



**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

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd**  
**October 18, 2022 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 Matt Russell at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present included Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Eric Gerke, Chris Updike, Clint Gerlek, Brandon Self, 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, Deputy City Administrator Andrew Nelson, BUILDS Administrator Karen Haynes, Deputy Fire Chief Lynn Hollandworth, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, 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.

**Citizen Participation**

Mayor Russell opened citizen participation at 6:01 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:01 p.m.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve October 4, 2022 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve Vendor List.

**Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule**

City Council Budget Workshop	November 1, 2022 5:30 p.m.
Board of Adjustment Meeting	November 3, 2022-Cancelled
Planning & Zoning Meeting	November 7, 2022-Cancelled
City Council Meeting	November 8, 2022

**Old Business and Tabled Items**

3. **22-57 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri, Title VIII, Fees, Chapter 805, Fee Schedule, Section 805.030 "Alcoholic Beverages", Section 805.040 "Animals", Section 805.050 "Buildings And Zoning", Section 805.060 "Business", Section 805.070 "Fire Protection And Prevention", Section 805.080 "Parks And Recreation Fees", Section 805.090 "Special Event Fees", and Section 805.100 "Utility Administration".**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the second reading of Bill 22-57 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions from



Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 22-57. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerlek, Wilson, Mitchell, Updike, Gerke, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

4. **22-58 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately Ten Point Four-Four (10.44) Acres, Located at 688 South Kansas Avenue, from Agricultural (AG) and Medium Density Single-Family (R1-M) to Multi-Family Residential (R-3).**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the second reading of Bill 22-58 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an update to Council regarding a validated petition for non-approval of the bill, which requires a super-majority vote to approve the bill. Council Member Mitchell motioned for the passage of Bill 22-58. Council Member Wilson seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 1 Aye-Franklin. 6 Nay-Updike, Gerke, Mitchell, Wilson, Gerlek, and Self. Motion Carried.

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

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 Mitchell to have the first reading of Bill 22-59 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes 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.

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 Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 22-60 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes 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.

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 Updike and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the first reading of Bill 22-61 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Megan McCullough 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)**

8. **22-R-67 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Execution of a Contract Amendment with Sapp Design Associates Architects for Additional Architectural Services on Parks and Recreation Projects.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to approve Resolution 22-R-67. Jennafer Mayfield provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**9. 22-R-68 A Resolution of the City Council Declaring the Intent to Reimburse Itself for Certain Expenditures Incurred in Connection with Improvements to Parks and Recreation Facilities.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve Resolution 22-R-68. Jennafer Mayfield provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**Reports from Staff**

City Administrator David Cameron thanked everyone that came out tonight, the last meeting, and Planning and Zoning for the rezone.

City Administrator David Cameron reflected on lives lost in the community including two youth and an individual that served in the military. Mr. Cameron acknowledged the families that lost some of their most important possessions, adding nothing can replace children that were taken too soon. Mr. Cameron noted we are a community that prays together and supports each other, and his thoughts and prayers go out to those that lost someone. Mr. Cameron reported this is the most deaths on the road this year, totaling 8-9 this year, so that is something we constantly work on. Mr. Cameron added the OTO breakfast is this week and we have been blessed in transportation dollars but need more attention to the fact that we are losing people in and around our area on these roads.

City Administrator David Cameron provided an update on the ATT concerns mentioned in the last meeting. Mr. Cameron noted communication that was printed and placed at each Council Member's seat. Mr. Cameron reported it was north of \$20,000.00 in repairs, with one sewer repair costing \$6,000.00. Staff called the company in to the office to discuss improvements on communication, remediation of issues, and Council passed an ordinance on broadband and Right of Way management that has given us the right to seek remediation. The company has worked with staff for reimbursement of the property owners. Mr. Cameron added staff is working to do their part to address it and have the right to pull the permits if needed. We will work hard to make sure it is done correctly and continue to keep an eye on the project.

City Administrator David Cameron reported the microsealing is underway and he drove around to check the work. Mr. Cameron reported the contractor got to some of the streets and did not want to waste our money completing them because it would not help the street for more than a year, adding those streets need a rebuild or overlay. Mr. Cameron added the microseal is to prevent additional costs and will not fix the streets long term. Mr. Cameron added he appreciates them not wasting taxpayers' dollars.

City Administrator David Cameron announced the budget workshop will be on November 1st at 5:30 p.m.. Mr. Cameron reported Council will have a draft budget for review next week to have time to call and ask questions. Mr. Cameron reminded everyone that with costs going up, it makes it crazy to predict these expenses. Mr. Cameron reported we will eat at at 5:00 and can start the discussion by 5:15 if desired.

Council Member Franklin asked Mr. Cameron if we were able to get everything done except the streets that were too far gone. Mr. Cameron reported that it was too late to add additional streets but there are still some in progress. Mr. Cameron added we can provide a list of the streets unable to be completed. Mr. Cameron added the microseal has done its job and it is nice to see the streets preserved.

Council Member Franklin added he is praying for our community.

Mayor Russell apologized to everyone, noting the City Attorney wrote a note asking if he was in a hurry. Mayor Russell acknowledged we all have day jobs and sometimes we run in still thinking about our day jobs, adding he was less focused today. Mayor Russell reported he had a lot of citizen contact over

the rezone tonight, noting it was a coordinated effort. Mayor Russell added we work hard at our day jobs and work hard in here too. Mayor Russell shared his appreciation for the opportunity to serve.

**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 610.021.13 Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings and records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin at 6:44 p.m. to go into Executive session under RSMo 610.021.1 Pending and/or potential litigation. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record., and RSMo 610.021.13 Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings and records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. Closed session. Closed vote. The vote was 7 Aye-Gerke, Wilson, Gerlek, Franklin, Mitchell, Updike, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. The vote was 7 Aye-Gerke, Franklin, Updike, Gerlek, Self, Wilson, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:

  
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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

  
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Matt Russell, Mayor

