



**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd**  
**November 08, 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  
Brandon Self, Ward III  
Clint Gerlek, 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, Chris Updike, Clint Gerlek, Brandon Self, Gerry Pool, and Jennifer Mitchell. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, City Attorney Megan McCullough, Police Chief Brian Sells, Police Major Jamie Burks, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, Recreation Athletics Coordinator Joanna Scott, BUILDS Administrator Karen Haynes, Assistant BUILDS Administrator Garrett Brickner, Deputy Fire Chief Lynn Hollandworth, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, Athletic Administrator Garrett Cline, and IT Director Chris Crosby.

**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.

**Proclamations**

**1. Veteran's Day Proclamation**

Mayor Russell presented the Veteran's Day Proclamation to Council Members Garry Wilson, Eric Franklin, and Chris Updike.

**Citizen Participation**

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

**Consent Agenda**

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

- 2. Approve October 18, 2022 City Council Minutes.
- 3. Approve November 1, 2022 City Council Workshop Minutes.
- 4. Approve Vendor List.

**Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule**

City Council Meeting	November 15, 2022
Board of Adjustment Meeting	December 1, 2022
Planning & Zoning Meeting	December 5, 2022
City Council Meeting	December 13, 2022

The City Council Meeting date for December was corrected to December 6, 2022.



## Old Business and Tabled Items

5. **22-59 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of the Frisco Square Phase 4 Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 22-59 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer questions of Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 22-59. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Gerlek, Mitchell, Updike, Franklin, Self, Wilson, Pool, and Gerke. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

6. **22-60 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of the Valley Trail Phase Two Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Pool to have the second reading of Bill 22-60 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer questions of Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 22-60. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Pool, Wilson, Franklin, Mitchell, Gerlek, Updike, Self, and Gerke. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

7. **22-61 An Ordinance of the City Council Reaffirming the Gross Receipts Tax to be Imposed upon Electric Corporations Conducting Applicable Business within the City.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 22-61 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Megan McCullough was available to answer questions of Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 22-61. Council Member Self seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Updike, Mitchell, Wilson, Gerke, Gerlek, Self, and Pool. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

## New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

8. **A Public Hearing of the City Council Regarding Appropriating from the Revenue of the City of Republic, Missouri, Expenditures in Accordance with the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget of the City of Republic, Missouri, and Providing for Adjustments Thereto.**

Mayor Russell opened the public hearing at 6:07 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Russell closed the public hearing at 6:07 p.m.

9. **22-62 An Ordinance of the City Council Appropriating from the Revenue of the City of Republic, Missouri, Expenditures in Accordance with the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget of the City of Republic, Missouri, and Providing for Adjustments Thereto.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 22-62 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Jared Keeling provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.



## Other Business (Resolutions)

**10.22-R-69 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Application for Assistance Through the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program of the Department of Natural Resources for an Outdoor Classroom to be included in Phase II of the at J.R. Martin Park Development Project.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve Resolution 22-R-69. Joanna Scott provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**11.22-R-70 A Resolution of the City Council to Review, Amend, and Approve the Five-Year Capital Program for 2023-2027.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Pool to approve Resolution 22-R-70. Jared Keeling provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**12.22-R-71 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Execution of a Phase 2 Contract Price Amendment with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Co., Inc. for Capital Improvement Project #3 (CIP #3).**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Pool to approve Resolution 22-R-71. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**13.22-R-72 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Co., Inc. for Sanitary Smoke Testing Services Associated with the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Pool to approve Resolution 22-R-72. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

## Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron thanked staff for their great work tonight. Mr. Cameron noted he is looking forward to the JR Martin Park updates.

City Administrator David Cameron reported the smoke testing was a budgeted item, but since the cost was over \$75,000.00, staff wanted to bring it to Council for approval. Mr. Cameron also noted this was not a sealed bid because the contractor has been involved in this project from the beginning.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Jared Keeling for the great job on the budget and for explaining it so quickly. Mr. Cameron added he appreciated the work done on this budget, but he does anticipate changes before the second reading. Mr. Cameron reported he will ask staff to evaluate positions that may need to be brought back into the budget, such as the Public Information Officer, planner, and other unfilled positions. These changes will be clearly identified in the amendment when presented.

City Administrator David Cameron announced that he will be presenting at the Chamber on December 6th and encouraged everyone to attend. Mr. Cameron added the December 8th meeting is an all supervisors meeting, but he will be talking about the direction of the City, upcoming projects, and priorities of the City. Mr. Cameron added he will be asking Council for their thoughts on what the priorities should be, noting financial sustainability will always be on there. Mr. Cameron reported this meeting will give insight into what we work on every day. Mr. Cameron added the project tracker has about 15-16

projects ongoing, but there are at least 15-16 that haven't made it to that point yet. While things are good, we will talk about where we can get better in leadership, succession planning, and the long term best interests of the community. Mr. Cameron noted it is about doing the little things right.

City Administrator David Cameron reported he had a great conversation with Governor Parson after we invited him to a groundbreaking for our initial work utilizing the ARPA dollars we received from the State. Mr. Cameron shared he notified the Governor we will be back to request additional funding next year. Governor Parson encouraged us to request funding through the various opportunities available through the state.

City Administrator David Cameron wished everyone a happy Veteran's Day. Mr. Cameron announced that Saturday is the Ruck and Run at Meadowview Baptist Church, which is a day to celebrate our veterans.

City Administrator David Cameron congratulated the Republic football team for beating Webb City for the first time in over twenty years. Mr. Cameron also thanked everyone who voted today.

Mayor Russell thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**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.*


RSMo 610.021.2 Real estate acquisition. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Self at 6:53 p.m. to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.2 Real estate acquisition. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Self to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. The vote was 8 Aye-Updike, Gerlek, Franklin, Self, Gerke, Wilson, Pool, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:

  
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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

  
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Matt Russell, Mayor

