



City of Charleston, MO

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City Council
Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Jack Feezor. Also present were Council members Phil Halter, Jack Whiteside, Tommy Butler, and Patrick Farmer along with City Manager Richard Goode, City Attorney Michael O'Rourke, and Public Works Director David Harris.

Recognition of Visitors: Dearthmont Goodin introduced himself and explained that he was attending a City Council meeting as part of earning a Boy Scouts merit badge. Council members welcomed Dearthmont and congratulated him on his Boy Scouts achievements. There were no other visitors.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Phil Halter made a motion that the minutes from the November 13, 2018 meeting be approved as presented in the meeting packet. Jackie Whiteside seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Monthly Report of City Business / Operations: City Manager Richard Goode had provided a written report as part of the meeting packet. At the meeting, he added that the city audit for fiscal year 2017-18 is now nearly complete and that curbside leaf collection service will terminate on Friday January 4, 2019. Council members had a few questions, primarily about code enforcement issues, which were addressed.

Old Business: Mr. Goode reported that there is still no response from MEDC on the city's grant application for the police station renovation / expansion project.

New Business:

- **City Hall Business Hours:** Mr. Goode asked City Council to approve a change to City Hall business hours where public access to the building will end at 4:00 pm each day instead of 5:00 pm. He explained that the ladies at City Hall would then have an hour at the end of the day to close out cash drawers and prepare bank deposits in private. After brief discussion, Jackie Whiteside made a motion to approve the revised business hours, Phil Halter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The change in business hours will be instituted in January.
- **2019-20 Fiscal Year Budget Priorities:** Mr. Goode had distributed, as part of the meeting packet, a summary of the individual city operating funds, the revenue sources of each fund, the services provided by each fund, and the challenges for each fund. He had asked Council members to offer priority suggestions to consider as budgets are being prepared for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

- Jackie Whiteside suggested that a memorial brick wall should be constructed around the fish pond behind City Hall with bricks being sold to finance the project. The bricks would contain the names of former Charleston residents who died in military service.
- Tommy Butler suggested that the city hire a part-time Code Enforcement Officer. He also suggested that the city needs to do a better job of maintaining alleys.
- Phil Halter suggested the city work with the County to develop a plan to fill in the drainage ditches on South Main St. and by the old Brown Shoe Co. property. This suggestion received quite a bit of discussion, and everyone present agreed that piping the ditches would be a huge improvement to the community if the city and county, working together, can figure out how to get it done.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

City Clerk

Presiding Officer