



## CITY OF CHARLESTON

**City Council Meeting  
May 13, 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, Sergeant at Arms Robert Hearn, and Public Safety Officer, Steven Kuykendall were present. City Clerk, Ali Morris was absent.

**Consideration of Prior Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilman Toon to approve the April 15, 2025, Meeting Minutes. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed. A motion was made by Councilman Whiteside to approve the April 30, 2025, Special Call Meeting Minutes. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed. The minutes were approved.

**Report of City Business:** The city manager began his report by explaining that the city had been contacted by DNR regarding the recent flooding and was informed that the Governor signed a state of emergency. The city was advised to report any flood damage to FEMA.

Mr. Luehmann then explained he spoke to Robert Salter regarding the recent article published in Outlook Magazine regarding the Grand Avenue Church and Pastor Kasyupa.

The number of views on the Facebook post for the highlights from the previous council meeting were mentioned and Mr. Luehmann said we will continue to publish the highlights.

It was then mentioned that the city manager spoke with Councilman Lane regarding a few topics to better explain some city policies and procedures. One was in regard to the trash collection service. It was explained that citizens can always call City Hall and report that their trash was not picked up or set out in time and someone will then contact Republic Services to have the trash cart recovered. Another topic discussed was the procedures for code enforcement and condemnation processes. The city manager explained that the city's code enforcement is now functioning at full capacity and are now able to take people to court for public nuisances.

It was then discussed to possibly offer curbside limb pick up again. The Public Works Department used to pick up limbs for citizens and the council agreed

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** The first item of new business was to accept the bid for the Hunter Street Sidewalk Improvements TAP Grant and award contract to Fronabarger Concreters Inc. of Oak Ridge, MO. The city manager explained that he was present during the bid opening and the lowest/best bid was from Fronabarger Concreters and the city has used them quite a bit and they are a very reputable company. A motion was made by Councilman Whiteside to accept the bid and award the contract to Fronabarger Concreters, Inc. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion carried and the bid was accepted and awarded to Fronabarger Concreters, Inc.

The second item of new business was consideration of Resolution 1117, A Resolution Approving the "Land and Lot Delinquent List" and Directing the City Collector and Mississippi County Collector to Proceed with Collection of Delinquent Real Estate Taxes According to State Law. The city attorney explained that this is done every year to give authority to the collectors to collect unpaid taxes on behalf of the city. A motion was made by Councilman Oliver to accept Resolution 1117. Councilman Lane seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion carried and Resolution 1117 was approved.

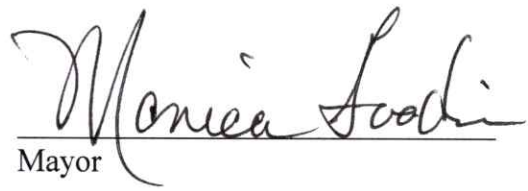
The third item of new business was to review an Amended Memorandum of Understanding of Independent Contracting Agreement for Municipal Court Clerk Services Between the City of Charleston and the City of Wyatt. The city manager explained that the amendment was so that the city of Wyatt can pay the fee for using the court clerk services in three installments instead of one yearly fee. A motion was made by Councilman Lane to approve the amended memorandum of understanding. Councilman Whiteside seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion carried and the amended MOU was approved.

Next on the agenda was Hudson Byrd to give an update on the Charleston Landmark Project. Mr. Byrd explained that a former resident of Charleston, Mary Moore Manley, who is now living in England, has plans to help create a sculpture to be placed on the empty lot beside the post office. Byrd explained this will be an ongoing project, with a video from Mary Manley to be released later in the week with more details. The landmark will be a large, stand-alone object that will have some type of movement incorporated into it. Manley hopes to attract at least 1% of interstate traffic to the Charleston downtown area with the landmark.

Mrs. Barbara Stovall was last on the agenda to discuss placing positive displays throughout the year near the Bowden Center. Mrs. Stovall explained that she always asks permission from the council to have the Christmas Tree Extravaganza at the Corner of Sy Williams and Vine Street each year. Mrs. Stovall asked permission to host events throughout the year at the same location and display "positive affirmations". The council all agreed that it was a nice idea.

**Introduction of Visitors:** Kenny Hulshof, Jayne Ellen Ray, Hudson Byrd, Talisha Mays, Todd Clodfelter, Sheila Shankle, Tiffany Shankle, and Barbara Stovall were present. Mr. Kenny Hulshof spoke up to let the council and visitors know that Former US Senator and Governor, Kit Bond had passed away. The council was thankful for passing along information as most were unaware that he had passed.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Councilman Toon to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk