



CITY OF CHARLESTON

City Council Meeting July 16, 2025

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 Hearnese, and Public Safety Officer, Ie'Meion Giles were present. Mayor Goodin asked everyone to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Prior Meeting Minutes: The City Council minutes of June 10, 2025, Council meetings were presented for approval. Councilman Toon moved 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.

Report of City Business: City Manager, Greg Luehmann, gave a report for the month of June. He mentioned he and David Harris met with the owners of the California Opulence store, which is now open, and clarified they are selling hemp.

It was also mentioned that Mr. Luehmann and David Harris met to discuss options for locations of electric at Rolwing Park to better accommodate vendors during the Dogwood Azalea Festival.

Mr. Luehmann said he attended the ribbon cutting at the Meet the Need facility, which had a large turnout. Classes began in June.

The city manager said he met with Nya Grimes and Steve Dixon from Ameren UE and discussed replacing old streetlights with LED lights at no charge.

A meeting was mentioned that was held with Councilman Lane and Salvadore Mondragon with the Conservation Department to discuss opportunities for parks, including a Fall fishing event, wildflower plots and even potential grants for a monarch butterfly sanctuary.

Signage in the parks was mentioned. This has been an ongoing project with the C2000 Coalition, for no drugs, alcohol, or guns in the parks.

Luehmann mentioned the discussion of purchasing the property from Ruth Feezor across from Rolwing Park with John Goodin and explained that a contract was signed and he is hoping the closing will take place next week.

Participation from the football team volunteers was mentioned. Some helped the public works department pick up limbs during the designated limb pick up week.

The city manager explained a meeting was held with Superintendent Jamarcus Williams, and Joel Evans, President of DAEOC about a potential grant for improvements to the kindergarten building in order to offer a new pre-school program. However, Luehmann explained that the funding ended up falling through but they will continue to be in touch.

It was mentioned that the LED sign at AD Simpson Park is ready to be installed, as the electricity has been connected to the location.

It was also mentioned that there has been consistent positive feedback on the highlights of the council meetings being placed on the city Facebook page, the newspapers, and the housing authority newsletter.

A new program was explained that would provide assistance to homeowners who are unable to afford funding for the completion of teardown or foundation removal. Mr. Luehmann said he worked with the city attorney on a permission form that can be signed, allowing the city to go onto the property to assist.

It was reported that all of the liquor license renewals were submitted before July 1st, except for El Cerrito, as they are still awaiting the state liquor license.

To conclude his report, Mr. Luehmann said a letter was received from a resident, thanking him and David Harris for getting a light installed near her house.

Old Business: The first item of old business was Bill NO. 3972 / Ordinance NO. 3113- An Ordinance to Accept the Proposal from ASA Asphalt to Complete the 2025 Overlay Project. It was explained that the plan is to overlay from Pecan Street to Goodin corner/end of North Main. Councilman Lane expressed his hesitance for voting in favor of the asphalt overlay project as it is for a State lettered highway that the city maintains. A motion was made by Councilman Oliver to suspend the second reading of the ordinance. Councilman Toon seconded. Councilman Toon then motioned to accept Bill NO. 3972 / Ordinance NO. 3113 to accept the proposal from ASA Asphalt to complete the 2025 overlay project. Councilman Oliver seconded, and the following vote was recorded: all were in favor and none were opposed. The ordinance passed.

The second item was Bill NO. 3973 / Ordinance NO. 3114- An Ordinance to Authorize the Lease/Purchase of Two New Vehicles for Use by the Department of Public Works. After the second reading, a motion was made by Councilman Whiteside to pass Bill NO. 3973 / Ordinance NO. 3114. Councilman Lane seconded the motion, and the following vote was recorded: all were in favor and none were opposed. The ordinance passed.

The final item of old business was Bill NO. 3974 / Ordinance NO. 3115- An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Charleston, Missouri, to Purchase Certain Real Estate from Ruth Feezor for the Total Purchase Price of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute all Documents Necessary to Complete Said Transaction. A motion was made by Councilman Oliver to suspend the second reading of the ordinance. Councilman Toon seconded the motion. Councilman Whiteside then made a motion to accept Bill NO. 3974 / Ordinance NO. 3115 to purchase the real estate for eighty thousand dollars. Councilman Toon seconded, and the following vote was recorded: all were in favor and none were opposed. The ordinance passed.

Introduction of Visitors: Jenay Goodin, Sheila Shankle, Tiffany Shankle, Orrice Stanback, Todd Clodfelter, Trent Adams, Andrea Adams, Y. Clemons, DeMarcus Sharp, Erica Jones, Barry Boyce, Hudson Byrd, Mike Owens, and Tom Davis with the Standard Democrat were present.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the City Council, Councilman Whiteside made a motion to adjourn the meeting and go into a closed session. Councilman Toon seconded the motion and the regular meeting was adjourned.



Mayor - PROTEM

ATTEST:



City Clerk