



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
Republic Community Center-711 E. Miller
October 06, 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 Garry Wilson, Christopher Updike, Jim Deichman, Gerry Pool, and Jennifer Mitchell. Others in attendance were: Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling, 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, Recreation Supervisor Steffi Weaver, IT Director Josh Jones, and City Clerk Laura Burbridge.

Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by Council Member Jim Deichman.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Matt Russell.

Mayor's Announcements and Appointments

Appointments: Mayor Russell requested to appoint Dr. Matt Pierce to fill the Enhanced Enterprise Zoning Board position previously held by Chance Wistrom. Council Member Wilson motioned to appoint Dr. Pierce. Council Member Deichman Seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Pool, Wilson, Deichman, Russell, Updike, and Mitchell.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Russell opened Citizen Participation at 6:33 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Russell closed Citizen Participation at 6:33 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 6 Aye-Deichman, Russell, Wilson, Pool, Updike, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve September 15, 2020 City Council Regular Session Minutes.
2. 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

City Council Meeting	October 20, 2020
City Council Meeting	November 3, 2020
Board of Adjustment Meeting	November 5, 2020
Planning & Zoning Meeting	November 9, 2020



Old Business and Tabled Items

- 3. 20-39 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into an Amended Development Agreement with the Republic R-3 School District for Water Line Public Improvements for the Future Early Childhood Education Center.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Pool to have the second reading of Bill 20-39 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Wilson, Pool, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Garrett Brickner was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Pool motioned for the passage of Bill 20-39. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 4. 20-40 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Annexation of Approximately 0.22 Acres of Land Located Northeast of the Northeastern Right of Way Line of Missouri State Route 360 and Adjacent Right of Way.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 20-40 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Wilson, Pool, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Deichman motioned for the passage of Bill 20-40. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 5. 20-41 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri Approving a Special Use Permit to Operate a Group Daycare for Children in a Residential Zoning District Located at 432 South Sherwood Avenue to Megan Sierk.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the second reading of Bill 20-41 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Wilson, Pool, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Pool motioned for the passage of Bill 20-41. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 6. 20-42 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri, by Amending Title V, "Building and Construction," Chapter 500, "Building Codes and Building Regulations," Article I, "Adoption of Building Codes," Regarding Snow Load.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 20-42 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Wilson, Pool, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 20-42. Council Member Deichman seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 7. 20-43 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri, by Amending Title IV, "Land Use," Chapter 405, "Zoning Regulations," Article IV, "A Planned Development District," Regarding Planned Development Districts.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Deichman to have the second reading of Bill 20-43 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Wilson, Pool, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 20-43. Council Member Wilson seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

8. 20-44 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Final Plat of the Charlotte's Mill Subdivision.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Pool to have the second reading of Bill 20-44 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Wilson, Pool, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Mitchell motioned for the passage of Bill 20-44. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

9. 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.

Council Member Pool motioned for the first reading of Bill 20-45 by title only. Council Member Updike seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Police Chief Brian Sells provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with Chief Sells with any questions prior to the next meeting.

Other Business (Resolutions)

10. 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.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Wilson to take up Resolution 20-R-42. Scott Ison provided an overview of the Resolution. Council Member Pool motioned to table this Resolution until the October 20th meeting to allow Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling to obtain information regarding how the revenue from Bingo is used by Senior Age. Council Member Deichman seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

11. 20-R-43 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the 2021 City Council and Other 2021 Meeting Dates.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Pool to approve Resolution 20-R-43. Scott Ison provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

12. 20-R-44 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing Authorized Signers for the Municipal Court with Bank of Missouri.

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Deichman to approve Resolution 20-R-44. Debbie Parks provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

13. 20-R-45 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Awarding the Bid for the Remodeling of the Municipal Court and Council Chamber and Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement for the Same.

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Wilson to approve Resolution 20-R-45. Jared Keeling provided an overview of the Resolution and architect David Frohling presented the plans for the remodel. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling thanked David Frohling for being at the meeting.

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling reminded Council that Debbie e-mailed the finance report last week for their viewing. Mr. Keeling reported the sales tax numbers for October are up 24.07%. Mr. Keeling shared the economy is roaring and it is wonderful. Mr. Keeling spoke of the resiliency of the community and shared we are doing a lot of things right. Mr. Keeling reminded Council we projected the number would be 30% down but instead, year to date we are up 12.45%. Mr. Keeling shared this is favor and hopefully it will continue. Mr. Keeling shared we will still be conservative on the 2021 figures.

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling spoke about the Animal Control opening, sharing there are a lot of people to thank. Mr. Keeling thanked the citizens for passing the capital improvement sales tax in 2017. Mr. Keeling thanked the Mayor and Council, GHN, Marion Company, and the many volunteers that contribute to running the facility. Mr. Keeling shared he was astounded by it and the great work of Christina, Garrett, and all the staff involved. Mr. Keeling reported our neighboring cities are already calling and asking to bring animals to our facility. Mr. Keeling stated Christina and the staff will treat it well.

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling notified Council of the upcoming Priebe Strong 1062 Event coming up October 24th. This is a private event led by Anne Buchanan. Her vision is huge and the event is becoming huge. Mr. Keeling shared this is a wonderful cause to support Mark Priebe. Mr. Keeling reported there is a 1 mile fun run, 5k, 10k, and half marathon. There is also a concert and we are waiting for confirmation of a possible Governor visit. Mr. Keeling reported we are helping them as much as possible including Parks, Public Works, Police, and Fire. Mr. Keeling stated he wanted to make sure Council is aware of the event as there will be road closures and up to 800-1000 runners in our city.

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling asked Mike Landis to speak regarding our branding effort. Mr. Keeling reported we are continuing momentum on economic development and working on a billboard campaign. Mr. Landis shared this will serve as communication for outreach to citizens and potential people moving into the city as residents or businesses. Mr. Landis shared 40,000 cars pass through on I-44 every day but there isn't much of a sign showing Republic is there. Mr. Landis shared we are working with MoDOT to improve signage at MM and we are rolling out a billboard campaign with statements such as "Leading, Serving, Growing". Mr. Landis shared they are bold statements, this one created by Lisa Addington. Mr. Landis shared there are three purposes for the billboards. First, it has an arrow that gives direction to Republic. Second it is an opportunity to provide messaging to our citizens. The third purpose is to lead people to our website for additional information. Mr. Landis shared the first billboard is going up on I-44. Mr. Landis shared we were hoping to get something that was not expensive and this is \$350 per month. Mr. Landis shared the images can be switched out throughout the year for events as

many times as needed. The next locations will be at James River between 60 and MM with both sides of a billboard. Mr. Landis shared we will switch the images out regularly to keep it fresh. Mr. Landis shared some of the other campaign sayings will include "Moving Forward, Progressing Upward" and "Republic MO on the Grow." Mr. Landis shared the billboards will increase visibility and messaging to our citizens.

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling shared these billboards are next level and cutting edge. Mr. Keeling shared this is who we are and those will be wow moments. Mr. Keeling shared you don't see a lot of billboards with city information but we are doing it. Mr. Keeling shared he is looking forward to seeing them on his drive everyday.

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling notified Council of the Budget Workshop scheduled for October 27th at 5:30 p.m.

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling notified Council the location of the November 3rd meeting is to be determined due to the election. Mr. Keeling shared we will communicate the location when it is finalized.

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling announced we have a new police officer and asked Chief Sells to report about him. Chief Sells shared our new officer is Gary Dove, who has moved to our Police Department from Battlefield. Chief Sells shared Officer Dove has over 9 years experience. Chief Sells reported to Council we remain 5 officers down.

Adjournment

Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

ATTEST:



Laura Burbridge, City Clerk



Matt Russell, Mayor

