

A regular meeting of the Hornell Common Council was held on Monday, January 26, 2026 at 7:02 p.m. in Council Chambers at 82 Main St., Hornell, N.Y.

PRESENT: John J. Buckley Mayor; City Attorney Timothy Rosell, Council members, Sutfin, Hancock, McKay, Peck, Warriner, Brown, Valentine, Davis, and Carbone, Stenographer Ellen Kerr, and City Clerk Holly Snyder.

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Jessica Cleveland, City Chamberlain Michele Smith, Police Chief Ted Murray, Fire Chief Frank Brzozowski, DPW Superintendent Mitch Cornish, WPCP Chief Operator Richard Dunning, WPCP Assistant Chief Operator Robert McLaughlin, Heather Lisi, Neighborhood & Facilities Director Bud Burdett, BPS Commissioner Scott Richardson, IDA Executive Director Mike Nisbet, 5 students and/or members of the public.

FROM THE MEDIA: None

ABSENT: Council member James Bassage

INVOCATION: Mayor Buckley

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Mayor Buckley

BY: Sutfin/Hancock

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Common Council meeting of December 15, 2025 be approved as read.

Carried –9 ayes
Absent – 1 (Bassage)

BY: Peck/Brown

RESOLVED that the Reports of Officers be and hereby are approved and placed on file.

REPORTS FILED:

Gen Fund Rev.- 12/2025; Water Fund Rev.- 12/2025 Gen Fund Exp.- 12/2025; Water Fund Exp.- 12/2025; City Clerk- 12/2025; BPS Minutes –12/2025; Fire/Amb-12/2025; Codes/Codes Log- 12/2025; Police- 12/2025; BPW Minutes –12/2025; DPW/Sewer –12/2025; WTP – 12/2025; WPCP – 12/2025; Petro – 12/2025; Library – 11/2025 & 12/2025 Humane Society 12/2025; HAT Commission -N/A

Carried – 9 ayes
Absent – 1 (Bassage)

BY: Davis/Valentine

RESOLVED, that the Reports of Committees be accepted and placed on file.

Carried – 9 ayes
Absent – 1 (Bassage)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit Committee

January 26, 2026
To the Honorable John J. Buckley, Mayor
And
Members of the Common Council

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Bills were audited and approved by Audit Committee Members, Jim Bassage, Kevin Valentine, Steven Peck, Christina Hancock and Audit Committee Chairman John Carbone.

Bills audited and approved:

CC	\$327,045.50
CD	\$57,530.00
<u>PAYROLL</u>	<u>\$112,703.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 497,278.50</u>

Respectfully submitted,
John Carbone, Chairman
Audit Committee

Finance Committee

January 26, 2026
To the Honorable John J. Buckley, Mayor
And
Members of the Common Council

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Finance Committee met on 1/26/26 in the mayor’s conference room. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Members in attendance were Joe McKay, John Carbone, Steve Peck, Shannon Davis, and Dan Warriner. Also in attendance were Mayor John Buckley, Chamberlain Michele Smith, and Deputy Mayor Jessica Cleveland.

The Committee acted on the following:

1. The Committee reviewed and approved the starting salary range for the position of City Clerk.
2. The Committee reviewed and approved the starting salary range for the position of WPCP Chief Operator.
3. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Warriner, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS:HN 26-01 Budget Amendment General Fund - Police Department

BY: Valentine/Warriner

WHEREAS, a budget amendment is necessary to, amend the 2025-26 General Fund budget to account for grant funds received for the Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Hornell, NY, that the 2025 – 2026 City of Hornell General Fund budget now reflects the following adjustments:

Increase Revenue:

A 4389 – Public Safety Federal Aid by \$167,806.03

Increase Expenditure:

A 3120.21 – Police – Equipment from Grants by \$167,806.03

Carried – 9 ayes

Absent – 1 (Bassage)

HN 26-02 Reappoint Cleveland Deputy Mayor

BY: Brown/Hancock

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Hornell, NY, hereby approves the reappointment of Jessica Cleveland, of 99 Catherine Street, as the Deputy Mayor, for a two-year term commencing February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2028.

Carried – 9 ayes

Absent – 1 (Bassage)

HN 26-03 Reappoint Rosell City Attorney

BY: Carbone/Peck

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Hornell, NY, hereby reappoints Timothy Rosell as City Attorney for the City of Hornell for a two-year term commencing February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2028.

Carried – 9 ayes

Absent – 1 (Bassage)

HN 26-04 Reappoint Liberto BPW Commissioner

BY: Davis/McKay

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Hornell, NY, hereby re-appoints Joseph Liberto of 62 Genesee St., Hornell, New York as Commissioner of Public Works for a two-year term, commencing February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2028.

Carried – 9 ayes

Absent – 1 (Bassage)

HN 26-05 Appoint Clark BPW Commissioner

BY: Sutfin/Hancock

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Hornell, NY, hereby appoints Christopher Clark of 212 Main Street, Hornell, NY, as Commissioner of Public Works for a two-year term, commencing February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2028.

Carried –9 ayes
Absent – 1 (Bassage)

HN 26-06 Reappoint Richardson BPS Commissioner

BY: Valentine/Warriner

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Hornell, NY, hereby re-appoints Scott Richardson of 111 Myrtle Ave, Hornell, NY, as Commissioner of Public Safety for a two-year term, commencing February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2028.

Carried – 9 ayes
Absent – 1 (Bassage)

HN 26-07 Reappoint Parmley BPS Commissioner

BY: Brown/Davis

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Hornell, NY, hereby re-appoints David Parmley of 255 Main Street, Hornell, New York, as Commissioner of Public Safety for a two-year term, commencing February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2028.

Carried – 9 ayes
Absent – 1 (Bassage)

HN 26-08 Appoint H. Lisi City Clerk

BY: Valentine/McKay

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Hornell, NY, hereby appoints Heather Lisi, of 60 Church Street, Hornell, N.Y., as Hornell City Clerk for a two-year term commencing February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2028.

Carried – 9 ayes
Absent – 1 (Bassage)

CLAIMS:

BY: Warriner/Peck

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of \$497,278.50, as audited by the Audit Committee of the Common Council of the City of Hornell, are approved and authorized paid as audited.

Common Council	\$327,045.50
Community Development	\$57,530.00
Payrolls	<u>\$112,703.00</u>
TOTAL	\$497,278.50

Carried – 9 ayes
Absent – 1 (Bassage)

MISCELLANEOUS: Mayor Buckley gave the 2026 State of the City Address, which can be found on the City of Hornell website by visiting the Mayor’s page under City Departments, and clicking “2026 State of the City Address”.

BY: Hancock/Brown

RESOLVED, that there being no further business the Common Council adjourned at 7:51p.m.

Carried – 9 ayes
Absent – 1 (Bassage)

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Snyder

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City Clerk