A regular meeting of the Hornell Common Council was held on Monday, October 19, 2026, at 6:59 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, Bassage, Davis, and Carbone, Stenographer Ellen Kerr, and City Clerk Heather Lisi.

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Jessica Cleveland, City Chamberlain Michele Smith, and 10 students from Hornell High School and/or members of the public.

FROM THE MEDIA: Brian O'Neil - WLEA

ABSENT: Alderman Kevin Valentine

INVOCATION: Mayor Buckley

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Mayor Buckley

BY: Davis/Warriner

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Common Council meeting of September 21, 2026 be approved as read.

Carried – 9 ayes
Absent – 1 (Valentine)

BY: Hancock/Brown

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

REPORTS FILED:

Gen Fund Rev.- 9/2026; Water Fund Rev.- 9/2026; Gen Fund Exp.- 9/2026; Water Fund Exp.- 9/2026; City Clerk- 9/2026; BPS Minutes –9/2026; Fire/Amb-9/2026; Codes/Codes Log- 9/2026; Police- 9/2026; BPW Minutes – 9/2026; DPW/Sewer - 9/2026; WTP –9/2026; WPCP – 9/2026; Petro – 9/2026; Humane Society 9/2026; HAT Commission – N/A

Carried – 9 ayes
Absent – 1 (Valentine)

BY: Peck/Sutfin

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

Carried – 9 ayes
Absent – 1 (Valentine)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

<u>Audit Committee</u>

October 19, 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	$299,012.26
CD	$ 0.00
PAYROLL	$116,310.59
TOTAL	**$415,322.85**

Respectfully submitted,
John Carbone, Chairman
Audit Committee

Youth and Recreation Committee

October 19 2026

To: The Honorable John Buckley, Mayor & Members of the Common Council

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Youth and Recreation Committee met on Monday, October 19th, at 6:00pm, the following members were in attendance; Joe McKay, Lita Brown, Christina Hancock and chairman Jim Bassage.
Excused:
Guests: Heather Lisi City Clerk, Jessica Cleveland, Deputy Mayor, Mayor Buckley
The following items were discussed:

1-Heather shared the 2026 attendance numbers for the play grounds, pool and a Pilot Swim program collaboration with HAT and Concern for Youth.

2- Committee discussed some possible program ideas for 2027. Which included a continued collaboration with HAT and Concern For Youth to offer an opportunity to swim at the City pool for each playground and Concern. Also the possibility of collaborating with the library and HAT on either a library visit or a book mobile visit to each playground.

Motion to adjourn by Christina and seconded by Lita. All Ayes.
Meeting was adjourned the meeting at 6:32pm.
Next meeting – TBD

RESOLUTIONS:

HN 26-51 Accept the Audit
BY: Warriner/Peck

WHEREAS the City of Hornell has entered into a contract with Drescher & Malecki LLP for accounting services, and

WHEREAS said firm performed an audit of the financial condition of the City of Hornell, and

WHEREAS said audit was presented to the Common Council on October 19, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that said audit be accepted and received as filed by the Common Council for the City of Hornell.

Carried – 9 ayes
Absent – 1 (Valentine)

HN 26-52 Designate Pave Alley Pedestrian Walkway
BY: Sutfin/Brown

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell recognizes the importance of providing safe and designated pedestrian walkways for residents and visitors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Hornell does hereby designate the portion of Pave Alley beginning at the east side of the alleyway leading to Main Street and extending in a westerly direction for approximately 190 feet as a pedestrian walkway for pedestrian foot traffic use only; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that vehicular traffic shall be prohibited on the designated portion of Pave Alley, except for authorized emergency and maintenance vehicles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate City departments are hereby authorized to install signage, barriers, or other measures necessary to implement and enforce this designation.

Carried – 9 ayes
Absent – 1 (Valentine)

HN 26-53 Budget Amendment General Fund - Dump truck
BY: Peck/Bassage

WHEREAS, a budget amendment is necessary to amend the 2026-2027 General Fund budget to purchase a new dump truck.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Hornell, NY, that the 2026-2027 City of Hornell General Fund budget now reflects the following adjustments:

Increase Assigned General Fund Balance by: $199,000.00

Increase Expenditure:
A 5110.2 – Streets Equipment by $199,000.00

Carried – 9 ayes
Absent – 1 (Valentine)

HN 26-54 Mayor as Certifying Officer NEPA-Intermunicipal Sewer Project
BY: Carbone/Brown

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell ("City") is planning a CDBG Project (the "Hornell Intermunicipal Sewer Upgrades Project" or "Project"). The proposed Project involves upgrades to the Hornell Intermunicipal Sewer System that extends throughout the City, Village of North Hornell ("Village"), and a portion of the Town of Hornellsville ("Town"). The municipalities have selected the following improvements:

(1) Town - Replacement of three pump stations (new wet wells and pumping equipment) and replacement of aging trunk line piping;

(2) Village - Replacement of one pump station (new wet well and pumping equipment) and lining of trunk main piping; and

(3) City - Repair of four existing wet wells and replacement of aging pumping equipment (refer to detailed scope of work attachment); and

WHEREAS, the City announces its intention to perform an environmental review of the Project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 ("NEPA") and the related authorities listed at 24 CFP Part 58; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hornell needs to appoint a Certifying Officer responsible for all activities associated with the NEPA environmental review process to be completed in conjunction with the NYS CDBG project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE it RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Hornell will conduct an environmental review of the Project in accordance with NEPA and the related authorities listed at 24 CFP Part 58; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council designates John Buckley, Mayor, as the Certifying Officer responsible for all activities associated with the NEPA environmental review process to be completed in conjunction with the NYS CDBG project.

Carried – 9 ayes

Absent –1 (Valentine)

HN 26-55 Set Halloween Trick or Treat Hours
BY: Carbone/Davis

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Hornell hereby sets trick-or-treating hours for 6-8 p.m. on the night of Saturday, October 31, 2026.

Carried – 9 ayes
Absent – 1 (Valentine)

CLAIMS:
BY: Sutfin/Peck
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that claims in the amount of $415,322.85, as audited by the Audit Committee of the Common Council of the City of Hornell, are approved and authorized paid as audited.

Common Council	$299,012.26
Community Development	$ 0.00
Payrolls	$116,310.59
TOTAL	$415,322.85

Carried – 9 ayes
Absent –1 (Valentine)

MISCELLANEOUS:
Matt Montalbo and Mike Krause from Drescher and Malecki LLP gave a brief presentation regarding the City's audit for fiscal year ending March 31, 2026. Staying within budget and managing funds is a challenge with current financial trends. The Auditors found the City to be in a good financial position and give the City an A+ result.

Alderman Dan Warriner thanked Chamberlain Michele Smith for her hard work to ensure a successful audit.

We are now under contract with Spohn Ranch Inc for upgrades to the Skatepark at Shawmut Park. Designs for an asphalt pump track will be reviewed, with construction set to begin in the Spring. This project is possible largely due to a grant from NYS Parks and Recreation. These grants have allowed us to perform work on other City parks in the past.

BY: Hancock/Sutfin
Enter Executive Session 7:49 p.m.
Carried – 9 Ayes
Absent – 1 (Valentine)

BY: Peck/Warriner
Enter back into Regular Session 8:22 p.m.
Carried – 9 ayes
Absent – 1 (Valentine)

BY: Hancock/Brown

RESOLVED, that there being no further business the Common Council adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Carried – 9 ayes
Absent – 1 (Valentine)

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Lisi
Heather Lisi
City Clerk