



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

**City Council Meeting
October 14, 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, Councilman Rick Toon, City Manager Greg Luehmann, City Attorney Tabatha Graham, City Clerk Ali Morris, Public Works Director David Harris, Sergeant at Arms Robert Hearnese Jr., Public Safety Officer Tyler Babb and Public Safety Officer Curtis Arnold 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 September 9, 2025, were presented. Councilman Oliver 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. The meeting minutes were approved.

Report of City Business: The City Manager reported that he spoke with the district manager of Love's Truck Stop, and they are very pleased with sales and store traffic as well as the employees, with the majority of them being local. He said they will be remodeling the Matthews location soon.

It was reported that the Public Works Department has replaced damaged sidewalks in several locations after receiving calls from citizens. The replacement of sidewalks on Hunter Street via the TAP grant has also begun and the Public Works Department tore out the existing sidewalks as part of the city's contribution.

The Public Works Department has also cleaned up several abandoned properties throughout Charleston, which the City Manager reported, improves the entire neighborhood and makes the area safer. As part of the process, a special tax bill for the cost of abatement of public nuisance is placed on the property. In most instances, the property owner is deceased.

The Charleston IDA and the city agreed to cut down four damaged trees adjacent to Warren E. Hearnese Elementary School. In addition, the Public Works Department poured a sidewalk in front of the Board Office to eliminate students walking in the street.

It was announced that the new fire truck has been delivered and will be discussed later on the agenda.

Mr. Luehmann said he met with Kenny Hulshof to discuss areas to be included in Chapter 353 Tax Abatement.

The city manager said he met with Marcy Lawson from Bootheel Progress and Partnership and discussed two existing opportunities. One was for a grant from Missouri Humanities for a Veteran's to Remember Program for \$10,000. The other was for an agreement with Next Site, a commercial development advisory firm, specializing in identifying and connecting opportunities to developers, tenant reps, and end-users to effect positive changes.

Mr. Luehmann said he met with Nahki Norwood from Missouri Housing Partners to discuss applying to Missouri Housing Development Commission to rehabilitate the Senior Housing Complex and 711 South Green Street.

It was reported Mr. Luehmann attended a C-2000 Coalition Meeting and gave an update on the new signs that were placed in all the parks. In addition, Rodney Jones gave an update from Meet the Need and reported that 16 forklift operators had been trained and received certification as well as 86 people signed up for the welding program and 78 for the CDL program, but they were still trying to line up trainers.

The city manager said he met with Alana Mills from the Junior Study Club to discuss the potential Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary and possible use of the Scout Cabin. He said he also expressed interest in using the facility for other civic groups looking for a place to meet. Luehmann said the landscaping in front of the cabin was also cleaned up recently.

To conclude his report, the city manager stated that the 1st Annual Fishing Event at Hequembourg Park was a success with fifty kids in attendance. He said many thanks to Salvador and Emily from the Missouri Department of Conservation and other sponsors including Grand Avenue Church, Fresh Start Self Improvement Center, Kountry Boyz Cookin', Focus Bank, Citizens Bank, Glenn Fennell with the Lions Club, and members of the High School Football Team and the coaches.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Bill NO. 3980 / Ordinance NO. 3121- An Ordinance Accepting the Proposal from Insituform Technologies USA, LLC to Complete the City of Charleston, Missouri 2025 Sewer Lining Project was the first item of new business. Public Works Director, David Harris, was in attendance for any questions. After the ordinance was read two times by title, a motion was made by Councilman Oliver to approve the ordinance accepting the proposal. Councilman Whiteside seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed.

Bill NO. 3981 / Ordinance NO. 3122- An Ordinance Authorizing the Abandonment (Vacation) of a Portion of Ninth Street in the City of Charleston, Missouri was next on the agenda. Mayor Goodin explained that this request for abandonment was brought to the Planning and Zoning Commission, which held a meeting the previous Tuesday to discuss the matter. The area is owned by the city and has no purpose. It was explained that there is no intention to ever develop

it into a street as it leads into a field. A motion was made by Councilman Whiteside to approve the ordinance to abandon the property at Ninth Street. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed.

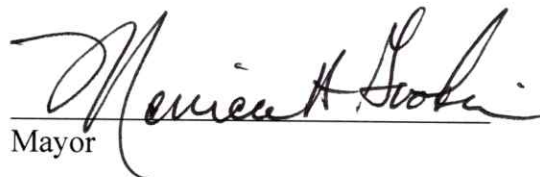
Next on the agenda was to discuss a change order for the 2025 Asphalt Overlay Project to include Ella Drive. The city manager began explaining the amount of tax revenue that both businesses on Ella Drive have brought in and that Small Lumber is willing to pay the city back for the costs. It was mentioned that they could begin with only asphaltting the first 100 feet and see how well that works. After some discussion, the topic was tabled in order for the city attorney to investigate city policies.

Jackie Whiteside was on the agenda to discuss the Veteran's to Remember Program. Mr. Whiteside brought examples of banners that will be hung from the light poles around town, with council approval. It was explained that there is a form to fill out for those who wish to have their loved ones displayed and the more information, the better. Mr. Whiteside said that Mike Mueller with 3 Day Seeds is leading the program. Although there is a cost for having the banners made, they received a \$10,000 grant for this program and if someone is unable to pay for the banner, they will cover the cost. The plan is to have the banners hang for several months at a time, be taken down while the Christmas decorations are displayed, and then put up again after the first of the year. A motion was made by Councilman Oliver to approve the hanging of the banners. Councilman Toon seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed.

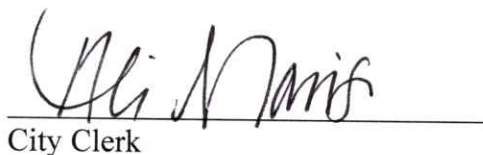
At this time, Mayor Goodin explained that there were not any visitor participation forms submitted. She then announced that the new fire truck was parked outside for any and all that would like to view it and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Introduction of Visitors: Phil Halter, Sherry Austin, Catie Baltrusaitis, Talisha Mays, and Trent Adams, Andrea Adams, Raymond Ivy, and Tom Davis with the Standard Democrat 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.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk