



**Matt Russell, Mayor**  
 Eric Gerke, Ward I  
 Garry Wilson, Ward II  
 Christopher Updike, Ward III  
 Justin Neal, Ward IV  
 Eric Franklin, Ward I  
 Darran Campbell, Ward II  
 Brian Fields, Ward III  
 Clint Gerlek, Ward IV

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd**  
**April 02, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

**Call Meeting to Order**

The regular session meeting of the City Council of the City of Republic, Greene County, Missouri, was called to order by Mayor Matt Russell at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present included Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Eric Gerke, Darran Campbell, Brian Fields, Justin Neal, Chris Updike, and Clint Gerlek. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, City Attorney Megan McCullough, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Police Chief Brian Sells, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Finance Director Bob Ford, Planning Manager Karen Haynes, Major Jamie Burks, Recreation Superintendent Garrett Cline, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, Data and Security Supervisor Michael Sallee, Engineer Angel Falig, and IT Director Chris Crosby.

**Opening Prayer**

Opening prayer was led by City Administrator David Cameron.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Matt Russell.

**Citizen Participation**

Mayor Russell opened citizen participation at 6:00 p.m.

Janine Shelton, 515 N. Butternut, requested installation of sidewalks on Hines Street. She provided photos for Council.

Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:05 p.m.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve the March 19, 2024 City Council Minutes.

**Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule**

Board of Adjustment Meeting	April 4, 2024
Planning & Zoning Meeting	April 8, 2024
City Council Meeting	April 16, 2024
Board of Adjustment Meeting	May 2, 2024

**Old Business and Tabled Items**

2. **24-12 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 40.64 Acres, Located at 664 Aaron Way, from Planned Development District (PDD) to Brookside Estates Planned Development District (PDD 24-001).**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 24-12 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available for any



questions from the Council. Council Member Campbell motioned for the passage of Bill 24-12. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 2 Aye-Franklin and Campbell. 6 Nay-Fields, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

3. **24-13 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title IV (“Land Use”), Chapter 400 (“Comprehensive Plan And City Planning And Zoning Commission”), Section 400.010 (“Created – Composition – Appointment – Qualifications”), of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 24-13 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available for any questions from the Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 24-13. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

#### **New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)**

4. **24-14 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Missouri Department of Labor for Establishment of an Employee Apprenticeship Program.**

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 24-14 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Duane Compton gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

5. **24-15 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title VII (“Utilities”), Chapter 715 (“Sewers And Sewage Disposal”), Article 715-II (“Use Of The Publicly-Owned Treatment Works”), Section 715.130 (“Connection to the Publicly Owned Treatment Works”) of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the first reading of Bill 24-15 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. David Cameron gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

6. **24-16 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Republic R-III School District and Drury Properties Inc. for Right of Way Access and Other Related Obligations as part of the New Republic Intermediate School Project.**

Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Fields to have the first reading of Bill 24-16 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

7. **24-17 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and Drury Properties**



**Inc. for Right of Way Access and Other Related Obligations as part of the New Republic Intermediate School Project.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Campbell to have the first reading of Bill 24-17 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

8. **24-18 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Republic R-III School District and Springfield Evergreen Holdings, LLC for Installation and Maintenance of Sewer Infrastructure to Service the New Republic Intermediate School Project.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Fields to have the first reading of Bill 24-18 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

9. **24-19 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Republic R-III School District and Great Escape Beer Works LLC for Installation and Maintenance of Sewer Infrastructure to Service the New Republic Intermediate School Project.**

Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 24-19 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

10. **24-20 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title I (“Government Code”), Chapter 120 (“City Officers And Employees”), Article 120-I (“General Provisions”), Section 120.025 (“Mayor And Council Compensation”) of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Fields to have the first reading of Bill 24-20 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. David Cameron gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

**Other Business (Resolutions)**

11. **24-R-14 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Negotiate and Enter into an Agreement with Precision Construction & Contracting, LLC for Design Build Services for the New Tennis and Pickleball Facility at Miller Park.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Franklin to take up Resolution 24-R-14. Jared Keeling presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**12.24-R-15 A Resolution of the City Council Awarding the Bid for the City's 2024 Paving Overlays and Builds Parking Lot Paving to Blevins Asphalt Construction Company, Inc.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Wilson to take up Resolution 24-R-15. Angel Falig presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**Reports from Staff**

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Angel and Karen for their great job presenting, noting Angel inherited his item. Mr. Cameron also noted the great job done by Chief Compton. Mr. Cameron added he appreciates the conversation and understanding around compensation and appreciates the consideration. Mr. Cameron noted we would appreciate feedback and to tie the compensation to attendance. Mr. Cameron acknowledged there are multiple organizations for the Mayor to attend, and notified Council to get with the City Attorney for any suggested edits so she can draft any proposed amendments.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Mallory for being here, noting they met at the Chamber lunch after she moved here from Ozark.

City Administrator David Cameron acknowledged everyone involved in the four Intergovernmental Agreements including the School, MoDOT, Mitch, and staff. Mr. Cameron added staff makes it look very easy, but our City Attorney helped draft those agreements with four other attorneys. Mr. Cameron thanked everyone for working on it, adding the secondary access will be important for the school traffic.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Ms. Shelton for being here and providing her input. Mr. Cameron noted the information is in the Administrator's Report, which is posted online for citizens to see. Mr. Cameron added we will present it during budget season with the other needed capital projects.

City Administrator David Cameron reported Mayor Russell requested logistics for downtown. Mr. Cameron noted we are preparing a Resolution for the donation of the land at 221 N. Main to the Historical Society to build a Historical Museum. Mr. Cameron reported we will have that item on the next agenda. Mr. Cameron also noted that City Hall remains a challenge and there is potential to convey it to them as well, but that would be presented at a future meeting.

City Administrator David Cameron provided an update on Shuyler Creek Trail, noting there have been changes to the trail so we are required to provide public notice and comment. The information can be found on our website or at the BUILDS Department with comments accepted through April 18th regarding the underpass.

City Administrator David Cameron noted in the Administrator's Report there is a comment regarding the wastewater treatment plant from the Department of Natural Resources.

City Administrator David Cameron acknowledged Council Member Gerlek for agreeing to serve in his position, noting it is unfortunate he was unable to be on the ballot due to his job, but he has been forthcoming in his position. Mr. Cameron noted Mr. Gerlek might be the most competitive guy and doesn't believe in ties. Mr. Cameron thanked Mr. Gerlek for his service and transparency along with his excellent sense of humor. Mr. Cameron acknowledged Mr. Gerlek spent an afternoon talking to people in Brookline over one rezone request alone.

City Administrator David Cameron acknowledged Mayor Russell, noting he asked him to serve on Council, then he stepped into Mayor Pro Tem, followed by becoming Mayor during some of the fastest growing seasons. Mr. Cameron noted Mayor Russell has done a fantastic job leading. When he comes to the



office, they have some intense fellowship from time to time, with Mayor Russell arguing his case. Mr. Cameron added they have had a lot of deep discussions on what is in the best interest of the community, including the purchase of the parks land during a ballot measure. Mr. Cameron noted Mayor Russell has been supportive of city staff and he appreciates his demeanor in good or bad situations. Mr. Cameron acknowledged this role has had an impact on Mayor Russell's family, with his kids seeing the issues through it. Mayor Russell has a heart to serve and is still serving as President Elect of the Springfield Metro Bar Association. Mr. Cameron thanked Mayor Russell for the fantastic job and for finishing out his term.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked everyone for voting.

Council Member Neal reported there was another community meeting last week for Downtown Revitalization, with a lot of community members showing up. Mr. Neal noted he is hopeful the Historical Society gets that building up as it would make a big difference. Mr. Neal added there are more meetings to come and encouraged people to attend.

Council Member Franklin also noted he is encouraged by the work on the Main Street Revitalization as it is encouraging to see that amount of involvement from citizens. Mr. Franklin noted he proposed a question while there to see if some would want to continue, and he had 13 people still interested in being involved. Last week, he also attended his first OTO board meeting, adding there was a lot of great information to digest, and he will bring information back to Council after these meetings. Mr. Franklin noted this was his last meeting as a Council Member, and at his first meeting, his first action was to approve the appointment of Matt Russell as a Council Member. Mr. Franklin shared his appreciation for what everyone is doing up here, adding it is an honor to serve. Mr. Franklin thanked the citizens for voting today.

Council Member Campbell noted he was sad Parks cancelled the dodgeball tournament but appreciates all the things they do. Mr. Campbell reported he will be absent at the next meeting but wanted to thank Mayor Russell for the trust in appointing him and for his leadership. Mr. Campbell noted he looks forward to following him and remaining friends.

Council Member Gerlek offered to throw balls at Mr. Campbell since the dodgeball tournament was cancelled. Mr. Gerlek thanked everyone having him on Council, adding it has been a great experience and he personally got to learn a lot. Mr. Gerlek noted he is around if anyone needs him.

Mayor Russell noted he will be here for half the meeting next time and will make a few statements. Mayor Russell noted he is still collecting his thoughts as this has been a large part of his life. Mayor Russell noted he appreciates the kind words. Mayor Russell wished all the candidates good luck, adding their service is appreciated and he hopes everyone enjoys it. Mayor Russell wished Garrett Cline a happy birthday.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Matt Russell, Mayor

