

THE COMMON COUNCIL

JANUARY 5, 2026

6:30 P.M.

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 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 Tyler Miller sitting in for City Attorney Perry McCall. The meeting was live streamed by Underproduction Multimedia.

Pledge

Invocation

Reverend Doyle Waters from Living Waters House of Prayer

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 12/1/2025, the Claims, and the PR voucher from 11/24/2025 to 12/28/2025, seconded by Councilman Blevins. Approved 5-0.

Public Comments

Debbie Smith from 8824 Saddle Ridge Trail addressed the Council to recommend a handicap sign for the front of the Copper Kettle where the paint is worn. Mayor Hodges stated that a sign can be installed. She also asked if someone could ask the Life Spring employees to park on the side of the building instead of in front of the building so that people going to the Copper Kettle for lunch will have a place to park. Mayor Hodges stated that it is public parking so she cannot make them park on the side, but she will send Beth an email and maybe she can mention it to the employees.

Legislative Youth Advisor

Briciedy Moreno gave an update on school activities and events.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Hodges stated that we are at the end of the development of the Comprehensive Plan process. The Public Hearing is scheduled for January 12th through the Plan Commission. She also stated that starting on January 29th she will be leading a Develop Charlestown Workshop at the library for 6 weeks on Thursday nights from 6:00-8:30 P.M.

Council Comments

Councilman Hester commended the city workers for doing a fabulous job this Christmas season. Councilman Deaton mentioned that the trolley was a big hit.

Old Business

None

New Business

Election of Council President

Councilman Deaton made a motion to nominate Brian Hester as the Council President for 2026, seconded by Councilwomen Elder. Approved 5-0.

Ordinance 2026-OR-01 (First Reading)

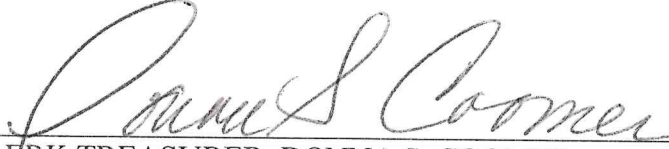
This ordinance designates certain parking restrictions upon city streets. Councilman Deaton motioned to approve the ordinance on the first reading, seconded by Councilman Hester. Approved 5-0.

Adjournment

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

 02-02-2026
MAYOR, TREVA HODGES DATE

ATTEST:

 02-02-2026
CLERK TREASURER, DONNA S. COOMER DATE