



**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Online Zoom Meeting**  
**June 22, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

Matt Russell, Mayor  
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 6:02 p.m. Council Members present included Christopher Updike, Jim Deichman, Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, and Jennifer Mitchell. Others in attendance were: , City Attorney Scott Ison, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, Planning Manager Karen Haynes, BUILDS Administrator Andrew Nelson, Information Systems Director Josh Jones, and Finance Director Meghin Cook.

**Opening Prayer**

Opening prayer was led by Council Member Jim Deichman.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Matt Russell.

**Citizen Participation**

Mayor Matt Russell opened citizen participation at 6:03 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:04 p.m.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Deichman to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 5 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Wilson, Updike, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve June 15, 2021 City Council Minutes.

**Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule**

Board of Adjustment Meeting	July 1, 2021
Planning & Zoning Meeting	July 12, 2021
City Council Meeting	July 20, 2021
City Council Meeting	August 17, 2021

**Old Business and Tabled Items**

2. **21-43 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving a Special Use Permit to Operate a Rugby Football Club Facility Located in the 6100 Block of West Farm Road 156 to the Springfield Rugby Football Club.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the second reading of Bill 21-43 by title only. The vote was 5 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Wilson, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Council Member Grooms arrived.

Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 21-43. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was

taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Grooms, Deichman, Wilson, Franklin, Updike, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 3. 21-44 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 10 Acres from Agricultural (AG) to Planned Development District (PDD), Located in the 7400 Block of West Farm Road 174.**

Motion was made by Council Member Grooms and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the second reading of Bill 21-44 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Grooms, Wilson, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Mitchell motioned for the passage of Bill 21-44. Council Member Grooms seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Updike, Wilson, Franklin, Deichman, Grooms, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 4. 21-45 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 5.91 Acres from Local Commercial (C-1) to General Commercial (C-3), Located in the 6500 Block of West Republic Road.**

Motion was made by Council Member Grooms and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 21-45 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Grooms, Wilson, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 21-45. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Grooms, Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Wilson, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 5. 21-46 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 36.95 Acres from Agricultural (AG) to Heavy Manufacturing (M-2), Located in the 6800 Block of West Farm Road 144.**

Motion was made by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Grooms to have the second reading of Bill 21-46 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Grooms, Wilson, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Andrew Nelson and Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Franklin motioned for the passage of Bill 21-46. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Deichman, Grooms, Mitchell, and Updike. 1 Nay-Wilson. Motion Carried.

- 6. 21-47 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 16.42 Acres from Agricultural (AG) to Heavy Manufacturing (M-2), Located in the 1100 Block of South State Highway MM.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the second reading of Bill 21-47 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Grooms, Wilson, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Grooms motioned for the passage of Bill 21-47. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Mitchell, Deichman, Wilson, Updike, and Grooms. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 7. 21-48 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 10.88 Acres**

**from Agricultural (AG) to High Density Single-Family Residential (R1-H), Located at 6354 South Farm Road 89.**

Motion was made by Council Member Grooms and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the second reading of Bill 21-48 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Grooms, Wilson, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 21-48. Council Member Grooms seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Updike, Grooms, Mitchell, Franklin, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

8. **21-49 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 17.1 Acres from Agricultural (AG) to High Density Single-Family Residential (R1-H), Located in the 6400 Block of South Farm Road 89.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the second reading of Bill 21-49 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Grooms, Wilson, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Mitchell motioned for the passage of Bill 21-49. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Mitchell, Wilson, Franklin, Updike, Deichman, and Grooms. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

9. **21-50 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 2.5 Acres from Local Commercial (C-1) to General Commercial (C-3), Located at 6552 West Republic Road.**

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the second reading of Bill 21-50 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Grooms, Wilson, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Deichman motioned for the passage of Bill 21-50. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Updike, Franklin, Mitchell, Grooms, Wilson, and Deichman. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

10. **21-51 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving Budget Amendment No. 2 to the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2021.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Grooms to have the second reading of Bill 21-51 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Grooms, Wilson, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Meghan Cook was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Deichman motioned for the passage of Bill 21-51. Council Member Grooms seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Mitchell, Deichman, Wilson, Grooms, Franklin, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

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

11. **21-52 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Final Plat of Auburn Hills Phase Two Subdivision.**

Council Member Franklin motioned for the first reading of Bill 21-52 by title only. Council Member Updike seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Wilson, Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Grooms, and Updike. 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 staff with any questions prior to the next meeting.

### **Other Business (Resolutions)**

**12. 21-R-28 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Awarding the Bid for Materials and Installation of Curb, Gutter, and Asphalt to Capital Paving for Jac Street and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement for the Same.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Grooms to approve Resolution 21-R-28. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Grooms, Wilson, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**13. 21-R-29 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Awarding the Bid for the Construction of the New Builds Department Building and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement for the Same.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Deichman to approve Resolution 21-R-29. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Grooms, Wilson, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

### **Reports from Staff**

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling welcomed Meghin Cook as the new Finance Director. Ms. Cook has been with us a few years now and was promoted effective June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling reminded everyone Have-A-Blast is this Friday and the weather looks promising. We believe it will be the best and should be a great event.

City Attorney Scott Ison announced his resignation as City Attorney. Mr. Ison reminded Council he moved here from out of the area and made his family's home here. Mr. Ison shared how proud he was of the work he did for this City and the rapid growth during that time. Mr. Ison shared he hopes the Mayor, Council, staff and citizens trusted his advice on any matter of City business. Mr. Ison thanked everyone for his time in Republic and shared each of them made his job easier.

Council Member Wilson shared he hates to see Mr. Ison go as he did an excellent job.

Council Member Franklin echoed Council Member Wilson's statement and thanked Mr. Ison for his work, help, and guidance. Mr. Franklin expressed Mr. Ison has given him a great amount of confidence with his oversight, knowledge, and skill. Mr. Franklin spoke about the zoning case approved tonight and shared having all the facts and information helped in making an informed decision. Mr. Franklin thanked all the citizens who came out and spoke on this. Mr. Franklin wanted each of them to know he took their opinions into consideration. Mr. Franklin also shared a story told to him about the Fire Department helping a resident who succumbed to the heat. Mr. Franklin shared he hopes citizens enjoy Have-A-Blast and reminded everyone to drink plenty of water and be careful with fireworks.

Council Member Mitchell thanked Scott for everything he has done and shared she was sad when she heard the news.

Council Member Updike reiterated what others said regarding Mr. Ison and wished him the best.

Council Member Grooms reiterated what others said wishing Mr. Ison the best.

Mayor Matt Russell shared he doesn't envy Mr. Ison in his position here as one of the fastest growing communities with aggressive and progressive administration and an attorney for Mayor. The quality of

Mr. Ison's work was never doubted, and Mayor Russell shared he was confident Mr. Ison knew his job. Mayor Russell wished Mr. Ison the best and shared he will be missed.

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling expressed on behalf of leadership and staff appreciation for the hard work done by Mr. Ison and shared he will be missed.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

  
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Matt Russell, Mayor

