CITY OF CHARLESTON
204 N Main St
Charleston, MO 63834

City Council Meeting
August 11, 2026, at 6:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mayor, Jason Oliver. Councilman Trent Lane, Councilman Jackie Whiteside, Councilwoman Monica Goodin, City Manager Greg Luehmann, City Attorney Tabatha Graham, City Clerk Ali Morris, Sergeant at Arms, Robert Hearnes Jr., and Public Safety Officer Trei Chappell were present. Councilman Rick Toon was absent. All stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Prior Meeting Minutes: Councilman Whiteside made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 14, 2026, meeting. Councilwoman Goodin seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed.

Report of City Business: City Manager Greg Luehmann presented the following report of city business:

- **Reported:** Attended Chamber Meeting and discussed the Chamber's interest in selling the City the jointly owned property located behind the Water Plant. A survey will need to be completed to obtain a more accurate legal description.
- **Reported:** Attended C-2000 Meeting and discussed a FreshStart grant opportunity to assist with the purchase of equipment and supplies for youth programs through the City and School District.
- **Reported:** Received the Community Town Hall Report from Taylor Clark and Amber Childers, which is included in the council packet.
- **Reported:** Spoke with Salvador Mondragon and scheduled the 2nd Annual Fishing Event for September 26th at Hequembourg Pond. Salvador also reported that the grant for the Butterfly Sanctuary has been approved.
- **Reported:** Met with Justin Warren regarding the portable sign, which has been repaired. It appears one of the panels was damaged by a blunt object. We also discussed installing LED lighting at the main baseball field at Hillhouse Park. Justin agreed to test the stability of the poles and report back to the city.
- **Reported:** Permits are being obtained for the new FLOCK equipment that has been ordered. The City received a $25,000 check from the Charleston Housing Authority to assist with the purchase of the equipment.

- **Reported:** Trent Lane and I discussed a program through the Missouri Department of Conservation that would allow the City to beautify highway exits once approval is obtained from the Missouri Department of Transportation.
- **Reported:** Spoke with Coach Trent Adams regarding the development of the Little League Football Program. The program currently has three teams and will play six games. Trent reported that the program has received excellent support from the community.
- **Reported:** Continued working with Consultant Dena Shelton on the HUD grant application with Meet the Need and Habitat for Humanity, which was due August 3, 2026.
- **Reported:** David and I inspected the rubber padding at Rolwing Park and contacted Kendra Brown regarding the warranty and potential repair of a large tear. Mr. Luehmann said the damage did not appear to be vandalism.
- **Reported:** Bobby and I discussed the hiring of Trei Chappell to fill one of the city's vacant Public Safety positions. Officer Chappell then introduced himself.
- **Reported:** Met with Shad Burner of KBS Consulting to discuss Opportunity Zone 2.0 and efforts to engage community leaders and potential investors. The public comment period closed during the first week of August. Thank you to everyone who visited the website and provided their support.
- **Reported:** The drainage project is nearing completion, with only a few small sections of sewer remaining to be lined. If the project comes in under budget, we will attempt to use the remaining funds to line an additional sewer line in the area.
- **Reported:** Met with Cade Coon and Jamarcus Williams, along with Bobby, to finalize the School Resource Officer contract. The SRO contract is included in the council packet.

The city manager concluded his report, and no formal action was taken.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Bill NO. 3998 / Ordinance NO. 3139- An Ordinance of the City of Charleston, Missouri, Enacted Pursuant to Section 105.485.4 RSMo. to Establish a Procedure to Disclose Potential Conflicts of Interest and Substantial Interest for Certain Municipal Officials as Required by Section 105.450 RSMo.was presented. Mayor Oliver explained that this ordinance must be updated/approved every other year to remain in compliance with the Missouri Ethics Commission. A motion was made by Councilman Whiteside to approve the ordinance. After the second reading, Councilman Lane seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed.

Bill NO. 3999 / Ordinance NO. 3140- An Ordinance Approving the Contract with Charleston R-I School District for School Resource Officer Services was next on the agenda. A motion was made by Councilwoman Goodin to approve the ordinance. Councilman Whiteside seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed.

The final agenda item was to discuss rescheduling the September council meeting due to the Labor Day holiday and short staff due to vacation. A motion was made by Councilman Whiteside to reschedule the September meeting to Wednesday, September 16, 2026. Councilwoman Goodin seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed.