 1402368 Library Scanner	309.00
09/15/2026	Harpers Ferry Library-Petty Cash	Petty Cash to reimburse for postage	50.00
09/15/2026	Chris Cota (Vendor)	Library Cleaning-August 2026	40.00
09/15/2026	Jody Delaney (Vendor)	Reimbursement for Story Hour Activity and Books	110.07
09/16/2026	USPS	Postage Stamps for Utility Billing (240)	196.80

09/22/2026	City of Harpers Ferry	Transfer from Sewer Checking to Revenue Bond Sinking Savings	6,333.00
09/22/2026	City of Harpers Ferry	Transfer from Sewer Checking to Revenue Bond Sinking Savings	375.00
09/28/2026	Alan J Garin	Paycheck	138.52
09/28/2026	Daren C Kaeppel	Paycheck	138.52
09/28/2026	Jason S Sullivan	Paycheck	476.38
09/28/2026	Jerry C Valley	Paycheck	1,473.77
09/28/2026	Kelli L Melcher	Paycheck	1,739.03
09/28/2026	Kenneth A Barta	Paycheck	138.52
09/28/2026	Sandi A Riha	Paycheck	129.08
09/28/2026	Shelby Schwartz	Paycheck	527.73
09/28/2026	Thomas E Diggins	Paycheck	138.38
09/28/2026	Michael D Whalen	Paycheck	347.93
09/28/2026	Paul J Deason	Paycheck	1,565.80
09/29/2026	IPERS	03301	2,209.96
09/29/2026	Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance	69-0424458-001	419.00
09/29/2026	United States Treasury	42-1076054	3,472.48
09/30/2026	Peoples State Bank	Service Charge	6.00
10/09/2026	Jason S Sullivan	Paycheck	476.38
10/09/2026	Kelli L Melcher	Paycheck	1,739.03
10/09/2026	Shelby Schwartz	Paycheck	623.69
10/09/2026	Michael D Whalen	Paycheck	532.20
10/09/2026	Paul J Deason	Paycheck	1,565.80
10/12/2026	Waukon Standard Newspaper	INV WS369912 AFR Publication, WS373460 September 14 Council Meeting Minutes	243.17
10/12/2026	Decorah Tech	INV 11463, QBs server connection issue on server, Server monthly cleanup, tune up and patching	340.00
10/12/2026	Barry's Mini Mart	INV 899291-Fuel for city truck, misc.	624.66
10/12/2026	Otting Water Treatment	Account #81356- Bottle Water	20.25
10/12/2026	Microbac Laboratories, Inc	Lab Analysis/Sewer Testing- INV NT2607426, NT2607706, NT2607792, NT2607791	321.75
10/12/2026	Allamakee County Sheriff	INV SEP2026b -Contract law enforcement for September 2026	2,500.00
10/12/2026	AcenTek-City	INV 13590019 telephone for October 2026	58.80
10/12/2026	Iowa Dept of Natural Resources	Permit # 10219, Annual Water Use Fee for Cal Year 2027	120.00

10/12/2026	Anderson Law Office	INV 150651 - Review bill of costs; research and draft Resistance to bill of costs	250.00
10/12/2026	Republic Services	Invoice 0935-000220843 October 1-31 240 Garbage/Recycle and October 1-31 189 Seasonal Garbage/ R...	7,936.50
10/12/2026	Allamakee-Clayton Electric	Electrical Bills for September 2026	3,134.75
10/12/2026	Cunningham Hardware	INV 2609-261677 Gorilla Yard Tape, Galv Bushing, Single Sided Key, INV 2610-262688 Valspar Paint...	100.65
10/12/2026	Spee-Dee	INV 1535669, 154434, 1549859, 1552594 Shipping for sewer samples	123.97
10/12/2026	Anderson Law Office	VOID: INV 150651 Review bill of costs, research and draft resistance to bill of costs (Duplicate...	
			42,336.73

Jane Hasek with the Harpers Ferry Area Historical Society gave an update on the museum.

Motion by Garin, second by Barta to approve the resignation of Sasha Richardson from the library board as she has been hired as the Library Director. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Riha, Garin, Barta, Diggins, Kaeppel. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Motion by Barta, second by Diggins to approve Mayor Valley's appointment of Karis Walker to the Harpers Ferry Library Board. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaeppel, Barta, Riha, Garin, Diggins. Nay: None. Motion was carried.

Motion by Riha, second by Diggins to table the approval of the 2027 insurance quote until the November 9, 2026 council meeting as the council would like to check into the Violent Event Response Coverage. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Barta, Kaeppel, Garin, Diggins, Riha. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Miscellaneous: None.

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

Jerry Valley

Jerry Valley, Mayor

Kelli Melcher

Kelli Melcher, City Clerk