



MINUTES

City Council Meeting Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd June 06, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Matt Russell, Mayor
Eric Gerke, Ward I
Garry Wilson, Ward II
Christopher Updike, Ward III
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, Brandon Self, and Clint Gerlek. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Deputy City Administrator Andrew Nelson, City Attorney Megan McCullough, BUILDS Administrator Karen Haynes, Police Major Jamie Burks, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, Athletics Administrator Garrett Cline, Assistant BUILDS Administrator Garrett Brickner, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, HR Coordinator Rachel Reich-Graef, Data and Security Supervisor Michael Sallee, Executive Assistant Jordan Furnas, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Finance Director Bob Ford, and IT Director Chris Crosby.

Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by City Administrator David Cameron.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Matt Russell.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Russell opened citizen participation at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:01 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Self to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve May 16, 2023 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve May Vendor List.
3. Approve Utility Billing Adjustments.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Planning & Zoning Meeting	June 12, 2023
City Council Meeting	June 20, 2023
Board of Adjustment Meeting	July 6, 2023
Planning & Zoning Meeting	July 10, 2023
City Council Meeting	July 18, 2023

Old Business and Tabled Items

4. **23-16 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately One Point Two Eight (1.28) Acres of Real Property Located at 1358 E. U.S. Highway 60, from Local Commercial District (C-1) and General Commercial District (C-2) to General Commercial District (C-2).**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 23-16 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available to answer questions. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 23-16. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

5. **23-17 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Execution of an Amendment to The Developer Agreement with Republic 63, LLC for the Continued Development of the Hankins Farm Planned Development District.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 23-17 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Garrett Brickner 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. **23-18 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the Republic R-III School District to Share the Cost of Professional Emergency Operations Services Provided by AARC Consultants, LLC.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Self to have the first reading of Bill 23-18 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Andrew Nelson 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)

7. **23-R-33 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Execution of Memorandum of Understanding with Republic R-III School District for the City's Use of a District Bus to Accommodate Parks and Recreation Summer Events.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 23-R-33. Jennafer Mayfield provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

8. **23-R-34 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with AARC Consultants, LLC for Professional Services to Assess the City's Emergency Preparedness and Assist with Implementation of a Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan.**

Motion was made by Council Member Self and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 23-R-34. Duane Compton provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

9. **23-R-35 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the Negotiation and Execution of an Agreement with Questica at Carahsoft for Compatible Data Processing Software to Assist the Finance Department with Budgeting and Forecasting.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve Resolution 23-R-35. Bob Ford provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Presentation and Discussion of Sustainability Initiative

10. Council Member Updike's Sustainability Initiative.

Council Member Updike presented his initiative on sustainability. Council Members asked questions of the initiative. The Mayor and Council requested Council Member Updike gauge citizen interest and return to the Mayor to request a committee once interest is confirmed. Mayor Russell noted he would have it added to the agenda for a vote after confirmation of interest.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Bob Ford for the great job in the budget software selection, noting we have been talking about a financial dashboard for several years. Mr. Cameron mentioned the transparency portal we used to have on the website but reported it didn't get updated. Mr. Cameron emphasized that just because an item is not budgeted doesn't mean you have to wait until January to pursue it. Mr. Cameron added he loves that Bob went to Christian County to vet their software and that this software updates every night while providing real time answers to questions. Mr. Cameron shared his appreciation for the work done.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Jennafer Mayfield, Jared Keeling, Andrew Nelson, Chief Compton, Major Burks, Chief Sells, and Mayor Russell for the work done with the School District. Mr. Cameron reported he has asked three times for a tabletop train derailment scenario. Mr. Cameron noted our EOC is top notch but hasn't been updated in years. While staff could have done an update, the school and city got together after recent school shootings to collaborate and make an action plan. Mr. Cameron noted that handling a scene like that with all the emotions involved requires a good plan. Mr. Cameron added he loves that the Mayor's passion led us to this tonight.

City Administrator David Cameron encouraged everyone to take a drive down Highway 174 to see the sandblasting and painting of the water tower by Animal Control. Mr. Cameron shared his appreciation for the staff pursuing this project with ARPA funds. Mr. Cameron also reported we closed the property on Mill Street, adding after the \$11,000 of work we did to clean it up, we were able to sell it for \$27,005. We also closed on the new Fire Station #3 property near the BUILDS building.

City Administrator David Cameron reported the RBI board gave their final presentation, noting James Strathdee has been our representation since it turned technical. He will likely be coming to present that information to the community in the future as we continue to evaluate this. Mr. Cameron noted we have had a number of people approaching us recently wanting to install internet into our community. Mr. Cameron added they have access to our right of way and there is potential for multiple companies to install fiber in town, causing more disruption on properties.

City Administrator David Cameron mentioned the recent workshop about GIS and commended Josh Jones and Chris Tabor for the work on it, noting Chris created Permitron. Mr. Cameron also acknowledged Chris Crosby for creating a calendar for the city for procedures on our SharePoint, as well as a digital directory of every staff member with photos. Mr. Cameron noted these are great resources and he loves how staff utilizes technology to make us faster, better, and stronger.

Council Member Self thanked Karen Haynes for taking his calls, Andrew Nelson for making a couple outbound calls, and Garrett Brickner for the email reply.

Council Member Franklin thanked Council Member Updike for presenting his Sustainability Initiative. Mr. Franklin reported this morning he got to visit the Priebe family's house and write inspirational messages on his walls. The Priebe family has been an inspiration in Republic with their strength. Mr. Franklin

reported he got to see every player and hear from the source himself. Mr. Franklin thanked everyone that rises to the challenges as they have done.

Council Member Gerke thanked Mr. Ford for the time spent on the budgeting software. Mr. Gerke noted the project trackers on the website are great as well.

City Administrator David Cameron notified everyone that on Thursday June 15th from 5:30-7:30, we are having our first neighboring pop up. People from the city will be present and getting connected with the community more.

Mayor Russell noted it is amazing what is going on at the Aquatics Center. Mayor Russell noted he drives by every day, and it is going quickly. He asked Jared Keeling how it is going with the construction. Mr. Keeling reported Branco is doing a great job. Mayor Russell asked Garrett Brickner how the roundabout was going. Mr. Brickner reported it is going well and the road was torn up on the first day. Mayor Russell asked how things were going with the neighbors. Mr. Bricker reported only a couple calls about people turning around in driveways, which led to some changes to correct it. Mr. Bricker added the Police Department got the speed trailer out along with our slow signs. Mayor Russell noted David Cameron presenting about the April election in the workshop preceding the regular meeting and noted we are planning now as it is not as easy as it looks. Mayor Russell noted for anyone that didn't watch it, the video is on You Tube showing what you can run for and how you can run. Mayor Russell encouraged those interested to run for office.

Adjournment

Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

ATTEST:



Laura Burbridge, City Clerk



Matt Russell, Mayor

