



Matt Russell, Mayor
 Garry Wilson, Ward II
 Christopher Updike, Ward III
 Jennifer Mitchell, Ward IV
 Eric Franklin, Ward I
 Gerry Pool, Ward II
 Shane Grooms, Ward III
 Jim Deichman, Ward IV

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers, 540 Civic Boulevard
September 07, 2021 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 Christopher Updike, Jim Deichman, Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Gerry Pool, and Jennifer Mitchell. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Interim City Attorney Damon Phillips, BUILDS Administrator Andrew Nelson, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, Information Systems Director Chris Crosby, Police Chief Brian Sells, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, 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 Matt 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 Pool and seconded by Council Member Deichman to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Updike, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve August 24, 2021 City Council Minutes.
2. 21-R-37 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Donelson Construction Company, LLC for Microsealing Streets within the City of Republic.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Planning & Zoning Meeting	September 13, 2021
City Council Meeting	September 21, 2021
City Council Meeting	October 5, 2021
Board of Adjustment Meeting	October 7, 2021

Old Business and Tabled Items

3. **21-58 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Final Plat of Olde Savannah Phase Two Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Deichman to table Bill 21-58 until the September 21, 2021 meeting. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Updike and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)



4. **21-59 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri to Bring Power to the City Gateway Sign Site Located at 6571 W. US Hwy 60.**

Council Member Pool motioned for the first reading of Bill 21-59 by title only. Council Member Franklin seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Wilson, Deichman, Franklin, Pool, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Jared Keeling provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with staff with any questions prior to the next meeting.

5. **21-60 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Cost Apportionment Agreement with the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission for the Maintenance of Painting on Signals at State Highway 174 and US Highway 60.**

Council Member Mitchell motioned for the first reading of Bill 21-60 by title only. Council Member Deichman seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Wilson, Deichman, Franklin, Pool, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with staff with any questions prior to the next meeting.

6. **21-61 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Greene County for Road Striping Services.**

Mayor Matt Russell announced that Bill 21-61 has been removed from the agenda by staff.

Other Business (Resolutions)

7. **21-R-38 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Anderson Engineering for Intersection Improvements at Hines Street and Lynn Avenue.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 21-R-38. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Wilson, Pool, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

8. **21-R-39 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the City to Acquire an Owner Financed Loan for the Purchase of 136.76 Acres and Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute the Contract and Other Closing Documents for the Purchase of Said Property.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Deichman to approve Resolution 21-R-39. Jared Keeling provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Wilson, Pool, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Jared, Jennafer, and Andrew for a job well done obtaining the park property. Mr. Cameron reminded everyone that we cannot forget that our Parks and Recreation programs are what make Republic unique. We can't lose sight of the fact that people want to call Republic home, go to activities, and live in a safe community. Mr. Cameron reference the City's Mission, Vision and Values and shared we must stretch beyond ourselves.

City Administrator David Cameron let Council Member Wilson know that on Item 2 for the microseal on Miller Road, it was placed on the Consent Agenda due to a mistaken calculation leading it to exceed his spending limit. Mr. Cameron shared this project can be completed because the ballot measure left us in a position to improve some streets, also including Lynn and Hines as well as ZZ and Hines. Mr. Cameron reminded Council the items on the Consent Agenda can be withdrawn for discussion if a Council Member feels the need. Mr. Cameron shared the cost for the microseal is \$73,000.00. Mr. Cameron also notified Council that we withdrew Item 6 due to a paint shortage preventing Greene County from being able to do the project for us.

City Administrator David Cameron provided Council the Financial report. Mr. Cameron shared the sales tax deposits are on target for a 19.33% increase, but let Council know there was one large deposit that impacted that number for a one-time only deposit. Mr. Cameron shared we are still trying to get the next month's numbers. Mr. Cameron let Council know the Public Information Officer starts in two weeks and the Finance Director will be back in two weeks. Mr. Cameron shared we are doing well on revenue and expenses. We have some expenses saved due to Police not filling all their vacancies. Our cash position is extremely strong, and the new sales tax will help tremendously on the public safety side. Mr. Cameron reminded everyone this is not monopoly money, and we are being strategic with the budget.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Greene County for allocating \$1.5 million towards the MM Widening. Mr. Cameron also thanked the State of Missouri, Department of Economic Development, and Representative Davidson for the support. Mr. Cameron reported the Commission is here this week. Mr. Cameron shared he will be presenting to them with the OTO and Chamber making a request for funding and discussing our overall growth and development. Mr. Cameron also reported two weeks from today we will find out if our cost share application is granted.

Mayor Russell reported we are still down a Council Member. Mayor Russell reported we have opened the position and publicized that we are accepting applications through September 14th or 15th. Applications will be reviewed, applicants will be interviewed, and a recommendation of appointment will come to Council for advice and consent.

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 Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike at 6:35 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 610.021.2 Real estate acquisition. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye – Franklin, Wilson, Pool, Deichman, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 7:10 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Wilson, Updike, Pool, Mitchell, and Deichman. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:



Laura Burbridge, City Clerk



Matt Russell, Mayor

