



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

**City Council Meeting
May 12, 2026, at 6:30 PM**

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mayor, Jason Oliver. Councilman Rick Toon, Councilman Trent Lane, Councilman Jackie Whiteside, Councilwoman Monica Goodin, City Manager Greg Luehmann, City Attorney Tabatha Graham, Sergeant at Arms, Robert Hearnese Jr., Public Safety Officer Ie'Meon Giles and Public Safety Officer Austin Henson were present. City Clerk, Ali Morris, 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 April 14, 2026, and the April 28, 2026, meetings. Councilman Lane seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed.

Report of City Business: City Manager, Greg Luehmann began with acknowledging the letter in the council packets from the Chief of the Department of Public Safety, Robert Hearnese, regarding the shooting that occurred on April 1st and the two officers on duty who responded quickly and controlled the situation. Officer Ie'Meon Giles and Officer Austin Henson were in attendance, and everyone commended them for their service. Hearnese said thankfully no one lost their lives and the injured received medical treatment quickly.

Mr. Luehmann said the drainage project has progressed well and that it should be completed by the end of May.

He announced that Circus Grimaldi will be at AD Simpson Park from May 15th-17th.

Mr. Luehmann said Ryan Ford gave an update on the progress being made with the Charleston Youth Association with five tee-ball teams and two, 10 and under teams -one for boys and one for girls. The city manager said many thanks go out to the sponsors for the program.

The city manager said he met with Lester Gillespie from Fresh Start to discuss their interest in the youth programs. Fresh Start has applied for a grant to assist with purchasing any equipment needed.

Mr. Luehmann said he and Bobby Hearnese have been in discussions with Flock Safety relating to adding additional cameras and gunshot detection to our current system. The executive director of the Charleston Housing Authority has also agreed to assist with funding.

It was announced that the Dogwood Azalea Festival was a success, despite the rain on Saturday.

Mr. Luehmann mentioned that Solar Day was held on Friday, May 1, 2026, and was a success with beautiful weather.

The public works department installed a washer and dryer at the Charleston Dog Pound after a request was made at our last council meeting by Animal Control Officer, Kelly Brown.

The city manager also mentioned that the public works department has mowed vacant lots that were cleaned up by the city last year.

It was acknowledged that the new council chamber table and podium were delivered and installed by the public works department.

Mr. Luehmann said he met with the Superintendent Jamarcus Williams and Justin Warren of True Tech Signs to discuss upgrades to the auditorium, Hillhouse Park baseball fields, and Rolwing Park tennis courts. Additional research needs to be done on the stability of the poles.

The 2nd Annual Prevention Day will be held on May 13, 2026, at AD Simpson Park. Lester Gillespie from Fresh Start is on the agenda to discuss.

Old Business: Although there was no old business on the agenda, Councilman Lane said he wanted to bring back up the townhall meeting discussion. He said he would like to take the lead on the council developing a townhall meeting where individuals can “vent a little bit”. Mayor Oliver said he looks forward to seeing what Councilman Lane puts together.

New Business: Bill NO. 3990 / Ordinance NO. 3131- An Ordinance Amending Chapter 510, Article I, Section 510.020 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Charleston, Missouri, Relating to Definitions of Residential Rental Property was the first item of new business. It was discussed and explained that this is one of the steps in allowing apartments in downtown buildings. A motion was made by Councilman Whiteside to approve the ordinance after the second reading. Councilwoman Goodin seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed.

Bill NO. 3991 / Ordinance NO. 3132- An Ordinance Repealing Certain Provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Charleston, Missouri, Relating to Home Occupation Licensing Requirements was next on the agenda. After discussing whether or not the correct wording was used, a motion was made by Councilman Whiteside to table this ordinance. Councilman Lane seconded the motion. All were in favor of tabling the ordinance and the city attorney was instructed to make changes and show it for a second reading at the next council meeting.

At this time, Mayor Oliver accidentally skipped ahead and read Resolution NO. 1121- A Resolution Approving the “Land and Lot Delinquent List” and Directing the Mississippi County Collector to Proceed with Collection of Delinquent Real Estate Taxes According to Law on behalf of the City of Charleston, Missouri. It was explained that this list is provided each year from the Mississippi County Collector and we just simply review the list and approve it to allow the County Collector to collect these taxes on our behalf. A motion was made by Councilman Lane to approve the resolution. Councilman Toon seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed.

Bill NO. 3992 / Ordinance NO. 3133- An Ordinance Rezoning Certain Property Located on the 100 Block of N Elm Street in the City of Charleston, Missouri, from R-2 (Two Family Residential) to R-3 (Multi-Family Residential) to Allow for the Construction of Quadruplex Dwellings. Mayor Oliver explained that this was discussed at the previous meeting as well as during a planning and zoning meeting. This is to allow the construction of quadplex apartments on Elm Street. Councilman Toon made a motion to approve the rezoning and the ordinance. Councilman Whiteside seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed.

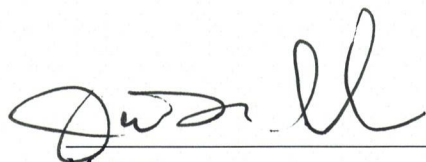
Next on the agenda was consideration of liquor license approval for T&L On the Go. It was explained that this is the new convenience store on West Marshall Street. They do not yet have their liquor license in from the state, but this would allow the city to administer the license upon receipt of the state license. A motion was made by Councilman Lane to approve the liquor license application. Councilman Toon seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed.

Lester Gillespie was on the agenda to discuss the 2nd Annual Prevention Day. Mr. Gillespie thanked the city for assisting with the event. He said they will have thirty-three vendors this year, along with bouncy houses, food, raffles, and sign-ups for youths to have things to do during the summer months.

Mr. Gillespie then brought up the youth sport teams. He said we need to find ways to keep it going- to sustain the program. He said they need to invest in equipment and uniforms and that he would like to see the city make an ongoing pledge to keep the youth program going.

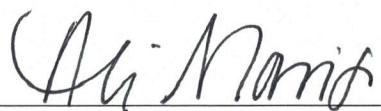
Introduction of Visitors: Trent Adams, Lester Gillespie, David Manker, and Tom Davis were present.

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



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk