

The public was offered to participate by Zoom audio internet connection or by phone.

The City Council of the City of Harlan, Iowa met pursuant to law and the rules of said Council in regular session, in the Council Chambers at 5:15 o'clock P.M. the 19th day of July 2022. The meeting was called to order by Jay Christensen, Mayor in the Chair, and the following Council members were:

PRESENT: Troy Schaben, Sharon Kroger, Greg Bladt, Richard Petersen, Kyle Lindberg, Jeanna Rudolph.

ABSENT: None

The City Clerk presented the agenda. It was moved by Kroger and seconded by Lindberg to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: AYES: Schaben, Kroger, Bladt, Petersen, Lindberg, Rudolph. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

The Mayor asked the Council members to state any conflicts of interest, as applicable.

All items listed under the Consent Agenda will be enacted by one motion with a roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made prior to the time Council votes on the motion. Consent Agenda items may include any non-controversial subjects. It was moved by Bladt and seconded by Rudolph that the following items on the Consent Agenda be approved and adopted:

- A. Minutes of the 07/05/2022 Council meeting
- B. Claims List No. 1270 in the amount of \$216,587.81
- C. Expenditure & Revenue reports for the month of June 2022.
- D. Police statistical report for the month of June 2022.
- E. FY22/23 Connections Area on Aging Lease Agreement

Roll call vote: AYES: Schaben, Kroger, Bladt, Petersen, Lindberg, Rudolph. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Amanda Brewer, Library Director, was present to give a quarterly Library update.

Quinn Mahoney was present to present his Eagle Scout Service Project proposal, adding Tee Pad Signs at the disc golf course in Pioneer Park.

Council member Kroger moved to receive and file the Parks & Recreation Commission minutes from July 12, 2022. Council member Lindberg seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Schaben, Kroger, Bladt, Petersen, Lindberg, Rudolph. NAYS: None. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Lindberg and seconded by Petersen to approve Quinn Mahoney's Eagle Scout Service Project for Tee Pad Signs at the disc golf course in Pioneer Park. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Schaben, Kroger, Bladt, Petersen, Lindberg, Rudolph. NAYS: None. Motion Carried.

Council member Petersen moved to receive and file the Public Safety Committee minutes from July 11, 2022. Council member Kroger seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Schaben, Kroger, Bladt, Petersen, Lindberg, Rudolph. NAYS: None. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Petersen and seconded by Rudolph to approve and add to the City Employee Handbook the recommendation for City Employees who volunteer on the Shelby County Volunteer Fire/EMS Department to respond to call outs during normal working hours, without loss of pay. Time responding to Fire Department/EMS call outs during normal working hours must be recorded on time sheets and will not be considered as time worked for computation of overtime or comp time. Supervisor approval is required before responding to Fire/EMS call outs. The paid leave shall not include time off for training purposes for volunteer emergency services. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Schaben, Kroger, Bladt, Petersen, Lindberg, Rudolph. NAYS: None. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Kroger and seconded by Petersen to approve the changes of the Employee Handbook to reflect Union Contract Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) Language. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Schaben, Kroger, Bladt, Petersen, Lindberg, Rudolph. NAYS: None. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Lindberg and seconded by Kroger to accept the resignation of Greg Bladt, Council Member Ward 4, effective July 31, 2022. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Schaben, Kroger, Petersen, Lindberg, Rudolph. ABSTAIN: Bladt. NAYS: None. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the filling of the Council Member Ward 4 vacancy.

It was moved by Rudolph and seconded by Lindberg to fill Council Seat, Ward 4 by Appointment and to Publish a Public Notice of Intent to Appoint in the Harlan newspaper, as well as the City of Harlan website and Facebook page. Any Harlan resident who is an eligible elector, resides in Ward 4 and is interested in filling this vacancy, may complete a form for consideration which will be available on the City website or in City Hall. Forms of consideration should be returned to City Hall by August 16, 2022. The Harlan City Council proposes to fill this vacancy at the September 6, 2022, City Council Meeting. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Schaben, Kroger, Petersen, Lindberg, Rudolph. ABSTAIN: Bladt. NAYS: None. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Bladt and seconded by Petersen to decrease the Senior Center monthly fee from \$100.00 to \$1.00. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Schaben, Kroger, Bladt, Petersen, Lindberg, Rudolph. NAYS: None. Motion Carried.

The City Administrator presented his report.

The Mayor presented his report. A Certificate of Appreciation and Key to the City was presented to Council Member Bladt for his many years of dedicated service to the City of Harlan.

It was moved by Rudolph and seconded by Petersen to enter into closed session at 6:15 p.m. pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(g), to avoid disclosure of specific law enforcement matters, such as current or proposed investigations or inspection or auditing techniques or schedules, which if disclosed would enable law violators to avoid detection. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Schaben, Kroger, Bladt, Petersen, Lindberg, Rudolph. NAYS: None. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Rudolph and seconded by Petersen to re-enter into open session at 7:32 p.m. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Schaben, Kroger, Bladt, Petersen, Lindberg, Rudolph. NAYS: None. Motion Carried.

No action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jane Smith, City Clerk

Jay Christensen, Mayor

“These minutes are as recorded by the Clerk and are subject to Council approval at the next regular meeting.”