

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

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN WAS HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 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**

Pastor Troy Daniel with The Rock Family Worship Center

**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**

Councilman Blevins made a motion to approve the Minutes of 1/5/2026, the Claims, and the PR voucher from 12/29/2025 to 1/25/2026, seconded by Councilwoman Elder. Approved 5-0.

**Public Comments**

None

**Legislative Youth Advisor**

Briciedy Moreno gave an update on school activities and events.

**Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Hodges commended the snow plowing crews on their fantastic job with the challenging snow. Mayor Hodges stated that according to a city ordinance sidewalks are the responsibility of the property owner. She stated that she did not feel it would be fair to enforce the ordinance since not everyone can afford to hire someone to clear sidewalks or may not be able to physically clear them themselves. She thanked all volunteers that have helped with snow clearing. She has asked staff to brainstorm for ideas on how to clear the sidewalks adjacent to city owned properties.

There is a new dress shop on the square selling prom dresses and formal dresses.

Indiana American Water had their ribbon cutting for the first filtration of PFAS in the state.

We are receiving \$4 million in community project funding to remove blight related to our public works facility (Quonset Huts). She has authorized Jill Saegesser to apply for a READI 2.0 grant for \$4 million to match.

### **Council Comments**

Councilman Deaton thanked all who helped with snow clearing. Councilman Blevins thanked all city workers for their hard work and thanked Mayor Hodges for great communication.

### **Old Business**

#### **Ordinance 2026-OR-01**

This ordinance designates certain parking restrictions upon city streets. Councilman Deaton asked that the ordinance be tabled until next month since changes have been made and he has not had time to review them. Councilman Hester stated that he would like to get out and take a look at some of the streets to get a better idea of what is needed. Councilman Deaton motioned to table Ordinance 2026-OR-01, seconded by Councilwoman Elder. Approved 5-0.

### **New Business**

#### **Ordinance 2026-OR-02**

This ordinance is for checks over two years old that have not been cashed. Councilman Deaton made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Blevins. Approved 5-0. Mayor Hodges entertained a motion to suspend the rules and move the ordinance to the second reading. Councilman Hester motioned to suspend the rules and move the ordinance to the second reading, seconded by Councilwoman Elder. Approved 5-0. Councilman Deaton motioned to pass Ordinance 2026-OR-02 on the second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Blevins. Approved 5-0.

#### **Ordinance 2026-OR-03**

This ordinance is an additional appropriation of \$50,000.00 into the EPIC Fund. Councilman Blevins made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Councilwoman Elder. Approved 5-0. Mayor Hodges entertained a motion to suspend the rules and move the ordinance to the second reading. Councilman Deaton motioned to suspend the rules and move the ordinance to the second reading, seconded by Councilwoman Elder. Approved 5-0. Councilwoman Elder motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-OR-03 on the second and final reading. Approved 5-0.

#### **Resolution 2026-R-01**

This resolution is for a tax abatement for Global Polymers, LLC. They are making an \$8 million investment in a property and are requesting a 5-year 50% tax abatement. Councilman Deaton motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Blevins. Approved 5-0.

### **Comprehensive Plan**

Taylor, Siekfer, Williams Design Group presented the proposed comprehensive plan to the council and provided information on how it was developed. Councilman Hester motioned to adopt the comprehensive plan, seconded by Councilwoman Elder. Approved 5-0.

**Adjournment**

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

  
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MAYOR, TREVA HODGES                      DATE                      3-2-2026

ATTEST:

  
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CLERK TREASURER, DONNA S. COOMER                      DATE                      3-2-2026