



**Matt Russell, Mayor/Ward III**  
 Brandon Self, Ward I  
 Garry Wilson, Ward II  
 Christopher Updike, Ward III  
 Jennifer Mitchell, Ward IV  
 Eric Franklin, Ward I  
 Gerry Pool, Ward II  
 Jim Deichman, Ward IV

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Community Center, 711 E. Miller**  
**October 20, 2020 at 6:30 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 6:30 p.m. at the Republic Community Center. Council Members present include Christopher Updike, Jim Deichman, Gerry Pool, Brandon Self, Eric Franklin, and Jennifer Mitchell. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Assistant City Administrator Lisa Addington, Finance Director Debbie Parks, Police Chief Brian Sells, City Attorney Scott Ison, Public Information Officer Mike Landis, Principal Planner Karen Haynes, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Assistant Public Works Director Garrett Brickner, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, Lieutenant Jamie Burks, 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 Matt Russell.

**Citizen Participation**

Mayor Russell opened Citizen Participation at 6:30 p.m. Melanie Clark, 2752 N Atlantic, spoke about building projects in the former Village of Brookline and increased traffic in the area.

Mayor Russell closed Citizen Participation at 6:35 p.m.

**Consent Agenda**

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

1. Approve October 6, 2020 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve Vendor List.

**Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule**

City Council Special Session Meeting/Budget Workshop	October 27, 2020
City Council Meeting	November 3, 2020
Board of Adjustment Meeting	November 5, 2020
Planning & Zoning Meeting	November 9, 2020
City Council Meeting	November 17, 2020

**Old Business and Tabled Items**

3. **20-45 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into a First Amended Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Springfield for a Consolidated Police Records Management System.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Deichman to have the second reading of Bill 20-45 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Russell, Deichman,



Mitchell, Self, Franklin, Pool, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chief Brian Sells was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Deichman motioned for the passage of Bill 20-45. Council Member Pool seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**4. 20-R-42 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving and Authorizing the City Administrator to Submit a Renewal Application for Hall Provider of Bingo Premises. (Tabled from October 6, 2020)**

Motion was made by Council Member Self and seconded by Council Member Updike to untable Resolution 20-R-42. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Motion was made by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 20-R-42. David Cameron answered questions of Council from the prior meeting. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Russell, Self, and Updike. 0 Nay. 1 Abstention-Pool. Motion Carried.

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

**5. 20-46 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing a Municipal Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for Railroad Improvements Along Route 60.**

Council Member Deichman motioned for the first reading of Bill 20-46 by title only. Council Member Franklin seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with Mr. Brickner with any questions prior to the next meeting.

**6. 20-47 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into a Development Agreement with Seefried Industrial Properties for Public Improvements.**

Council Member Pool motioned for the first reading of Bill 20-47 by title only. Council Member Franklin seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. David Cameron provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with Mr. Cameron with any questions prior to the next meeting.

**Other Business (Resolutions)**

**7. 20-R-30 A Resolution of the City Council, of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the Purchase of Radios for the Police Department.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Deichman to approve Resolution 20-R-30. Lieutenant Jamie Burks provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**8. 20-R-46 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Determining the Intent to Reimburse Itself for Certain Capital Expenditures in Connection with Improvements to its Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to approve Resolution 20-R-46. Debbie Parks provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

### **Finance Report**

Debbie Parks presented the finance report.

### **Reports from Staff**

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Jared and Lisa, Mayor Russell, and Council for the time away. Mr. Cameron shared it was nice to take a break to recharge and refresh. In this season, he had to find a window to get away and thanked staff for keeping the administration pieces moving forward. Mr. Cameron reported things continue to move at a rapid pace. He shared he appreciates the community feedback regarding the former Village of Brookline. Mr. Cameron stated we do not want to grow just for the sake of growing. Mr. Cameron said we do want to grow to make it the best community it can be. Mr. Cameron shared he is thankful for staff to know when he is gone, nothing stops.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Debbie and Greene County for the work on the CARES Act. Mr. Cameron reminded everyone that people were and still are struggling through COVID-19. Mr. Cameron appreciates the work in finding a way to distribute funds to customers. Mr. Cameron shared his appreciation for Human Resources and the legal perspective of this as well. Mr. Cameron spoke regarding the large capital advancement of the community and development. We have over 1000 residential units of development and are working on retail and restaurants. We still have to take time to stop and realize some people are still struggling due to COVID.

City Administrator David Cameron reminded Council that next Tuesday night we have our budget hearing. Mr. Cameron said he looks forward to it and is excited about it. Mr. Cameron shared this is his fifth budget with the City of Republic. The first budget only had \$2,000 left over, the next had \$3,000, and we have been bringing it from life support to stability advancing to \$117,000 back into the General Fund. Mr. Cameron reported we want that amount to be larger and appreciate the work by staff to cut expenses. Mr. Cameron spoke of the challenges we still face, such as the water fund balance. Mr. Cameron shared that an Enterprise Fund needs to sustain itself and it cannot be at \$23,000. Mr. Cameron shared we will have to discuss rate increases and will discuss this next week during the budget hearing.

Mr. Cameron reminded everyone that two weeks from tonight we have the chance to vote. It is your right and people have lost their lives for our rights. Mr. Cameron encouraged everyone to get out to vote. We will have Council that night as business must continue to move forward.

Mr. Cameron shared he loves this community, county, and what we represent. Mr. Cameron said he loves having the ability to lead and be back in his chair representing staff and the community. Mr. Cameron shared he is thankful and blessed for the opportunity and privilege to lead this community.

**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 Self and seconded by Council Member Updike at 7:13 to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.1 Pending and/or potential litigation. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. and 610.021.2 Real estate acquisition. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye - Self, Franklin, Pool, Deichman, Russell, Updike, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Russell and seconded by Council Member Franklin to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 7:35 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye-Self, Mitchell, Updike, Franklin, Deichman, Russell, and Pool. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**Adjournment**

ATTEST:

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

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Matt Russell, Mayor

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