



Matt Russell, Mayor/Ward III  
 Brandon Self, Ward I  
 Garry Wilson, Ward II  
 Christopher Updike, Ward III  
 Jennifer Mitchell, Ward IV  
 Eric Franklin, Ward I  
 Gerry Pool, Ward II  
 Jim Deichman, Ward IV

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Community Center, 711 E. Miller Road**  
**April 06, 2021 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 6:01 p.m. Council Members present included Christopher Updike, Jim Deichman, Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Matt Russell, Gerry Pool, Brandon Self, and Jennifer Mitchell (via Zoom). Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, Finance Director Debbie Parks, Police Lieutenant Jamie Burks, City Attorney Scott Ison, Planning Manager Karen Haynes, Fire Chief Duane Compton, BUILDS Administrator Andrew Nelson, Engineering Manager Garrett Brickner, Public Information Officer Mike Landis, Operations Manager Jason Davis, Police Chief Brian Sells, Information Systems Director Josh Jones, and City Clerk Laura Burbridge.

**Opening Prayer**

Opening prayer was led by City Administrator David Cameron.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Matt Russell.

**Citizen Participation**

Mayor Russell opened citizen participation at 6:03 p.m. Recently appointed Greene County Collector Allen Iset introduced himself to Council and staff. Mr. Iset provided his business card. Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:04 p.m.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Self, Pool, Wilson, Russell, Updike, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve February 23, 2021 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve April 1, 2021 City Council Work Session Minutes.

**Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule**

Planning & Zoning Meeting	April 12, 2021
City Council Meeting	April 20, 2021
City Council Meeting	May 4, 2021
Board of Adjustment Meeting	May 6, 2021

**Old Business and Tabled Items**

3. **21-12 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Calling an Election on the Question of Imposing a City Sales Tax to Fund Public Safety; Designating the Time for Holding Said Election; and Authorizing and Directing the City Clerk to Give Notice to the County Clerks of Said Election.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 21-12 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Pool, Russell, Deichman,



Mitchell, Franklin, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. David Cameron was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 21-12. Council Member Deichman seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Pool, Franklin, Wilson, Mitchell, Updike, Russell, and Deichman. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 4. 21-13 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri, by Amending Title IV, Land Use, Chapter 405, Zoning Regulations, Article I, In General, and Article III, Zoning Districts – Use and Regulations, Regarding Definitions and C-1 and C-2 Zoning.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 21-13 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Pool, Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Franklin, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Pool motioned for the passage of Bill 21-13. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Pool, Franklin, Wilson, Mitchell, Updike, Russell, and Deichman. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 5. 21-14 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri, by Amending Title IV, Land Use, Chapter 405, Zoning Regulations, Article IV, A Planned Development District, Regarding Planned Development Districts.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 21-14 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Pool, Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Franklin, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Pool motioned for the passage of Bill 21-14. Council Member Deichman seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Pool, Franklin, Wilson, Mitchell, Updike, Russell, and Deichman. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 6. 21-15 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri, by Amending Title IV, Land Use, Chapter 415, Sign Regulations, Regarding Signs.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 21-15 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Pool, Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Franklin, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Self motioned for the passage of Bill 21-15. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Pool, Franklin, Wilson, Mitchell, Updike, Russell, and Deichman. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 7. 21-16 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving Amending the Zoning Code and Official Map by Changing the Classification of Approximately 8.44 Acres from Agricultural (AG) and General Commercial (C-3) to General Commercial (C-2), Located at the Southeast Corner of State Highway MM and West Farm Road 148.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the second reading of Bill 21-16 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Pool, Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Franklin, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 21-16. Council Member Deichman seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Pool, Franklin, Wilson, Mitchell, Updike, Russell, and Deichman. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

8. **21-17 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Berry Tractor and Equipment for the Purchase of a 2018 Komatsu Excavator and a 2016 Komatsu Dozer and Further Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute the Necessary Documents to Obtain Financing on Said Equipment from Bank of Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 21-17 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Pool, Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Franklin, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Jason Davis was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 21-17. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Pool, Franklin, Wilson, Mitchell, Updike, Russell, and Deichman. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

9. **21-18 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending Title I, Government Code, Chapter 110, Administration Policies, Article II, Purchasing and Surplus Property and Adopting a New Policy Entitled City of Republic's Purchasing Policy and Procedures.**

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 21-18 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Pool, Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Franklin, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Debbie Parks was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Pool motioned for the passage of Bill 21-18. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Pool, Franklin, Wilson, Mitchell, Updike, Russell, and Deichman. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

10. **21-19 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending the Employee Handbook.**

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 21-19 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Pool, Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Franklin, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Lisa Addington was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 21-19. Council Member Deichman seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Pool, Franklin, Wilson, Mitchell, Updike, Russell, and Deichman. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

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

11. **A Public Hearing of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Regarding Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri, by Amending Title VIII, Fees, Regarding Sewer Rates.**

Mayor Russell opened the Public Hearing at 6:16 p.m. Nobody came forward so Mayor Russell closed the Public Hearing at 6:16 p.m.

12. **21-20 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri, by Amending Title VIII, Fees, Regarding Sewer Rates.**

Council Member Wilson motioned for the first reading of Bill 21-20 by title only. Council Member Updike seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Pool, Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Russell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with Mr. Nelson with any questions prior to the next meeting.

**13.21-21 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Greene County and the Greene County Sheriff's Department for Law Enforcement Mutual Aid.**

Council Member Updike motioned for the first reading of Bill 21-21 by title only. Council Member Deichman seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Pool, Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Russell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chief Brian Sells provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with Chief Sells with any questions prior to the next meeting.

**Other Business (Resolutions)-None**

**Reports from Staff**

City Administrator David Cameron expressed it is an awesome day and it was great to get out to vote.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Mike Landis as this was his last meeting with us. Mr. Cameron thanked Mr. Landis for coordinating the effort with Fox News to air live in Republic today. Mr. Cameron added he wanted to publicly state Mr. Landis has been a game changer for the City with his publications, help and listening, preparing items including the ballot measure on 2019, his constant professionalism, quality of work, and for filling in at the Chamber. Mr. Cameron expressed there is a connection that will go far beyond the City and he is sad to lose Mr. Landis. Mr. Cameron shared his excitement to watch Mr. Landis go back to the news, in his element, and get the scoop on Republic to share with others. Mr. Cameron added he appreciates the work Mr. Landis does as a professional and a friend. Mr. Cameron added the City is always here for him and he will be sorely missed. Mr. Cameron spoke of the great work Mr. Landis has done flying the drone at Have-A-Blast and the gotMud? Run, the new billboards, his work and artistic style are incredible, and he is the best PIO Mr. Cameron has ever worked with.

City Administrator David Cameron acknowledged the amount of work done to draft all these ordinances. While it seems we go quickly through them, a lot of work is done to create them prior to the meeting and a lot of discussion can be done during the first reading, helping us get through them quickly tonight. Mr. Cameron shared his appreciation for Council taking the time to read and be prepared, and to Scott for writing them. It isn't that we don't care, but we have done our work, come prepared, and discussed it prior to the vote. Mr. Cameron added sometimes people seem to miss that.

City Administrator David Cameron announced the Chamber Luncheon was today and we are firing on all cylinders in the business community and schools - and City is being well represented. There is a sense of community, the momentum is shared, and there is a synergy. The meeting was held in the side room of Flat Creek and there were only about 5 seats left when he arrived. Mr. Cameron shared he spoke about transportation today at the meeting.

City Administrator reported we are working hard with MoDOT, with Karen, Andrew, and Garrett working on the MM corridor to ZZ. Mr. Cameron reported we have been programmed for \$26 million to improve MM and redirect that traffic to Farm Road 103. The Amazon project is an additional \$9 million for that area. Mr. Cameron expressed it is unfortunate that we have had 2 fatalities in the last week, and one of the intersections has had two fatalities in one year. Mr. Cameron reminded Council we previously submitted a grant for \$25 million but didn't get it, but now we have \$26 million allocated for MM. Mr.

Cameron reported we are working with a developer on a signalized intersection. The gateway sign area is about to explode with development plus we have 1300 lots in progress for 2021-2022. Mr. Cameron reported we have support from Senator Blunt, Representative Long, Governor Parson, Representative Davidson, and Chamber Director Macy Mitchell. Mr. Cameron shared we are working with all of them on this. Mr. Cameron added we love to challenge the status quo and Garrett came up with the idea to move MM through that area two years ago and that is the route MoDOT is likely taking. Mr. Cameron shared we are focused on leading in leadership, planning, and communication. We are going after it and appreciate the work of staff, Council, and the Mayor.

Mayor Russell suggested naming the rerouted road after Garrett.

Council Member Franklin thanked Mr. Landis for the work he has done from Republic. Mr. Franklin thanked Mr. Icet for coming to introducing himself. Mr. Franklin shared he has done a lot of reflecting in the last couple weeks. Mr. Franklin shared he appreciates the transparency, communication, and workshop. Mr. Franklin added he learned a lot and would like to thank everyone for their input. Mr. Franklin thanked David, Scott, Laura, and staff for doing such a great job. Mr. Franklin added he is thankful for their work.

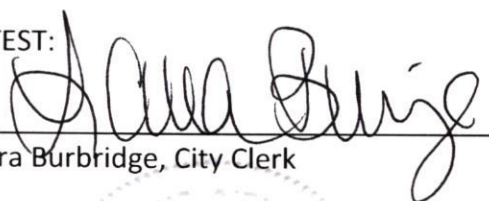
**Executive Session:** *No further action, other than announcing adjournment by the Mayor, shall take place after an Executive Session that is scheduled as the last matter on the Agenda unless otherwise stated on the Agenda or as allowed per RSMo. 610.02.*

1. RSMo 610.021.1 Pending and/or potential litigation. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Franklin at 6:59 p.m. to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.1 Pending and/or potential litigation. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye - Deichman, Mitchell, Franklin, Updike, Russell, Wilson, Pool, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Franklin to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 7:24 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Russell, Pool, Wilson, Self, Deichman, Updike, Franklin, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**Adjournment**

ATTEST:  
  
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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

  
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Matt Russell, Mayor

