



CITY OF CHARLESTON
204 N Main St
Charleston, MO 63834

City Council Meeting
February 10, 2026, at 6:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mayor Pro Tem, Jason Oliver. Councilman Trent Lane, Councilman Jackie Whiteside, Councilman Rick Toon, City Manager Greg Luehmann, City Attorney Tabatha Graham, Public Works Director David Harris, Chief of the Department of Public Safety, Robert Hearn Jr., and Public Safety Captain, Anthony Moody were present. Mayor Monica Goodin and City Clerk Ali Morris were absent. The Mayor Pro Tem asked everyone to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Prior Meeting Minutes: The City Council minutes of January 13, 2026, were presented. Councilman Toon 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.

Report of City Business: The city manager explained that he met with Rodney Jones and David Harris to discuss placement of two flashing stop signs, two flashing cross walk signs, and twelve "Welcome to Downtown Charleston" signs to place on Ameren poles. MODOT has already given approval, and Ameren approved the welcome signs, and we are still awaiting approval for two others.

The city manager said he met with Mike Mueller from Day 3 Seeds to discuss renewal of ten pallet planters with two provided at no charge. Planters will be dispersed in the city parks.

Mr. Luehmann explained that he contacted Salvador Mondragon to see if the grant request for the Butterfly Sanctuary had been approved. Unfortunately, they are out of funding for the next several months, but we still plan to plant some of the plants ourselves while we wait for the grant opportunity to open back up.

Mr. Luehmann also mentioned that he met with a member of the Molly French Garden Club who expressed interest in participating in the Butterfly Sanctuary project. The club is going to meet with the landscaper at their February meeting to discuss details.

It was reported that numerous citizens expressed interest in purchasing lots where houses were recently torn down by the city. Mr. Luehmann said he is working with the city attorney on a process to sell those properties.

The city manager said he received a thank you letter for the city placing the stop sign on Ninth Street. A copy of the letter was included in the packet.

It was mentioned that Hunter Ely reached out on behalf of the Red Cross to discuss building list of emergency shelters if a disaster occurred.

It was then reported that both the Public Works Department and the Department of Public Safety were very busy during the weekend of the winter storm and afterwards. Mr. Luehmann mentioned that several phone calls were received during this time, and our Snow Removal Plan and Procedures were placed on our Facebook page.

At this time, the Mayor Pro Tem and council members praised The Public Works Director and Department for their efforts.

The city manager then reported that the Animal Control Officer called to let him know that the heater placed inside the dog kennel worked very well during the cold weather. He also reported that our new volunteer was doing an excellent job, especially with posting pictures of dogs to adopt on our Facebook page.

Mr. Luehmann said he attended the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration at the Bowden Center and numerous speakers were there.

He also mentioned he attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting and received updates on the upcoming Dogwood Azalea Festival.

The city manager reported that the drainage project continues to move forward with bids awarded of sewer lining, pipe materials, and storm drain boxes. The ordinance was included in the council packets and is an agenda item.

Mr. Luehmann said he had a meeting with the Public Works Department and Elise Bush from Horner Shifrin to discuss the GIS platform which included mapping of water and sewer systems that they built for us. The platform will also allow us to update the map of all the lots we clean up.

To conclude, Mr. Luehmann reported that Mark Grimm and Kenny Hulshof were coming along with the 353 Tax Abatement and are working on an agreement for the City Attorney to review.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Bill NO. 3985 / Ordinance NO. 3126- An Ordinance Accepting Bids and Authorizing the Execution of Contracts and Purchase Agreements for the Drainage Improvements Project was the first item of new business. Councilman Toon said he reviewed the document and made a motion to accept Bill NO. 3985 / Ordinance NO. 3126. Councilman Whiteside seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem, Jason Oliver read the Ordinance two times by title. All were in favor. None were opposed.

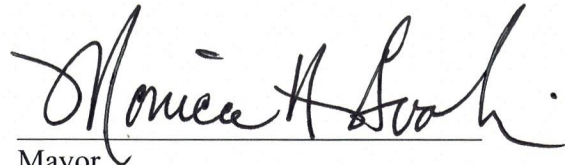
Next on the agenda was Clayton Cox with Circus Grimaldi to ask permission to use AD Simpson Park. Cox explained that they have a one-million-dollar insurance policy and they do not have any large animals in their show. He also explained they typically have bill posters come into town about two weeks in advance to promote the show. The dates are flexible.

Mike Mueller was next on the agenda to discuss 4th of July events. Mueller passed out a flyer proposing a 4th of July picnic event as it is America's 250th celebration. He would like to have a parade at 10AM with target participants of kids, pets, and Veterans. The route would begin at the lot behind City Hall. A motion was made by Councilman Whiteside to proceed with the event. Councilman Toon seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed.

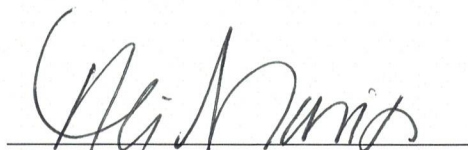
Coach Trent Adams was last on the agenda to propose a Youth Football League to take place on city property. A motion was made by Councilman Whiteside to approve the use of the field. Councilman Lane seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed.

Introduction of Visitors: Trent Adams, Andrea Adams, Sherry Austin, Catie Baltrusaitis, Mike Mueller, Hudson Byrd, Barbara Riggins, Todd Clodfelter, Kenny Hulshof, Clayton Cox, and Hunter Ely were present.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the City Council, Councilman Whiteside made a motion to adjourn the meeting and go into an executive session. Councilman Lane seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk