

**THE COMMON COUNCIL
MARCH 2, 2026
6:30 P.M.**

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026, AT 6:30 P.M. WITH MAYOR TREVA HODGES PRESIDING.

Council members present were Mark (Bo) Bertram, Shannon Elder, Brian Hester, Ronald Blevins, and Chuck Deaton. Also present were Deputy Clerk Treasurer Deborah Miles, Council Attorney Michael Wilder, and City Attorney Perry McCall. The meeting was live streamed by Underproduction Multimedia.

Pledge

Invocation

Councilman Ronald Blevins

Agenda

Mayor Hodges presented the agenda. There were no changes. Councilman Blevins made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Elder. Approved 5-0.

Minutes, Claims and PR Voucher

Councilwoman Elder made a motion to approve the Minutes of 2/2/2026, the Claims, and the PR voucher from 1/26/2026 to 2/22/2026, seconded by Councilman Blevins. Approved 5-0.

Public Comments

Tina Davenport from 103 Chris Court addressed the Council about the Parking Ordinance and asked that Chris Court be left off.

Legislative Youth Advisor

Briciedy Moreno was unable to attend the meeting.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Hodges reminded the Council that we will regularly send out notifications about events, and the events calendar is on the website. Brian Smith can help with signing up for notification emails.

Council Comments

Councilman Deaton mentioned that boys basketball sectionals start Saturday in Madison and he wished them luck. He congratulated Pekin Eastern and Borden for winning State Championships and he wished Charlestown Middle School a safe trip to DC next week.

Old Business

Ordinance 2026-OR-01 (Second Reading)

This ordinance designates certain parking restrictions upon city streets. The first reading was passed on January 5, 2026, and has gone through a couple of edits based on feedback received from the public. Councilwoman Elder motioned to approve the ordinance on the second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Blevins. Approved 5-0.

New Business

Resolution 2026-R-02

This resolution approves the 2026 Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan was approved at the January Council meeting, but there was miscommunication and a resolution was needed. Councilman Deaton motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Elder. Approved 5-0.

Letter of Recommendation for Zoning Map Change – 456 Thompson Street

It has been recommended by the Charlestown Advisory Plan Commission to change 456 Thompson Street to a Planned Unit Development (PUD). Councilman Deaton motioned to approve the change, seconded by Councilman Blevins. Approved 5-0.

Amendments to Meeting Schedule

Councilman Blevins motioned to change the April meeting to Tuesday, April 7th at 5:30pm and the May meeting to Tuesday, May 11th at 6:00pm.

Adjournment

Councilman Deaton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Elder. Approved 5-0.

MAYOR, TREVA HODGES DATE

ATTEST:

CLERK TREASURER, DONNA S. COOMER DATE