



**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Online Zoom Meeting**  
**May 05, 2020 at 6:30 PM**

Jeff Ussery, Mayor  
Brandon Self, Ward I  
Garry Wilson, Ward II  
John Jones, Ward III  
Charlie Brashers, Ward IV  
  
Eric Franklin, Ward I  
Gerry Pool, Ward II  
Matt Russell, 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 Jeff Ussery at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Online Meetings. Council Members in attendance via Zoom were: Eric Franklin, Jim Deichman, Garry Wilson, Brandon Self, John Jones, Matt Russell, and Charlie Brashers. Council Member Gerry Pool was present by telephone. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling, Assistant City Administrator Lisa Addington, Police Chief Brian Sells, City Attorney Scott Ison, Assistant Public Works Director Garrett Brickner, Public Information Officer Mike Landis, Principal Planner Karen Haynes, Public Works Director Andrew Nelson, IT 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 Jeff Ussery.

**Citizen Participation**

Mayor Ussery opened Citizen Participation at 6:30 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Ussery closed Citizen Participation at 6:31 p.m.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Franklin. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman, Russell, Brashers, and Jones. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Approve City Council Minutes from April 21, 2020.

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**

Board of Adjustment	May 7, 2020
Planning and Zoning	May 11, 2020
City Council Meeting	May 19, 2020
City Council Meeting	June 2, 2020

**Old Business and Tabled Items**

**20-18 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 6.4 Acres, Located at 830 West O'Neal Road, from Agricultural (AG) to Medium Density Single-Family Residential (R1-M).**



Motion was made by Council Member Russell and seconded by Council Member Deichman to have the second reading of Bill 20-18 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Brashers, Wilson, Russell, Franklin, Self, and Pool. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions regarding this bill. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 20-18. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye-Brashers, Russell, Self, Jones, Wilson, Deichman, and Franklin. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**20-19 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 24.48 Acres, Located at the 6300 Block of South Farm Road 89, from Agricultural (AG) to High Density Single-Family Residential (R1-H).**

Motion was made by Council Member Russell and seconded by Council Member Brashers to have the second reading of Bill 20-19 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Pool, Jones, Franklin, Wilson, Deichman, Brashers, Russell, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions regarding this bill. A roll call vote was taken. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 20-19. Council Member Deichman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye-Jones, Franklin, Wilson, Deichman, Brashers, Russell, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

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

**20-20 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the Execution of a STP-Urban Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the Design and Right of Way Acquisition for the Extension of the Shuyler Creek Trail.**

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

**Other Business (Resolutions)-None**

**Reports from Staff**

City Administrator David Cameron reported that yesterday the new resolution went into effect. Mr. Cameron shared it was exciting to see business moving forward with the steps the businesses took to follow safety precautions. Mr. Cameron shared he is proud of our businesses for stepping up.

City Administrator David Cameron commended Mike Landis and Duane Compton for hand delivering letters to local businesses for clarity regarding the resolution. Mr. Cameron shared he appreciates that level of service.

City Administrator David Cameron updated Council that MoDOT has had some delays with projects but they will not impact the Hwy 174/60 Hwy project and they should open up bids this month. The project is a go this summer.

City Administrator David Cameron received notification today on a transportation safety study regarding railroad crossings and MoDOT received a grant to make improvements at the crossings. They will be in town next week visiting with Andrew and Garrett. Mr. Cameron appreciates MoDOT and the railroad for their work on this. Mr. Cameron reached out to see if it included Farm Road 93. Part of the

agreement to close Farm Road 93 would be consideration of an overpass over MM that did not get included for funding.

City Administrator David Cameron shared good that news sales tax receipts for March and are up 11% for the month and 9% for the year. We still anticipate next month's going down but every month with additional will help offset any losses from COVID-19. The message from a lot of business is not a lot of dips in their income. Every additional dollar of sales tax is being set aside in the recovery account.

City Administrator David Cameron shared we had our first ELT meeting in person today. We are anticipating City Council back in the Council Chambers or another facility if more space needed for the first meeting in June. It was nice to have leadership together to discuss the next steps moving forward.

City Administrator David Cameron announced the Community Center track will be opening next Monday and we will gradually open those facilities.

Mayor Jeff Ussery shared good news after speaking to Clay Goddard from the Springfield-Greene County Health Department. They did testing on 142 people who work on the front lines at restaurants, stores, and other places that require customer facing contact with no symptoms. Testing had not been done on people without symptoms previously due to the need to triage those tests to those with symptoms. Mayor Ussery was happy to report that none of the people tested came back positive. Mayor Ussery shared this is a testament to the community as it was a sampling of the area.

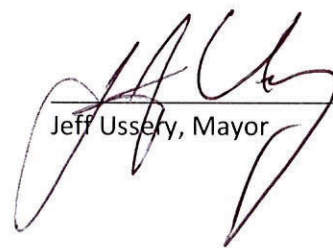
Mayor Jeff Ussery shared it is so nice to see businesses opening with precautions in place. They run their business, not the government and were doing these precautions without us telling them to. Hopefully we can walk through this first phase without a spike or increase in numbers. Thank you to the citizens who patronize the businesses in Republic as businesses were able to keep their doors open and maintain their businesses with this customer support.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Ussery adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

  
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Jeff Ussery, Mayor