



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

**City Council Meeting
March 10, 2026, 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 Clerk Ali Morris, and Public Safety Officer Austin Henson were present. City Attorney Tabatha Graham and Sergeant at Arms, Robert Hearn Jr. were 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 February 18, 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 with the approval of Ameren, CHARM has completed installation of two flashing stop signs and twelve Welcome to Downtown Charleston signs on Ameren poles.

Mr. Luehmann said that he and Hudson Byrd discussed the upcoming plans for the exhibition of the Landmark Project, which will start on April 16th leading into the Dogwood Azalea Festival. There are four submissions from American-based artists and two from the UK. The exhibition will continue after the festival for one month to ensure everyone has a chance to see the submissions. The goal of The Landmark Project is to inspire community engagement, increase tourism in the downtown area, and make the city of Charleston a “must visit” stop on any road trip in our area. There will be plenty of information released in the week leading up to the exhibition and the community is encouraged to stop by 101 North Main Street to see the submissions and to vote for your favorite design. We hope everyone will keep an eye out for additional information. The Landmark Project is the brainchild of Mary Moore Manley who grew up here as a child and believes the Landmark Project will bring something truly unique to downtown Charleston.

The city manager said he and Mike Mueller from Day 3 Seeds met to discuss planting of seven additional Blue Spruce trees. All but one has now been planted. He said they also discussed

repurposing of one block of Pecan Street on the North side of L&S Pharmacy to prepare for future parking for the Landmark Project. This will be discussed later on the agenda.

The city manager announced that the Spring Clean-Up is set for March 21st through the 29th with dumpsters being set up behind City Hall.

He also explained that American Legion banners were placed on fourteen Ameren poles, displaying photos of Veterans.

Mr. Luehmann said he attended Congressman Jason Smith's roundtable held at Allen Wire on February 17th.

It was announced that work on the CDBG drainage project has begun and material will start arriving.

The city manager then said that Circus Grimaldi is set to come to Charleston from May 15th through the 17th at AD Simpson Park.

It was explained that the American Legion has begun its campaign to raise funds to construct a Veterans Monument Wall at the Mississippi County Library which is dedicated to all of Charleston's veterans-past and present.

To conclude his report, the city manager said he met with the Superintendent of Charleston R1 School District, Jamarcus Williams, to discuss the renewal of our School Park Use Agreement. He said they also discussed the commitment to restarting the little league football program together and interest in doing the same with baseball and basketball. Jamarcus Williams was also on the agenda to explain further.

Old Business: Discuss park use variance (beer garden) with Chamber Representatives was the only item of old business. At this time, Mayor Goodin changed the order of business in order to hear from those who submitted visitor participation forms. After the two visitors spoke, it was obvious that other residents had attended the meeting, unaware of the rule to be able to speak. Because this was a "hot topic", Mayor Goodin allowed other visitors to speak on their concern of the beer garden, only allowing them three minutes each. After hearing from everyone who wanted to voice their opinions, a motion was made by Councilman Oliver to table the topic to a special meeting so that they could visit with the Chamber. Councilman Lane seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed.

New Business: The first item of new business was Bill NO. 3986 / Ordinance NO. 3127- An Ordinance to Authorize the Lease/Purchase of One New Vehicle and Equipment for Use by The Department of Public Safety. City Manager, Greg Luehmann explained that leasing vehicles, rather than buying them outright, allows us to update the entire fleet. After the second reading, Councilman Whiteside made a motion to approve Bill NO 3986 / Ordinance NO. 3127. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed.

Jamarcus Williams was next on the agenda to discuss little league sports teams. Williams explained the need for constructive activities for the youth. Peewee league programs would provide opportunities for kids outside of school hours and would be a great investment into the City of Charleston. Williams also acknowledged that athletics are not for everyone, so the

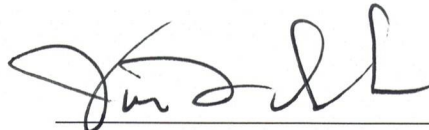
school is also opening its theatre program back up. A motion was made by Councilman Lane to support the little league programs. Councilman Whiteside seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss the School Park Use Agreement for 2026-2028. The city manager explained this is the same commitment as before. Nothing has changed and the price remains at \$15,000 per year. A motion was made by Councilman Lane to approve the agreement. Councilman Whiteside seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed.

Lastly, Mike Mueller was on the agenda to discuss Landmark Monument parking and Pecan Street. Mueller proposed that the city needs some public/tourist parking near the downtown area, especially in anticipation of the Landmark Project off of Pecan Street. He also proposed the city change the name of Pecan Street to "Thankful Way" after one of our founding city citizens, Thankful Randall. Mueller then expressed great concern about vehicles speeding through the four way stop at 101 North Main Street. Mayor Goodin asked that he wait to discuss that concern at another meeting.

Introduction of Visitors: Tommy Butler, Kenny Hulshof, Scott Crumpecker, Joe Mooney, Mike Mueller, Jamarcus Williams, Trent Adams, Tom Davis, Gretta Rolwing, Heath Rolwing, Talisha Mays, Kaitlin Ray, Jayne Ellen Ray, Todd Clodfelter, Jayvon Biles, Jayvion Biles, and Quinita Goodin were present.

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



Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



City Clerk