



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**  
**February 02, 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 Pro Tem Eric Franklin at 6:01 p.m. at the Republic Community Center. Council Members present include Christopher Updike, Jim Deichman, Gerry Pool, Brandon Self, Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Matt Russell and Jennifer Mitchell. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Assistant City Administrator Lisa Addington, Finance Director Debbie Parks, Police Lieutenant Jamie Burks, City Attorney Scott Ison, Planning Manager Karen Haynes, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, BUILDS Administrator Andrew Nelson, Public Information Officer Mike Landis, 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 Pro Tem Eric Franklin.

**Proclamations**

Mayor Pro Tem Eric Franklin read the Proclamation for Ronald McDonald House Week.

Mayor Matt Russell arrived at 6:03 p.m.

**Citizen Participation**

Mayor Russell opened citizen participation at 6:04 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:05 p.m.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Franklin 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 January 19, 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.

**Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule**

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Board of Adjustment Meeting | February 4, 2021-Cancelled |
| Planning & Zoning Meeting   | February 8, 2021-Cancelled |
| City Council Meeting        | February 16, 2021          |
| City Council Meeting        | March 2, 2021              |

**Old Business and Tabled Items**



3. **21-04 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending the Employee Handbook.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the second reading of Bill 21-04 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Self, Franklin, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Lisa Addington was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Franklin motioned for the passage of Bill 21-04. 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.

4. **21-05 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City and the Southern Missouri Professional Fire Fighters Local 152, the Bargaining Unit of the Republic Fire Department, and Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute the Same on Behalf of the City.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the second reading of Bill 21-05 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Self, Franklin, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Lisa Addington was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Mitchell motioned for the passage of Bill 21-05. 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. **21-06 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 3.55 Acres from Two-Family Residential (R-2) to 3.3 Acres of Two-Family Residential (R-2) and Approximately 8.19 Acres from Multi-Family Residential (R-3) to 8.5 Acres of Multi-Family Residential (R-3), Located at 634 West Hines.**

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the second reading of Bill 21-06 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 Deichman motioned for the passage of Bill 21-06. 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.

6. **21-07 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 0.22 Acres from Agricultural (AG) and 18.97 Acres from General Commercial (C-2), Located Northeast of the Northeastern Right-Of-Way Line of Missouri State Route 360, to Light Industrial (M-1).**

Motion was made by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 21-07 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 21-07. 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.



- 7. 21-08 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 0.29 Acres, Located at 2860 North Brookline Avenue, to Local Commercial (C-1).**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the second reading of Bill 21-08 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. 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. 21-09 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving a Special Use Permit to Operate a Cleaning Services Office in a Residential Zoning District Located at 621 North Walnut Avenue to Jennifer Wood.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the second reading of Bill 21-09 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 21-09. 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.

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

- 9. 21-10 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into an Infrastructure Development Agreement with Turner Residential Holding, LLC for Infrastructure for Phase 1 of the Oak Hills Residential Subdivision.**

Council Member Wilson motioned for the first reading of Bill 21-10 by title only. Council Member Updike 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)**

- 10. 21-R-02 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Selecting the Vendor and Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement for the Fireworks Display for the Annual Have-A-Blast Patriotic Celebration.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Pool to approve Resolution 21-R-02. Jennafer Mayfield provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 11. 21-R-03 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Selecting the Vendor and Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement for the Construction and Installation of the City's Gateway Sign along Highway 60.**

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Self to approve Resolution 21-R-03. Jennafer Mayfield provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**12. 21-R-04 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the City Administrator to Pursue Annual Appropriations Financing for the Purpose of Financing Capital Improvements to Address Compliance Related Issues and Future Growth in the Wastewater System.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Pool to approve Resolution 21-R-04. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**Finance Report**

Debbie Parks presented the Finance Report.

**Reports from Staff**

City Administrator David Cameron shared we are a growing city. He encouraged Council to look at the Administrator's Report because there is a lot of development going on. Mr. Cameron shared he has been meeting with MoDOT almost every other week via zoom working on MM improvements as well as US 60. Amazon's designs are with MoDOT and near the final stages of approval. Mr. Cameron shared we hoped it would be under construction by this time and we will begin to start seeing an impact on MM. Mr. Cameron reminded everyone that Amazon is not fixing all of MM, just the area where they are building. Mr. Cameron shared the need for improvements on MM from I-44 to the Republic Road/ZZ area. We have been diligent in looking long term along with MoDOT. Mr. Cameron reported we have engaged the federal highway department for updates to show the reports are not speculation regarding impact. Mr. Cameron shared the traffic counts anticipated to the whole system includes approximately 30,000 new trips per day in our area. On MM, the anticipation is 19,000-20,000 more trips per day. With what we know there will need to be partnerships with the OTO, MoDOT, Springfield Chamber, and the Governor. Council authorized us to spend \$25,000 in the fall on a cost estimate to widen MM from 360 to I-44. Mr. Cameron reported since then, we have expanded the scope and he has authorized \$14,000 for that additional scope that was unbudgeted. The first transportation plan was 20 years, but we are being proactive. Mr. Cameron reported this was an emergency expenditure due to deadlines for funding such as a STIP and other programming opportunities taking place right now to utilize to scope all the way to ZZ. Mr. Cameron applauded staff, MoDOT, and everyone participating to bring this together. MoDOT often takes a bad rap but considering the resources they have; they have allocated a lot of resources to this project. There are limited resources and could use 5-6 more engineers on the project, and this was a big project put towards them. Mr. Cameron shared our staff are helping them.

City Administrator David Cameron spoke regarding the transportation needs and thanked everyone who submitted the regional needs to the OTO. Mr. Cameron stated we represented 35% of those comments, around 45 total comments. Mr. Cameron announced Mike will be putting together a transportation publication to outline our needs, resources, as well as sharing phone numbers and email addresses to reach out regarding needs.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked MoDOT for the 174/60 interchange as well as their continued effort to research US-60. Mr. Cameron shared they are a good partner, and we have a lot of needs for us to address such as Hwy 174/Main St., Hines and ZZ, and many others.

City Administrator David Cameron notified Council on February 25th tentatively, there will be a Council Work Session regarding our most pressing needs moving forward such as public safety. Mr. Cameron shared we would like Council's feedback on these needs. Mr. Cameron shared \$600,000 of our



transportation budget is tied up in public safety, yet there are transportation needs to address. Mr. Cameron reported our park taxes are expiring soon. Mr. Cameron reported we are also looking at a possible land acquisition to help with the MM corridor. Mr. Cameron shared the session will run from 8:30-12:30 with lunch provided. Mr. Cameron shared we will probably record it for those who cannot make it. Mr. Cameron shared this is a great opportunity for us to discuss the City's needs.

Mr. Cameron also reported that we will be doing a Trust Edge training for Council on April 29th from 8:30-12:30. Mr. Cameron reported we will be providing Council books and resources at the next council meeting.

Mr. Cameron shared we will be sending out a Citizen Survey again. Mr. Cameron feels we need community input and feedback moving forward.

Mr. Cameron thanked Jennafer for a great job tonight and shared he is excited about the celebration for the 150-year anniversary of Republic.

Mr. Cameron thanked Laura, Mike, Scott, and everyone for the setup of these meetings. We have been meeting in person since June 2nd. Mr. Cameron shared it looks easy and goes on without a hitch, but he knows it is difficult. Business continues to move forward, and Mr. Cameron shared he appreciates the set up to be able to conduct business. Mr. Cameron announced the new chambers should be done in March. There is a possibility we will install plexiglass to go ahead and move in. Mr. Cameron asked that everyone please read the Administrator's Report. Mr. Cameron shared he hopes to do another tour of the city with all the new changes soon.

**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.
2. RSMo 610.021.2 Real estate acquisition. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.
3. RSMo 610.021.3 Hiring, firing, promotion, or disciplining personnel. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.

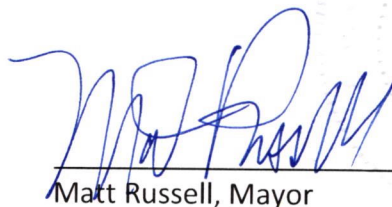
Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Deichman at 6:53 p.m. to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.1 Pending and/or potential litigation. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye - Franklin, Updike, Self, Russell, Deichman, Wilson, Pool, and Mitchell 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 7:34 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Russell, Updike, Self, Deichman, Wilson, Mitchell, Franklin, and Pool. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

#### Adjournment

ATTEST:

  
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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

  
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Matt Russell, Mayor

