



**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**  
**December 08, 2020 at 6:30 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 6:30 p.m. at the Republic Community Center. Council Members present include Christopher Updike, Jim Deichman, Gerry Pool, Brandon Self, Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson and Jennifer Mitchell. Others in attendance were: Assistant City Administrator Lisa Addington, Finance Director Debbie Parks, Police Chief Brian Sells, City Attorney Scott Ison, Principal Planner Karen Haynes, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Assistant Public Works Director Garrett Brickner, Assistant City Administrator and Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, BUILDS Director Andrew Nelson, Public Information Officer Mike Landis, Information Systems Director Josh Jones, and City Clerk Laura Burbridge.

**Opening Prayer**

Opening prayer was led by Council Member Deichman.

**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 6:31 p.m. Representative-Elect Bishop Davidson, 215 N. Fountain, spoke to Council about his plan to be here for meetings as much as possible and plans to represent the citizens and the City. Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:33 p.m.

Council Member Self arrived at 6:31 p.m.

**Consent Agenda**

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

1. Approve November 17, 2020 City Council Regular Session Minutes.
2. Approve November 17, 2020 City Council Financial Policies Workshop Minutes.
3. Approve Vendor List.

**Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule**

City Council Meeting	January 5, 2021
Board of Adjustment Meeting	January 7, 2021
Planning and Zoning Meeting	January 11, 2021
City Council Meeting	January 19, 2021

**Old Business and Tabled Items**

4. **20-52 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 I, "Government Code," Chapter 145, "Financial Policy and Procedures," Regarding Financial Policies.**



Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 20-52 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Self, Franklin, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Debbie Parks was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 20-52. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

5. **20-53 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending Various Sections of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri Regarding Fees.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the second reading of Bill 20-53 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Self, Franklin, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Debbie Parks was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 20-53. Council Member Deichman seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

6. **20-54 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 VII, "Utilities," Regarding Utility Billing.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the second reading of Bill 20-54 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Self, Franklin, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Debbie Parks was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 20-54. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

7. **20-55 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 0.33 Acres, Located at 341 West Summit Street, from Medium Density Single-Family Residential (R1-M) to Two-Family Residential (R-2).**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 20-55 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Self, Franklin, 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 20-55. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

8. **20-56 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Hartman & Company for Public Stormwater Improvements to Garton Business Park.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 20-56 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Self, Franklin, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Andrew Nelson was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Wilson motioned for the

passage of Bill 20-56. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

9. **20-57 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 II, "Public Health, Safety and Welfare," Chapter 215, "Offenses," Article IV, "Offenses Concerning Weapons and Firearms," Regarding Extending the Sunset Date for Hunting in Certain Agricultural Areas in the City.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 20-57 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Self, Franklin, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Scott Ison was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Deichman motioned for the passage of Bill 20-57. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

10. **20-58 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Annexation of Approximately 40.9 Acres of Land Located at 7576 West Farm Road 186 and Adjacent Right-of-Way.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 20-58 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Self, Franklin, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Franklin motioned for the passage of Bill 20-58. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 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 Approving the Annexation of Approximately 15.52 Acres, Located in the 7300 Block of West Farm Road 170 and Adjacent Right-of-Way.**

Mayor Russell opened the Public Hearing at 6:47 p.m. Neal Singer from Murney and Associates spoke in favor of the annexation. Nobody else came forward so Mayor Russell closed the Public Hearing at 6:48 p.m.

12. **20-59 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Annexation of Approximately 15.52 Acres, Located in the 7300 Block of West Farm Road 170 and Adjacent Right-of-Way.**

Council Member Pool motioned for the first reading of Bill 20-59 by title only. Council Member Franklin seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with Ms. Haynes with any questions prior to the next meeting.

## Other Business (Resolutions)

**13. 20-R-50 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing Task Order No. 11 with Burns and McDonnell to Evaluate the Impact of the Capital Improvement Plan on the Water Utility Financial Plan and Rates.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to approve Resolution 20-R-50. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**14. 20-R-51 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Awarding the Design, Engineering, and Environmental Services Related to the Extension of the Shuyler Creek Trail and Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement for Said Services.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Pool to approve Resolution 20-R-51. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**15. 20-R-52 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the Purchase of One 2021 Dodge Durango.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Deichman to approve Resolution 20-R-52. Fire Chief Duane Compton provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**16. 20-R-53 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Awarding the Bid for the Server Hardware and Licensing Upgrade.**

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 20-R-53. Josh Jones provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**17. 20-R-54 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Ozarks Coca-Cola/Dr. Pepper Bottling Company to be the Exclusive Beverage Provider to the City of Republic for all Park Related Activities and at Recreational Facilities.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve Resolution 20-R-54. Jared Keeling provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

## Reports from Staff

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling reported the sales tax revenue came in strong. The City has great favor, and the numbers are up 10.7% year over year for the month and the close of year end is up 13.36% over 2019. Mr. Keeling shared this has enabled us to make some adjustments. The 2021 budget proposed a pay increase for public safety but we are making this happen on 12/1. Mr. Keeling thanked Council for their support on that. Mr. Keeling reported this change took us from the low end of public safety pay in the region and put us above average.

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling reported the Highway 60 and Highway 174 improvements are taking shape and looking good. Mr. Keeling thanked MoDOT for their work on this. Mr. Keeling reported the City committed \$180,000 for sidewalk additions and black signal poles. Mr. Keeling reported it will look good and function much better. Mr. Keeling shared we may see a new traffic pattern by the end of the month. We average 32,000 cars per day on that corridor.

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling emphasized the value of the trail extension presented today. Mr. Keeling reported the first phase was done in 2004. This is a major win for this City and will connect to the Greenway Trail. Mr. Keeling anticipates residential development is likely to follow. Mr. Keeling shared we could have connectivity to Springfield for walkers, runners, and bikers.

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling announced the holiday lights are up at JR Martin Park. Mr. Keeling shared our guys did a great job on the project and we plan to expand this each year. This will grow into a 15-20-minute walk through the lights and we added a tunnel for selfies, which looks good.

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling reminded everyone this is the last meeting before the holidays.

Council Member Deichman asked about the remodel. Mr. Keeling responded that it is a great project with construction starting 3-4 weeks ago. We are excited for City Council and a better customer experience. Mr. Keeling reported there were challenges with seating and audio/visual space. Mr. Keeling shared the new space is more accommodating as we won't have to set up every meeting. Mr. Keeling reported if COVID can go away, we should be in the new chambers by April 1st.

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling reminded Council that the first day to file for Council/Mayor is December 15th and the deadline is January 19th by 4:30p.m.

Council Member Pool presented a Christmas gift to City Clerk Laura Burbridge and thanked her for all she does.

Council Member Franklin shared this has been a year of doing the right thing at the right time for the right reason. Mr. Franklin shared he appreciates all the hard work of all staff and leadership. He stated it is an extreme privilege to serve alongside everyone. Mr. Franklin thanked Jeff Ussery for his hard work this year and State Representative Jeff Messenger. Mr. Franklin congratulated Mr. Davidson on the election. Mr. Franklin congratulated Greene County Commissioner Harold Bengsch on his upcoming retirement and Rusty Maclachlan for his election win. Mr. Franklin thanked the citizens and shared he is grateful for this opportunity. Mr. Franklin wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Russell wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

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Matt Russell, Mayor