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**Charleston City Council
October 8, 2019**

Meeting Minutes

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

Employee of the Quarter Awards: Richard Slaten of the Public Works Department and Kenneth Russell of the Department of Public Safety were presented Employee of the Quarter awards by Mayor Farmer.

Recognition of Visitors: There were no visitors who wished to address the Council.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: After review, Phil Halter made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 Council meeting as presented. Tommy Butler seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Report of City Business / Operations: Manager Richard Goode had provided a written report of September activities as part of the meeting package. His only addition to the report was an announcement that an open house for the newly renovated / expanded police station will be held on October 17 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Old Business:

- **Paving of Ella Street:** Mr. Goode informed Council that David Harris, Public Works Director, had received a bid for the paving of Ella St. by small Lumber in the amount of \$22,689 based on current oil prices. Since the entire budget for street work has been used this fiscal year, Mr. Goode advised Council to simply wait on the project and attempt to budget it for next fiscal year.

New Business:

- **Ohio River Bridge Update:** Council member Phil Halter reviewed the results of several meetings he and Richard Goode have attended regarding the possible construction of a new bridge crossing the Ohio River between Illinois and Kentucky, which has significant impact on our area. Mr. Halter advised that Kentucky's current plan is to replace the existing bridge with a new two-lane bridge in basically the same location with plans to begin construction in about ten years. He also advised that several regional groups did not approve of the plan and are working to get it changed.

Closed Session: Mr. Halter made a motion to suspend the regular meeting and go to closed session, as allowed by Missouri state law, to discuss a personnel issue. Mr. Whiteside seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the closed session, Mr. Whiteside made a motion to return to the regular meeting, Mr. Halter seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.


Attest:



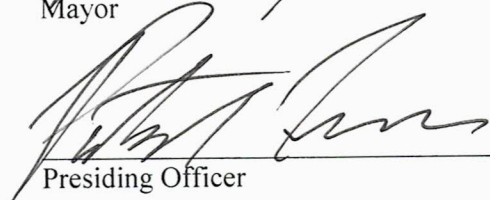
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Mayor



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