



CITY OF CHARLESTON
204 N Main St
Charleston, MO 63834

City Council Meeting
January 13, 2026, at 6:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mayor, Monica Goodin. Councilman Jason Oliver, Councilman Trent Lane, Councilman Jackie Whiteside, Councilman Rick Toon, City Manager Greg Luehmann, City Attorney Tabatha Graham, City Clerk Ali Morris, Sergeant at Arms Robert Hearn Jr., Public Works Director David Harris, and Public Safety Officer Garrett Blake were present. Mayor Goodin asked everyone to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance and read an opening statement.

Consideration of Prior Meeting Minutes: The City Council minutes of December 9, 2025, were presented. Councilman Toon moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Lane seconded the motion, and the following vote was recorded: all were in favor, and none were opposed.

Report of City Business: The city manager explained that the memorandum of understanding between Mary Manley and the City of Charleston has been signed by both parties and they are excited to move forward with the Landmark Project.

He explained that the purchase order has been signed for the conference table and podium with Missouri Vocational Enterprises. The final proposal added some legs within the curvature to make it sturdier, which slightly increased the price.

Mr. Luehmann said a zoom call was held for the Charleston C2000 Board meeting. He said he updated the members on the city's annual report of business, listing everything the city accomplished in 2025. Lester Gillespie made a request to add the City of Charleston, in collaboration with Charleston C-2000, implemented a city-wide physical strategy that directly addresses issues on drug, alcohol, gun violence prevention and safety in the community's environment with the following:

1. Permanent signage on drug, alcohol, and gun prevention and safety in all city parks.
2. Permanent digital signage to educate residents by announcing and promoting important community activities and events.

3. Demolition and cleanup of vacant lots/properties in the community improving the safety and beautification in our neighborhoods.

4. Adding improved lighting to designated areas to assist in improving visibility and reducing safety concerns.

The city manager said that a follow-up meeting was held with Jim Grebing, Taylor Clark, Jamarcus Williams, and Anna Ferrell to discuss options to build a saferoom/ storm shelter. They are also looking at possible grants to replace the back-up generator at the city's water plant. The current one is over 25 years old but is tested regularly.

Mr. Luehmann explained that Salvador Mondragon from the Missouri Department of Conservation sent him the project overview that has been presented for approval for the construction of a native landscape for the Monarch Butterfly Garden.

It was announced that Insituform completed the sewer lining of 2,600 feet, which was included in the current fiscal year's budget.

Mr. Luehmann said that citizens are noticing the cleaning up of various properties in town and one citizen who stopped in to pay complement, offered to assist with mowing in the future if needed.

The city manager said an annual planning session was held with Enterprise to discuss replacement vehicles for next year's budget.

He also mentioned that he attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting where they discussed the upcoming Dogwood Azalea Festival. The city manager added that two new amp service outlets have been installed at each end of Rolwing Park to help aid with vendor setups during the festival.

Mr. Luehmann said that Nahki Norwood from Missouri Housing Partners called to let him know that that Missouri Housing Development Commission approved their application for the redevelopment and renovation of Charleston Apartment Homes located at 711 Green Street. Nearly 6 million dollars in construction will be infused into the property.

To conclude his report, it was announced that demolition of the following properties was recently completed: 206 W Marshall, 211 N Locust, 401 W Vine, and 1223 Charleston Ave.

Old Business: The only item of old business was Bill NO. 3984 / Ordinance NO. 3125- An Ordinance Amending "Schedule IV. Traffic Control Signs and Signals" of Title III of the Traffic Code of the Charleston Code of Ordinances to Create a Three-Way Stop at the Intersection of South Ninth Street and Shelby Street. This was presented at the November council meeting, and the topic was tabled and rediscussed during the December meeting where majority of the council agreed to approve the stop sign. Therefore, the final step was to approve the ordinance. A motion was made by Councilman Whiteside to approve the three-way stop ordinance. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed.

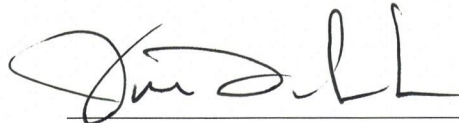
New Business: The first item on new business was to review the Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Charleston for Independent Contract Agreements for

Municipal Court Clerk Services and the Following Cities: Bertrand, East Prairie, and Wyatt. These are annual contracts that expire December 31st each year. Nothing changed for any of the cities. A motion was made by Councilman Whiteside to approve all three MOUs. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed.

Next was the presentation of a plaque to Mike McIlory for appreciation of his twenty-six years of dedication and service to the City of Charleston and the Parks Department.

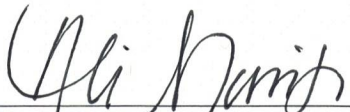
Introduction of Visitors: Trent Adams, Talisha Mays, Sherry Austin, Catie Baltrusaitis, Sheila Shankle, Tiffany Shankle, Jayne Ellen Ray, and Jeff Hughes, were present.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the City Council, Councilman Oliver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Lane seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned.



Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



City Clerk