



**CITY OF CHARLESTON
204 N Main St
Charleston, MO 63834**

**City Council Meeting
November 18, 2025, 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, City Manager Greg Luehmann, City Attorney Tabatha Graham, City Clerk Ali Morris, Sergeant at Arms Robert Hearn Jr., Public Safety Officer Ie'Meion Giles and Public Safety Officer Austin Henson were present. Councilman Rick Toon was absent. 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 October 14, 2025, were presented. Councilman Whiteside moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, and the following vote was recorded: all were in favor, and none were opposed. The City Council minutes of October 17, 2025, were presented. Councilman Oliver motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Whiteside seconded the motion, and the following vote was recorded: all were in favor, and none were opposed. The minutes were approved.

Report of City Business: The City Manager explained that a zoom call was held to discuss additional cameras and gunshot detection with a Flock representative, and they are sending a proposal with requested changes.

Mr. Luehmann said he had a call with Wes from the Department of Corrections to discuss building a new council room conference table.

The city manager said that a citizen called and asked about the possibility of allowing chickens in town.

He then explained that forty trees were picked up from the Forest ReLeaf program to be planted throughout the parks.

Mr. Luehmann said he spoke with Joe Lane regarding FEMA's preliminary plans to expand areas of Charleston into the flood zone and also explained that we are moving forward with the drainage project. The plans have been approved, and the bidding process should start soon.

The city manager explained he and David Harris met with Jon Gary from Habitat for Humanity about the possibility of building a house in Charleston.

He said he also met with Nya Grim with Ameren to get an update on replacing our lights with LED bulbs and reported that all but 12 should be replaced within 30 days.

Mr. Luehmann then said that he spoke with Kenny Hulshof again about the progress he has made with consultant, Mark Grimm on completing the study required for the 353 Tax Abatement program.

It was reported that despite the rain on October 25th and 26th, a total of 12 dumpsters were filled up during the fall clean up.

The city manager then mentioned that he received a complaint from Terry Parker from McMikle Funeral Home about broken bottles and tire marks in the back parking lot.

Mr. Luehmann said that he received a call from Pastor Joe Mooney regarding the possibility of setting up electricity in the lot beside the post office where the Christmas tree will be placed and where the new art project will eventually be located. Mr. Luehmann explained that the city will be unable to have temporary service installed at that location.

It was announced that the storm sirens have been installed and are now operational with a few final adjustments being made to the software in November.

Mr. Luehmann explained that he met with Mike Mueller from Day3 Seeds to discuss planting blue spruce trees throughout town, including the parks. He explained as they grow, they could potentially be decorated for Christmas by different organizations. Mike offered to donate and plant the trees as a gift to the community.

It was mentioned that Enterprise Fleet now has Chevy Tahoes available as potential use for DPS vehicles. The city is looking to replace two vehicles within the next year and will be comparing prices for the Tahoes versus the Durangos.

To conclude his report, the city manager gave an update on the Charleston Landmark Project. He explained that six artists have been chosen to submit renderings to Mary out of 122 who applied. Two are from the UK and four are from the US. Plans are to exhibit all six renderings during and after the next Dogwood Azalea Festival in 2026.

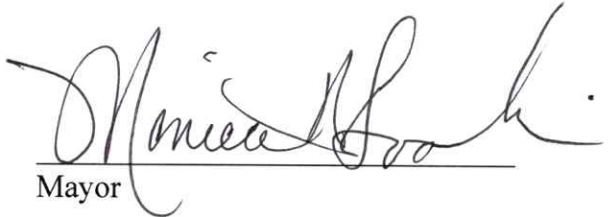
Old Business: None.

New Business: Bill NO. 3983 / Ordinance NO. 3124- An Ordinance Calling for the General Election to be Conducted on April 7, 2026 within and for the City of Charleston, Missouri for the Purpose of Electing One (1) Councilperson-at-Large for a Term of Three (3) Years: Establishing the Opening and Closing Dates for Filing Declarations of Candidacy; Fixing the Dates of Said Election; Designating the Mississippi County Clerk as the Election Authority to Conduct Said Election; and Directing Publication of Notice When Required was the first item of new business. Mayor Goodin explained that this is done annually for each election. After the second reading, a motion was made by Councilman Oliver to approve the election ordinance. Councilman Lane seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed.

The next item of 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. After some discussion about the whereabouts of the potential location and the traffic study performed, a motion was made by Councilman Lane to table the topic and ordinance until the next meeting. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion. Councilman Whiteside was opposed to tabling the topic.

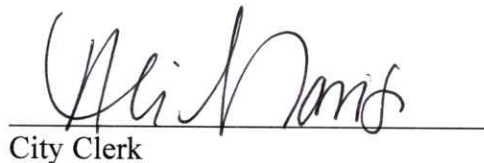
Introduction of Visitors: Raymond Ivy, Trent Adams, Jessica Mays, Sheila Shankle, Tiffany Shankle, Talisha Mays, Todd Clodfelter, Arleace Green, Mike Owens, Martin Parker, Laura Logan, and Tom Davis were present.

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



Monica Book
Mayor

ATTEST:



Ali Davis
City Clerk