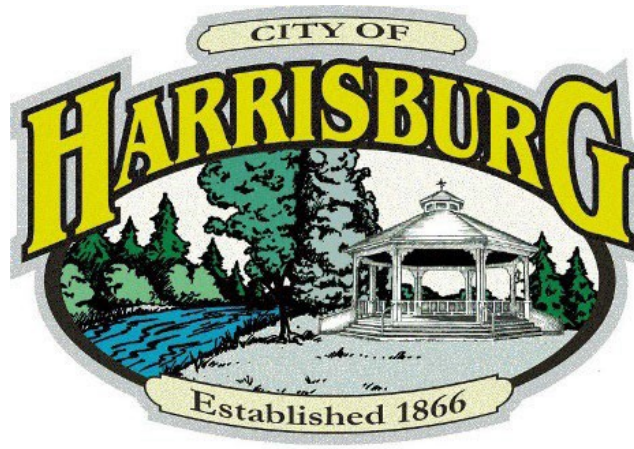


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## Harrisburg City Council Minutes August 26, 2025

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| Mayor:              | Robert Duncan, Presiding                                                                    |
| Council President:  | Mike Caughey, Present                                                                       |
| Councilors Present: | Kimberly Downey, Randy Klemm, Cindy Knox and Dana Henry                                     |
| Councilors Absent:  | Charlotte Thomas (Excused)                                                                  |
| Staff Present:      | City Administrator Michele Eldridge, and Finance Director/Deputy City Recorder Cathy Nelson |
| Meeting Location:   | Harrisburg Municipal Center Located at 354 Smith St                                         |

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Robert Duncan

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** by Mayor, Robert Duncan at the hour of 6:33pm

**CONCERNED CITIZEN(S) IN THE AUDIENCE:** None present.

**THE MATTER OF MEETING WITH A MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE FROM LCSO IF ONE IS AVAILABLE:** Sergeant Frambes reviewed the July 2025 Report. Some of the highlights included:

- The 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and events were great. LCSO did not experience any issues.
- Property crimes are down considerably this summer compared to last year and the rest of Linn County.
- There were four (4) arrests, two of which were the same person for trespassing. There were two (2) automobile crashes with no injuries.
- The person living in the truck, Wagoner, has turned down all resources given.
- The rest of the county has been having major issues with suicides, deadly wrecks,

and violence.

- The National Night Out (NNO) had a great turn-out.

**THE MATTER OF APPROVING RESOLUTION NO. 1309, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO.**

**882.** Eldridge informed Council that this is a housekeeping item. The original Resolution No. 882 was created back in 2006 and has been used to apply for all liens in the city.

- Klemm **motioned to approve Resolution No. 1309, “A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 882 TO INCLUDE AND UPDATE LIENS THAT ARE APPLIED TO REAL PROPERTY” and was seconded by Downey. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.** (Yes: Caughey, Downey, Henry, Knox and Klemm. No: None.)

**THE MATTER OF APPROVING ORDINANCE NO. 1012 “AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY A NUISANCE ASSESSMENT AGAINST REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF HARRISBURG”.** Eldridge handed out an updated version of Ordinance No. 1012 due to HB2089. Eldridge reviewed the staff report.

Highlights included:

- The property is located on the northeast corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Macy Street and is also known as the “Stuck” house.
- The city did a summary abatement and removed nuisance vegetation. An invoice for \$1,800.00 was sent to the property owner and has not been paid.
  - Henry **motioned to approve Ordinance No. 1012, “AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY A NUISANCE ASSESSMENT AGAINST REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF HARRISBURG” AS AMENDED and was seconded by Klemm. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.** (Yes: Yes: Caughey, Downey, Henry, Knox and Klemm. No: None.)

**THE MATTER OF INFORMATION IN RELATION TO THE HARRISBURG-JUNCTION CITY SOLID WASTE TRANSITION SCHEDULE:** Eldridge informed Council that the current contract with Republic Services ends April 14, 2029. The current transition schedule can be found on pages 49-50 in the agenda packet. Eldridge also handed out a rate-comparison table.

- Henry asked what the cost savings for the city is. Eldridge referred her to the rate comparison tables.
- Downey said that Republic Services has become too big for our town. She acknowledged that customer service got better after signing the MOU with Junction City, and Caughey added that he is still having issues with communication with Republic Services.

**THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER 2024/2025 EXPENSE REPORT.** Nelson reviewed the report.

Highlights included:

- We received over 102% of budget property taxes due to increase in property value. We also received almost 65% more than anticipated revenue in Fines and Forfeitures due to increased court fines and enforcement.
- Investment revenue across all funds was down 20% from budgeted amount due to federal interest rate reductions.
  - Klemm **motioned to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024/2025 Expense Report and was seconded by Downey. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.** (Yes: Yes: Caughey, Downey, Henry, Knox and Klemm. No: None.)

**THE MATTER OF APPROVING A BONUS FOR EMPLOYEE JAMIE KNOX FOR JOB PERFORMANCE – SPECIAL EVENTS.**

Eldridge reviewed the staff report. Events that Knox has worked on include:

- National Night Out, she oversaw promotions and was the main organizer for sponsors, marketing, bands, volunteers and feeding 250+ people.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip, she coordinated with the school and LCSO while creating goodie bags for all 1<sup>st</sup> graders.
- Started and runs the annual scarecrow contest.

City staff agree that these actions merit a bonus. The Mayor and Personnel Committee Chair Downey also approve the recommendation. The budget covers the recommended bonus amount of \$500.

- Downey **motioned to approve a bonus of \$500 to the provided to employee Jamie Knox and was seconded by Klemm. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.** (Yes: Yes: Caughey, Downey, Henry, Knox and Klemm. No: None.)

**THE MATTER OF DISCUSSING THE LATEST DRAFT ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM FEMA.**

Eldridge has been working with other cities and organizations to protest the FEMA laws. Staff is looking for direction from Council on next steps.

- Klemm **motioned to direct staff to return with a draft letter at the next meeting and was seconded by Henry. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.** (Yes: Yes: Caughey, Downey, Henry, Knox and Klemm. No: None.)

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR VERBAL REPORT:**

- Eldridge asked Council about shifting to a 4–10-hour work week. City Hall is currently open for 4-9-hours and 1–4-hour work week. Councilors Klemm and Downey said they want hours to stay as it is currently, and all others agreed.
- Council reminded that the 1<sup>st</sup> September meeting already has 2 councilors out. All other members need to be present to have quorum.

**OTHERS:**

- Knox informed Council that the Eagles Nest playground has raised required funds.
- Duncan asked for an update on the railroad. Eldridge said that the engineering crew has not gotten back to us. The attorneys are in contact with each other. A letter to go out to residents on 4<sup>th</sup> Street is almost complete.
- Henry asked for update on Life Bible meeting. Eldridge attended the meeting along with the Army Corp of Engineering, DSL, DEQ, ODFW, NOAA and the Governor's Solutions team.

**With no further business, the City Council Meeting adjourned at the hour of 7:59pm.**

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Mayor

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