

A regular meeting of the Hornell Common Council was held on Monday, May 19, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at 82 Main St., Hornell, N.Y.

**PRESENT:** John J. Buckley Mayor; Council members, Sutfin, Hancock, Peck, Warriner, Brown, Bassage, Davis, and Carbone, Stenographer Ellen Kerr, and City Clerk Heather Lisi.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Jessica Cleveland, Chief Ted Murray, WPCP Chief Operator Robert McLaughlin, Kim Gilbert

**FROM THE MEDIA:** Bryan O’Neal – WLEA

**ABSENT:** Council members Kevin Valentine and Joe McKay, City Chamberlain Michele Smith, City Attorney Tim Rosell

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Jeannette Sassano – Fresh Start Church

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor Buckley

BY: Brown/Peck

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the Common Council meeting of April 20, 2026 be approved as read.

Carried – 8

Absent – 2 (Valentine, McKay)

BY: Bassage/Warriner

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

**REPORTS FILED:**

Gen Fund Rev.- 4/2026; Water Fund Rev.- 4/2026; Gen Fund Exp.- 4/2026; Water Fund Exp.- 4/2026; City Clerk- 4/2026; BPS Minutes –4/2026; Fire/Amb - 4/2026; Codes/Codes Log- 4/2026; Police- 4/2026; BPW Minutes – 4/2026; DPW/Sewer – 4/2026; WTP – 4/2026; WPCP – 4/2026; Petro – 4/2026; Humane Society 4/2026; HAT Commission – N/A

Carried – 8

Absent – 2 (Valentine, McKay)

BY: Sutfin/Warriner

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

Carried – 8

Absent – 2 (Valentine, McKay)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Audit Committee**

May 18, 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	\$ 873,624.59
CD	\$ 35,988.16
<u>PAYROLL</u>	<u>\$ 109,274.03</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,018,886.78</u></b>

Respectfully submitted,  
John Carbone, Chairman  
Audit Committee

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**HN 26-28 Balancing Resolution**

BY: Peck/Davis

**WHEREAS**, the following transfers must be made to close out the appropriation accounts for the **Fiscal Year 2025-2026**,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following transfers are hereby approved:

	FROM		TO	AMT
A9060.800	HOSPITAL & MEDICAL INS.	A1010.460	LEGISLATIVE BOARD-CONTRACTUAL	\$3,454.66
"	"	A1355.490	ASSESSMENT-MISCELLANEOUS	\$3,688.73
"	"	A1620.200	BUILDINGS-EQUIPMENT	\$5,709.46
"	"	A1620.440	BUILDING-UTILITIES	\$7,294.10
"	"	A1640.46	CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS	\$492.15
"	"	A1910.400	UNALLOCATED INSURANCE	\$4,470.14
"	"	A3120.200	POLICE-EQUIPMENT	\$360.00
"	"	A3120.210	POLICE-EQUIPMENT FROM GRANT	\$3,181.11
"	"	A3410.210	FIRE DEPARTMENT-FEME EQUIPMENT	\$6,710.23
"	"	A3410.491	FIRE DEPARTMENT-TRAVEL	\$317.18
"	"	A3620.490	CODE ENFORCEMENT-MISCELLANEOUS	\$3,968.38
"	"	A4540.491	AMBULANCE-TRAVEL	\$290.57
"	"	A5110.200	STREETS-EQUIPMENT	\$1,082.09
"	"	A5110.410	STREETS-MATERIALS & SUPPLY	\$29,644.02
"	"	A5110.460	STREETS-CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$976.42
"	"	A5110.470	STREETS-REPAIRS TO EQUIPMENT	\$951.66
"	"	A5142.100	SNOW & ICE-PERSONAL SERVICES	\$2,631.14
"	"	A5610.410	AIRPORT-MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$1,682.48
"	"	A5610.440	AIRPORT-UTILITIES	\$3,303.48
"	"	A5610.490	AIRPORT-MISCELLANEOUS	\$3,253.84
"	"	A7110.420	PARKS-UNIFORMS	\$42.00
"	"	A7110.440	PARKS-UTILITIES	\$1,618.38
"	"	A7140.410	PLAYGROUNDS- MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$906.89
"	"	A7140.491	PLAYGROUNDS-TRAVEL	\$226.30
"	"	A7180.440	SWIMMING POOL-UTILITIES	\$359.00
"	"	A7550.480	CELEBRATIONS- FEES FOR SERVICES	\$3,252.00
"	"	A8010.410	PLANNING-MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$253.81
"	"	A9055.800	DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$212.07
"	"	A9730.700	BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES- IN	\$0.03
A4540.1	AMBULANCE PERS SERV	A7550.410	CELEBRATIONS-MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$9,653.24
"	"	A8130.410	WPCP-MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$27,331.13
"	"	A8130.440	WPCP-UTILITIES	\$30,502.79
"	"	A8130.460	WPCP-CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$62,603.98
"	"	A8170.470	STREET CLEANING-REPAIRS TO EQUIPMENT	\$7,916.73
		A9050.800	UNEMPLOYMENT SERVICES	\$4,475.56
	FROM		TO	AMT
F8320.47	SOURCE OF SUPPLY-REPAIRS TO EQUIPMENT	F8320.491	SOURCE OF SUPPLY- R P TAX	\$18,436.08
"	"	F8330.440	PURIFICATION- UTILITIES	\$4,482.58
"	"	F8330.490	PURIFIATION- MISCELLANEOUS	\$2,189.83
"	"	F8340.410	TRANS/DIST- MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$3,093.79
"	"	F9060.800	HOSPITAL & MEDICAL INSURANCE	\$1,219.58
F8320.49	SOURCE SUPP - MISC	F8340.470	TRANS/DIST-REPAIRS TO EQUIPMENT	\$9,899.17

Carried – 8

Absent – 2 (Valentine, McKay)

**HN 26-29 Accept Burdell resignation Section 3 Coordinator**

BY: Warriner/Brown

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Hornell hereby accepts the resignation of Cindy Burdell of 441 Fairview Ave, Hornell, N.Y., as Section 3 Coordinator effective April 30, 2026.

Carried – 8

Absent – 2 (Valentine, McKay)

**HN 26-30 Appoint Gilbert Section 3 Coordinator**

BY: Davis/Peck

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hornell has received funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for various housing rehabilitation and public infrastructure improvement projects, and

**WHEREAS**, the City is required to maintain compliance with CDBG program regulations, including provisions of Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968, as amended, and

**WHEREAS**, the City is required to designate a Section 3 Coordinator for the CDBG funded projects.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council hereby appoints Kimberly Gilbert, to serve as the Section 3 Coordinator for the CDBG Program.

Carried – 8

Absent – 2 (Valentine, McKay)

**HN 26-31 Appoint Burdell as City Assessor**

BY: Peck/Brown

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Hornell hereby appoints Cindy Burdell of 441 Fairview Ave, Hornell, N.Y. to fill an unexpired term as City Assessor effective immediately, through September 30, 2031.

Carried – 8

Absent – 2 (Valentine, McKay)

**HN 26-32 Standard Workday & Reporting**

BY: Carbone/Hancock

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Common Council hereby establishes the standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that it is the responsibility of each Council Member to keep and submit a monthly log of their activities on City Business.

Carried – 8

Absent – 2 (Valentine, McKay)

**CLAIMS:****BY: Peck/Warriner**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that claims in the amount of \$1,018,886.78, as audited by the Audit Committee of the Common Council of the City of Hornell, are approved and authorized paid as audited.

Common Council	\$ 873,624.59
Community Development	\$ 35,988.16
Payrolls	\$ 109,274.03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$1,018,886.78</u></b>

Carried – 8

Absent – 2 (Valentine, McKay)

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Mayor Buckley attended the County Legislature meeting on May 18, 2026. A temporary moratorium was put into place regarding biosolid field applications. Existing contracts held by the City of Hornell are not affected by the moratorium. The Hornell Water Pollution Control Plant’s testing for PFAS presence has remained well below the required standard.

Mayor Buckley attended the New York Conference of Mayor’s annual meeting last week. Reform to the NYS Retirement System’s Tier 6 was a dominating topic. Union officials are proposing lowering retirement age and employee contributions, which if passed could cause a ripple affect to employees in Tier 5. This ripple affect would cause an increase in costs to municipalities state wide.

Municipalities are still waiting for the NYS Budget to pass. Officials are in the 13<sup>th</sup> budget extender period.

On June 11, 2026, the “Big Boy” Locomotive will make a stop at Hornell’s Erie Depot

Mayor Buckley announced the Council would be entering Executive Session and would immediately adjourn the meeting at the end of the Executive Session.

By: Warriner/Davis

**Entering into Executive Session at 7:36 pm**

Carried-8 ayes

Absent- 2 (Valentine, McKay)

By: Carbone/Davis

**To go back into Regular Session at 8:27 pm**

Carried-8 ayes

Absent -2 (Valentine, McKay)

By: Hancock/Brown

**RESOLVED**, that there being no further business the Common Council adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Carried – 8

Absent – 2 (Valentine, McKay)

Respectfully submitted,

*Heather Lisi*

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City Clerk