



MINUTES

City Council Meeting

City Council Chambers, 540 Civic Boulevard

December 14, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Matt Russell, Mayor
Eric Gerke, Ward I
Garry Wilson, Ward II
Christopher Updike, Ward III
Jennifer Mitchell, Ward IV

Eric Franklin, Ward I
Gerry Pool, Ward II
Shane Grooms, Ward III
Jim Deichman, Ward IV

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 Jim Deichman, Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Gerry Pool, Eric Gerke, Chris Updike, Shane Grooms, and Jennifer Mitchell. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Interim City Attorney Damon Phillips, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, Information Systems Director Chris Crosby, Police Chief Brian Sells, Finance Director Meghin Cook, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, BUILDS Administrator Andrew Nelson, Assistant BUILDS Administrator Karen Haynes, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, 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.

Mayor's Announcements

Mayor Russell announced his intent to appoint John Alexander to complete the term of Eric Pederson, who has resigned. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Citizen Participation

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

Michael Lacobee, 7052 W. Farm Rd. 182, spoke regarding his concerns of Shuyler Trail.

Lisa Roller, 6618 W. Farm Rd. 182, spoke regarding her concerns of Shuyler Trail going through the front yard of her family-owned farm and requested it be moved to Hines Street.

Carrie Sanders, 6695 W. Farm Rd. 186, spoke regarding her concerns of Shuyler Trail and shared she thought this went away a few years ago. Ms. Sanders spoke about concerns of pedestrians crossing at Farm Road 99.

Bobby Dimery, 101 N. Matteson Ave, spoke against Shuyler Trail requesting a compromise be found to reduce the impact to the landowners as the most recent drawing impacts homeowners more than the initial drawing.

Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:17 p.m.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve November 30, 2021 City Council Minutes.

2. As per RSMo. 109.230(4), City records that are on file in the City Clerk's office and have met the retention schedule will be destroyed in compliance with the guidelines established by the Secretary of State's office.
3. 21-R-61 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Awarding the Bid for Waterline Materials.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

City Council Meeting	January 4, 2022
Board of Adjustment Meeting	January 6, 2022
Planning and Zoning Meeting	January 10, 2022
City Council Meeting	January 18, 2022

Old Business and Tabled Items

4. **21-74 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending Title VIII, Fees, Chapter 805, Fee Schedule.**

Motion was made by Council Member Grooms and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the second reading of Bill 21-74 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Updike, Pool, Wilson, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an update to Council. Council Member Grooms motioned to amend Bill 21-74, by adding an 'Architectural Review' fee that requires 'Direct Reimbursement of Consultant for Third-Party Architectural Review and a \$50/Hour fee for Internal Architectural Plan Reviews,' which internal review 'may be offered subject to availability,' and to make the 'water impact' section list a fee of \$250 for 5/8- or 3/4-inch lines, and to make the 'sewer impact' section list fees of \$850 for 5/8- or 3/4-inch lines, and \$2,000 for 1-inch lines, and \$5,000 for 2-inch lines. Council Member Deichman seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Updike, Mitchell, Pool, and Wilson. Council Member Pool motioned to approve Bill 21-74. Council Member Deichman seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

5. **21-75 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Annexation of Approximately 2 Acres Located on South Farm Road 101 Between East US Highway 60 and West Republic Road and Adjacent Right-of-Way.**

Motion was made by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 21-75 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell, Pool, 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 21-75. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

6. **21-76 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Annexation of Approximately 10.20 Acres Located at 7294 West Farm Road 144 and Adjacent Right-of-Way.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 21-76 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Grooms motioned for the passage of Bill 21-76. Council Member Pool seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-

Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

7. 21-77 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 Pool to have the second reading of Bill 21-77 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Lisa Addington was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Deichman motioned for the passage of Bill 21-77. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

8. 21-78 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending the Zoning Code and Official Map by Changing the Classification of Approximately 14.04 Acres, From Planned Development District (PDD) to General Commercial (C-2), Located at the 600 Block of West Civic Boulevard.

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the first reading of Bill 21-78 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Groom, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

9. 21-79 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 0.46 Acres from Medium-Density Single Family (R1-M) to Heavy Manufacturing (M-2), Located at the 1200 Block of South State Highway MM.

Motion was made by Council Member Gerke and seconded by Council Member Grooms to have the first reading of Bill 21-79 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Groom, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

10. 21-80 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 0.69 Acres from Medium-Density Single Family (R1-M) to Heavy Manufacturing (M-2), Located at 1249 South State Highway MM.

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Deichman to have the first reading of Bill 21-80 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Groom, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

11. 21-81 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 1.22 Acres from Medium-Density Single Family (R1-M) to Heavy Manufacturing (M-2), Located at 1235 South State Highway MM.

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 21-81 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Groom, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

Other Business (Resolutions)

12.21-R-62 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving a List of Qualified Architectural Firms for As-Needed Use In 2022.

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve Resolution 21-R-62. David Cameron provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Groom, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron expressed his appreciation for the people coming to talk about the trail. Mr. Cameron clarified regarding the BUILDS building, we are doing a construction manager at risk where the contractor designs the building for us with their architect. This provides it to us for a set price. Mr. Cameron clarified we do issue grading permits without plans so developers can move forward with projects and the risk is on the developer to begin grading in advance of approved plans.

City Administrator David Cameron announced Garrett Brickner has been with us 4 years as an engineer in training and has now passed his Professional Engineering test. Mr. Cameron reported we now have two full time PE's on staff. Mr. Cameron praised Mr. Bricker for his growth, hard work, determination, and passion for his job.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Jennafer and Jared for the great job Parks and the Chamber did in partnering with the Christmas on Main Street group. Mr. Cameron reported he had a scheduling conflict but heard it was a great event. Mr. Cameron expressed his appreciation for Parks focusing on the connection pillar and seeing where they were to where they are now is great. Mr. Cameron shared the feedback from the event was wonderful. Mr. Cameron pointed out the energy in the community is extraordinary. Mr. Cameron thanked Jared and Jennafer for their vision with Pumpkin Daze and the 150 Year Anniversary and acknowledged that what they are doing in programming brings the community together.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked everyone for a great 2021. Mr. Cameron reminded everyone that public safety was the priority of 2021. Mr. Cameron noted improved processes and a huge year. Mr. Cameron shared we still have a lot of challenges coming in 2022. Mr. Cameron advised to rest up and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Mr. Cameron thanked staff, the community, Mayor Russell, and the Council Members.

City Administrator David Cameron congratulated Council Member Mitchell for not killing Macy for posting the video of her dancing.

Council Member Franklin echoed what David said. Mr. Franklin said 2021 was a record breaking year and the best year in Republic. Mr. Franklin thanked everyone including David, staff, Council Members, Mayor Russell, and the Planning and Zoning Commissioners for making this a great place. Mr. Franklin reported he was at the Saturday event with the tree lighting and shared it was intense to see the crowd there. Mr. Franklin shared his appreciation for all the city does for us. Mr. Franklin wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Council Member Mitchell shared she would love to discuss the trail as she would like to figure it out. Mr. Cameron reported we submitted for a grant and Greene County's in-kind match is to do the right-of-way acquisition for us. They have an easement agent that works on behalf of the county. The grant requires public meeting, but the project has already been commissioned. We must have a meeting, take public comment, and go back to discuss how you would shift it. Based on some of the comments, the trail has already moved across the road. It was realigned with the road to meet the objective of the Regional Trail Plan that was adopted as an overall transportation system plan. This is why we do comprehensive plans to prepare owners for future planning. These special funds came available 3 years ago. The plan would have to be modified on a regional level to adjust it. Mayor Russell shared he met with Andrew twice on this. Nothing is happening tomorrow or next week. 2023 would be the likely start. We don't know if the people tonight will be affected and the plans are with the engineering firm now. The speakers tonight want to be sure we are all paying attention.

Council Member Wilson asked if the amount of land would be 28-60 feet. Mr. Cameron reported they go off the center line of the street when measuring the 60 feet. That would be potentially 48 feet if there isn't already an easement. Mr. Cameron reported that for at least 3 properties, the trail has moved across the street. The intent of the public meeting is to discuss the layout. People are allowed to come speak and it appears the message may have come across as if we didn't hear them. There is always a way to negotiate getting easement, we don't just say "hey tough". You know going into those meetings the people coming aren't happy about the situation. This is not a common occurrence here to go through this process but will be more prevalent in the future with expanding highways. We have most of the right-of-way on MM secured now. We are a growing community with a lot going on.

Council Member Gerke asked Mr. Cameron to clarify where the grant is coming from. Mr. Cameron shared the grant is federal funding received through the Ozark Transportation Organization, which requires following a procurement model.

Council Member Updike asked if there would be a second public hearing. Mr. Cameron shared we will have to reveal the changes and final project. Mr. Cameron shared it will be after the first of the year before we have an answer or alternatives.

Council Member Pool requested the City Clerk to step forward. Mayor Russell presented a card to the City Clerk expressing appreciation for her work.

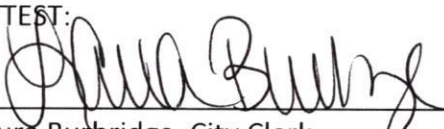
Council Member Grooms echoed that the Christmas Parade and Main Street activities were spectacular. Mr. Grooms shared it rivaled if not exceeded any previous Pumpkin Daze attendance.

Mayor Russell shared he has had a lot of conversations with the people speaking against the trail and there are still a lot of questions. Mayor Russell reminded everyone that the city is taking it seriously and he welcomes them to come back. Mayor Russell thanked Damon Phillips for coming in when we needed a city attorney without hesitation. Mayor Russell expressed his appreciation for his professionalism and friendship. Mayor Russell wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Adjournment

Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

ATTEST:



Laura Burbridge, City Clerk



Matt Russell, Mayor

