

St. Charles City Council Meeting
February 9, 2026

The St. Charles City Council met in regular session on February 9, 2026, 6:30 p.m. at St. Charles City Hall. Mayor Fitch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following Council present: Allison, Russell, Blomme, Gyles, and Kozak. Also present: Library Board Director Blair, Madison County Development representative Ryan Marquardt, and two guests.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Allison, second by Blomme, to approve agenda. Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Council meeting minutes for 1-12-2026
- b. Treasurer's Report for January 2026
- c. Claims and Receipts Report for February 2026

Motion by Russell, second by Blomme, to approve consent agenda. Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

3. SHERIFF/EM REPORTS

There were 38.55 patrol hours, 15 traffic stops, and 6 calls during January. The Emergency Management Report was submitted.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Ryan Marquardt with the Madison County Development Group discussed resources he provides for small business owners in Madison County. He encouraged business owners needing resources to reach out. Ryan also works with the Greater Madison County Community Foundation. The next deadline to apply for a grant is March 4th. Randall Lane discussed ongoing issues on N. Cross.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. Public Works – A dip in the road on W. Council will have gravel added.
- b. Fire/Rescue – January minutes were submitted.
- c. Library – January minutes were submitted. The Council suggested the library advertise in Martensdale now that there is an established partnership.
- d. Gateway – The Council is recommending the building be closed during the winter months due to the high cost of heating.
- e. Mayor – A hazardous waste collection day is being scheduled for October 24th. More information will be provided closer to the date.
- f. Clerk – The Council was provided with an advertising special from Tri-Corner Express. The Council is opting to move forward with paying for advertising on an as needed basis.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Power Outages- MidAmerican Energy has the electrical franchise for St. Charles. The City does not have input on the power supplied to the City.
- b. Lions Water Leak- After discussion, no action taken.
- c. Set Public Hearing Date FY 27 Property Tax Levy for March 26, 2026, 6:30 p.m.
Motion by Allison, second by Blomme, to approve the public hearing date. Roll: Ayes – unanimous.
Motion passes.
- d. Consider approval of Tax Levy Rate for FY 27 –A property tax levy rate of 10.10 percent is planned. This is a 0.44 percent decrease from FY 26. Final approval on March 26, 2026.
- e. Summer 2026 Road Projects – Several streets were discussed. The city will work on obtaining bids to finalize the scope of work to be done.

8. COUNCIL COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

a. Budget work session for the fiscal year 27- No action taken.

9. ADJOURN

Being there was no further business; meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Motion by Russell, second by Allison, to adjourn. Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

Brian Fitch, Mayor

Attest:

Tracy Kozak, Clerk