



CITY OF CHARLESTON
204 N Main St
Charleston, MO 63834

City Council Meeting
April 28, 2026, at 5:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM by Mayor, Jason Oliver. Councilman Rick Toon, Councilman Trent Lane, Councilman Monica Goodin, City Manager Greg Luehmann and Sergeant at Arms, Robert Hearnese Jr. were present. They all stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Prior Meeting Minutes: None.

Report of City Business: City Manager, Greg Luehmann explained that he and Mayor, Jason Oliver toured the Cullison Veterinary Clinic, along with members of the Chamber, CHARM, and Historical Society during the Dogwood Azalea Festival. The Cullison family has mentioned the possibility of donating the building to the city. Mr. Luehmann said the building has been well maintained but will require a new roof. The building could potentially be used as part of the new tourist attraction of the Landmark Project, where there would be additional parking and restrooms. He also mentioned it could be used as a community center, and grant funds could possibly be obtained for such. Mr. Luehmann said he just wanted to inform the council of the possibility.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Bill NO. 3988 / Ordinance NO. 3129- An Ordinance Amending the Budget Adopted for City Funds for Fiscal Year May 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026. The city manager explained that he highlighted all items that were over budget and they were all approved, justified expenditures which included the storm sirens, mosquito sprayer, digital signage, mower, shed at Hequembourg Park, sidewalk repairs that were included in the TAP grant, and the drainage project. Councilman Toon made a motion to approve the amended budget and ordinance after the second reading. Councilwoman Goodin seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed.

Next was Bill NO. 3989 / Ordinance NO. 3130- An Ordinance Adopting a Budget for City Funds for Fiscal Year May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027. The city manager gave a brief summary of projected expenditures. He also pointed out the net income that the city is beginning the fiscal year with. He mentioned some possible expenditures that are not necessarily within the projected budget but may come up in the future. Those include a 50/50 match of grant funds

through the conservation department for the butterfly sanctuary. Mr. Luehmann said we may apply for the grant again in the next few months. The city's portion would be \$20,000 and the park fund is in good shape with the help of the Byrd Estate funds. Mr. Luehmann also explained that he met with Superintendent Jamarcus Williams and Justin Warren with True Tech Signs and there is an opportunity to replace the lighting at the ball field at Hillhouse Park and the tennis courts at Rolwing Park with LED lights for a very reasonable price. This may be attainable in combination with the park use agreement funds, donations collected by Coach Minner, and Citizens Bank has already agreed to set up a five-year payment plan.

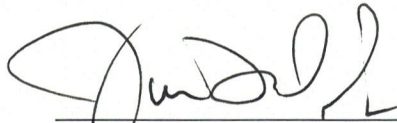
Councilman Toon asked the Chief of Police, Bobby Hearnese about the possibility of hiring a part-time dispatcher as they are now dispatching for the Sheriff's Department full-time. Hearnese said it is a possibility.

The city manager then mentioned that there may be more cameras added along with gunshot detection to the current plan with Flock. He explained that the Housing Authority has already agreed to chip in \$20,000 toward the additions.

Councilman Toon made a motion to approve the fiscal year budget and the ordinance. Mayor Oliver read the ordinance a second time by title. Councilwoman Goodin seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed.

Introduction of Visitors: None.

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



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk