



CITY OF CHARLOTTE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



Date
10 MARCH 2026



Call to Order
6:00pm CST



Location
102 Charles Street, Charlotte, Iowa



Attendees

- Brandon Eberhart
- Gary Bunce
- Shelly Mohr
- Kelly Hosette
- Peggy Sellnau



ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PRIOR TO MEETING

941 TAX	\$1714.56	F&B COMMUNICATIONS	\$73.50
IPERS	\$1191.74	GORDON FLESCH	\$54.81
STATE W/H TAX (QUARTERLY)	N/A	AT DISPOSAL	\$2822.45
SALES TAX	\$19.41	MULGREW	\$1391.74
WATER EXCISE TAX	\$434.14	DEWITT OBSERVER	\$133.80
		PRESTON TELEPHONE	\$624.52
ALLIAN ENERGY	\$2107.67	VISA	\$186.24
CLINTON CO SHERIFF	\$1,186.80	WINDSTREAM	\$33.30



ACCOUNTS PAYABLE NEW BILLS

PRESTON READY MIX	\$890.95	JJJ ENTERPRISES	\$2600.00
CALHOUN BURNS	\$1184.25	MAQUOKETA LIBRARY	\$35.00
KENNY MOHR- MILEAGE	\$129.50	SALLY HINRICHSEN	\$731.93



GROSS WAGES: \$6,133.88



FEBRUARY FUND

	REVENUES	EXPENSES
GENERAL FUND	\$5535.55	\$12989.57
ROAD USE FUND	\$2375.46	\$1473.12
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	\$0.00	\$258.33
EMERGENCY FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00
LOST FUND	\$4280.69	\$0.00
DEBT SERVICE	\$0.00	\$0.00
WATER	\$6748.18	\$5644.70
SEWER	\$3179.85	\$4196.94
GARBAGE	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTALS	\$22,119.69	\$24,562.63

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- SHERIFF • 6 calls, 31:15 minutes patrol time, 10 Business checks
- WATER • Rhonda/James, no issues
- SEWER • Seth reported high levels detected and it had self corrected. Klein sewer Feb lift station cleanup. Mayor Eberhart did a ride-along with Seth and discovered the road to lagoon needs work, Seth will see if we can get rock to help road. Seth will create a budget list for maintenance by priority. Mississippi Valley Pump will do annual pump inspection in April. Seth is looking into new sheep as things were not left in good condition by current owner.
- FIRE DEPT • A lot of controlled burns coming up, nothing else to report.
- PARKS • No significant updates.
- MAINTENANCE • Marlowe stated that the metal dumpster at county shed will remain there for residents until after cleanup days.
- EMA • Hosette reported February budget was voted on. More weather radios will be available and posted on Facebook page.
- SOLID WASTE • Will need to fill spot with Snyder being gone.
- CAMPGROUND • Marlowe reported campground to be opened by April 1st.
- ROADS • Patching of blacktop will be needed on Louise Street.
- ORDINANCE & COMPLIANCE • No updates at this time.
- COUNCIL REPORTS • Hosette brought up speed bumps being out after April. Speed limit changes were discussed and will be on next month's agenda.

PUBLIC FORUM: No Public Forum comments.

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Action
CONSENT AGENDA	February meeting minutes, clerk financial report, above revenue/expenses.	 MOTION/SECOND: Hosette/Sellnau All Ayes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Action
COUNCIL VACANCY/ APPOINT	The current vacancy will be open from March 11 th through March 20 th at 6:00PM by letter request. Council will vote on vacancy at a special meeting on March 24 th , 6:00PM at City Hall.	Vacancy posted through March 20 th , Vote on March 24 th
BLISS PROPERTY	The abstract from 1868 stated a vacation of property, however, the property owner never changed the deed. The abstract is private, deed is public. For all legal intents and purposes, there is no record of the 1868 vacation. Therefore, the City of Charlotte had every legal right to vacate the property in 2021, as there is no official record of previous vacation.	CLOSED

ASHPOLE

Seth Ashpole put in for a raise from \$800 monthly to \$1,500 monthly. At 60 hours per month, council determined that it is a fair market wage for someone with Seth's experience, licensing and certifications. This rate is locked in a 5 year term. Council voted to approve the raise to \$1,500 monthly, effective immediately.



MOTION/SECOND:

Hosette/Sellnau
All Ayes

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Action
SET SPECIAL MEETING, TAX LEVY	Special meeting was set for April 9 th , 2026 at 6:00PM	CLOSED/ INFORMATIVE
SET PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET	Public hearing set for April 21 st , 2026 at 6:00PM. The April REGULAR MEETING will be held directly after.	CLOSED/ INFORMATIVE
NORTHEAST	Superintendent of Northeast Schools, Alicia Christiansen, provided updates. Construction will start soon for fall addition, next May will be HVAC/Electrical updates, being fully done by Fall 2027. Kindergarten Roundup is March 27 th , 2026, along with preschool registration (4 year old preschool is free for 1/2 day/morning only). Family Day is May 15 th , 2026.	CLOSED/ INFORMATIVE
CITY HALL BATHROOM FLOOR	The tile in the bathroom needs replaced. Marlowe and Hosette will work on bids.	➡➡➡ MOVED Revisit Unfinished Business APRIL
GENERATORS CAAC/FD	Shop generator isn't working. The CAAC one will be moved to fire department and the fire department will be used as emergency warming center. Charlotte electric will run wire and a cement pad will be poured to place it.	➡➡➡ MOVED Revisit Unfinished Business APRIL
BENCHES AT BALLPARK	Marlowe presented pricing for 2 dug out benches at \$1,200. A motion was made to approve the purchase of the benches.	MOTION/SECOND: Sellnau/Hosette All Ayes

CCAPL

A motion was made to deny the use of Dewitt Public Library at the annual cost of \$5,072.56 as we already use Maquoketa Public Library for residents.



MOTION/SECOND:

Hosette/Bunce
All Ayes

HOSETTE PERMIT

A motion was made to approve fence permit.



MOTION/SECOND:

Mohr/Sellnau
All Ayes
Hosette abstain



MOTION TO ADJOURN

7:15pm CST



MOTION/SECOND:

Hosette/Bunce

Brandon Eberhart,
Mayor

Attest:

Kristin Beck,
Clerk