



**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd**  
**June 07, 2022 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  
Vacant, Ward III  
Vacant, 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 Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Eric Gerke, Gerry Pool, Chris Updike, and Jennifer Mitchell. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, City Attorney Megan McCullough, Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling, Police Chief Brian Sells, Finance Director Meghin Cook, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, BUILDS Administrator Andrew Nelson, Assistant BUILDS Administrator Karen Haynes, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Engineering Manager Garrett Brickner, IT Director Chris Crosby, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, 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.

**Proclamation**

1. Council Member Deichman Remembrance Day.

Mayor Russell presented the proclamation to Council Member Deichman's sister Carolyn Booher.

**Citizen Participation**

Mayor Russell opened citizen participation at 6:04 p.m.

Earline Minier, 124 E Brooks St., asked if the yard waste schedule was back to one day a month. Ms. Minier asked if we could increase it as it is a big need. Andrew Nelson responded that it was open throughout May for the spring cleanup, but due to the rain, may not have been able to be utilized fully. Mr. Nelson added this is something we can look at adding for this month.

David Simmons, 2979 N York Ave. Brookline, reported his neighborhood lost 911 service between the hours of 6:40 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. due to the volume of workers in the area. He reached out to AT&T and they said the lines are beyond repair. His neighbors switched cell providers or found alternate internet. Mr. Simmons asked if the city could help them be able to utilize 911 services. Mayor Russell directed Mr. Simmons to Andrew Nelson for follow up after he has a chance to look into it.

Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:08 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 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

2. Approve May 17, 2022 City Council Minutes.



## Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Planning & Zoning Meeting	June 13, 2022
City Council Meeting	June 21, 2022
Board of Adjustment Meeting	July 7, 2022
Planning & Zoning Meeting	July 11, 2022

## Old Business and Tabled Items

- 3. 22-34 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of the Mason Ridge Phase 1 Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Pool to have the second reading of Bill 22-34 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions from Council. Council Member Pool motioned for the passage of Bill 22-34. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

## New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

- 4. 22-35 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of the Olde Savannah Phase 3B Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 22-35 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes 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.

- 5. 22-36 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the First Addition Final Plat of the Oakwood Heights Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 22-36 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes 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.

- 6. 22-37 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title I Government Code, Chapter 105 Elections, Article 105-II Wards, Section 105.070 Ward Boundaries, Establishing New Boundaries for City Council Wards Based on the 2020 Decennial Census.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 22-37 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes 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.

- 7. 22-38 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Execution of a Developer Agreement with Iron Grain District, LLC and Magers Republic No. 3C, LLC for Development of the Iron Grain District.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 22-38 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool,

Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Andrew Nelson 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)**

#### **8. 22-R-27 A Resolution of the City Council Approving Billing Adjustments Relating to Sewer Services Provided Between November 2021 and March 2022.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to approve Resolution 22-R-27. Meghan Cook provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

### **Reports from Staff**

City Administrator David Cameron recognized the Strafford City Administrator, Martha Smart, for coming to our meeting, adding he was impressed she came on a night off. Mr. Cameron reported she is doing a great job in Strafford, solicits feedback, and looks to learn and grow.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Justin Skiles and everyone investing in our community. Mr. Cameron referenced Mr. Skiles' project off Miller Road, adding this is his first time being in our community. Mr. Cameron added we will do our absolute best to help promote that development and look forward to seeing that project and partnering in the future.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Randy Magers, Shannon Handwerker, their staff, and team for the work to get to terms on the Iron Grain Agreement. Mr. Cameron added Derek Lee has been fantastic to work with; working with MoDOT, staff, and maneuvering the uncertainty with the market.

City Administrator David Cameron congratulated City Utilities for opening their new substation at the Brookline Park. This is a ten million dollar investment that shores up infrastructure in the area. The land was previously owned by City and was sold to them in 2015 for \$188,000.00. Mr. Cameron added City Utilities has been a fantastic partner and allowed us to use the land for parking for the GotMud? Run. Mr. Cameron congratulated them on the investment in the region, adding this grows our capacity.

City Administrator David Cameron updated Council on the Regional Broadband Initiative Board, noting they should have their bylaws adopted and are in the selection phase, down to 2 options. The cities need to vote on a vendor and in 90-120 days (by late fall or early winter) we should have some numbers to report.

City Administrator David Cameron reported he was in Jefferson City last week seeking funding for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Cameron reported in the house bill, we were allocated twenty-five million dollars. This is on the Governor's desk for signature, and we won't celebrate until it is signed. Mr. Cameron added he appreciates the work done to secure this funding.

City Administrator David Cameron noted the vacant seats on Council will be filled after the ward redistricting is finished. Mr. Cameron added he and Mayor Russell will interview candidates and bring recommendations to Council in July.

City Administrator David Cameron spoke to Carolyn Booher, Council Member Deichman's sister. Mr. Cameron noted Jim Deichman was a great Council Member and good friend. He was at Mr. Cameron's house many times and talked about his health struggles. Mr. Cameron added that Mr. Deichman loved the staff and cared about public safety, adding Information Technology was his place and he was proud to be part of bringing Tyler software to the City and getting rid of Summit. Mr. Cameron noted Mr. Deichman loved his cat, sister, and wife; standing by Marsha until she passed. He loved this Council and will be greatly missed. Mr. Cameron expressed his appreciation of Mr. Deichman's service on Council,

noting he would show up with a list at lunch of questions or concerns. Mr. Cameron expressed his appreciation of Mr. Deichman's service as Mayor Pro Tem, noting he shook the entire time he ran the meeting. Mr. Deichman is now at peace and reunited with his wife. Mr. Cameron told Ms. Booher to let us know if she needs anything.

Council Member Mitchell noted it is not easy to sit up here and Council Member Deichman was calming for her and helped her with the computer. Mrs. Mitchell added she is going to miss him.

Council Member Franklin referenced a memory with Mr. Deichman in 2017. Mr. Franklin was eating lunch at the Senior Center and Mr. Deichman and Marsha offered a seat with them. Mr. Franklin noted Mr. Deichman's kind heart, adding he appreciated all he did for us and the sacrifice his family made in sharing his time us.

Mayor Matt Russell noted he has been thinking a lot about what he would say about Mr. Deichman. Mayor Russell added he sat next to Mr. Deichman his first night on Council and Mr. Deichman gave him hints immediately. He was a teacher and was patient. Mayor Russell shared the last lesson he taught him was when he got the message he passed away. Mayor Russell realized how short life can be and how much we need to love the ones around us. This last lesson was to be better and love harder. Mayor Russell thanked Mr. Deichman's sister, Carolyn Booher since he isn't here to be thanked. Mayor Russell thanked her for being here tonight.

**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.*

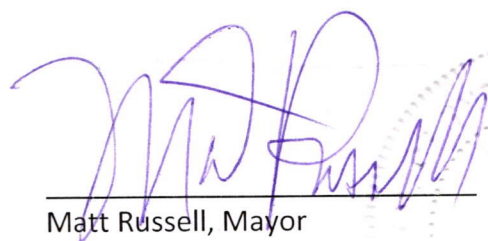
1. RSMo 610.021.1 Pending and/or potential litigation. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.
2. RSMo 610.021.2 Real estate acquisition. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.
3. RSMo 610.021.3 Hiring, firing, promotion, or disciplining personnel. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike at 6:41 p.m. to go into Executive session under RSMo 610.021.1 Pending and/or potential litigation. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. The vote was 6 Aye-Wilson, Gerke, Updike, Franklin, Pool, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Updike, Wilson, Gerke, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:

  
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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

  
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Matt Russell, Mayor

