



MINUTES

City Council Meeting
Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd
June 20, 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: Deputy City Administrator Andrew Nelson, City Attorney Megan McCullough, BUILDS Administrator Karen Haynes, Police Chief Brian Sells, Police Major Jamie Burks, 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, Executive Assistant Jordan Furnas, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Finance Director Bob Ford, and IT Director Chris Crosby.

Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by Council Member Eric Franklin.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Matt Russell.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Russell opened citizen participation at 6:01 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 Franklin to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve June 6, 2023 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve June 6, 2023 City Council Work Session Minutes.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

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| Board of Adjustment Meeting-Cancelled | July 6, 2023 |
| Planning & Zoning Meeting | July 10, 2023 |
| City Council Meeting | July 18, 2023 |
| Board of Adjustment Meeting | August 3, 2023 |

Old Business and Tabled Items

3. **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 Wilson and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second 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 was available to answer questions. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 23-17. 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.

4. **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 Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 23-18 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer questions. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 23-18. Council Member Wilson 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. **23-19 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately Seventeen Point One-Nine (17.19) Acres of Real Property Located at 3020 North York Avenue, from Agricultural (AG) to Heavy Industrial (M-2).**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 23-19 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill. Ricky Haas with Olsson 550 E St. Louis spoke in favor of the bill representing the developer.

William Clark - 2752 N Atlantic St., Melanie Clark - 2752 N Atlantic St., David Simmons - 2979 N York Ave., and Wyetta Simmons - 2979 N. York Ave. spoke against 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. **23-20 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of the Stone Creek Falls Phase One Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Self to have the first reading of Bill 23-20 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, 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.

Other Business (Resolutions)

7. **23-R-36 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Negotiate and Enter into an Agreement with Ollis/Akers/Arney Insurance & Business Advisors for Provision of Insurance Brokerage and Consultant Services.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve Resolution 23-R-36. Lisa Addington 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-37 A Resolution of the City Council Approving the Independent Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2022.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Wilson to approve Resolution 23-R-37. Jon Cummings from KPM presented the Audit Report. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

9. **23-R-38 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Midwest Public Risk for Property and Liability Insurance for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve Resolution 23-R-38. Bob Ford provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. 1 Abstain-Self. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

Deputy City Administrator Andrew Nelson thanked the residents for coming out and voicing their opinions, noting we value their opinions.

Deputy City Administrator Andrew Nelson thanked Jon for providing the Audit Report. Mr. Nelson added that KPM is great to work with and thanked all their staff for the work done to complete the audit. Mr. Nelson noted regarding turnover and segregation of duties, we had turnover but are thankful to have Bob now and recently added another staff member in the Finance Department.

Deputy City Administrator Andrew Nelson reported the Hines and Lynn roundabout project is going well and is currently on schedule.

Deputy City Administrator Andrew Nelson noted we need volunteers for Have a Blast on June 30th. The event begins at 6 p.m. and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

Council Member Franklin asked if the road overlays were complete. Garrett Brickner responded that all roads except East Hines have been completed. Hines will be completed alongside the roundabout project. Mr. Franklin reported he was able to check out the completed work on the overlays. Mr. Franklin reported he has recently had great discussions with people on various topics and appreciates staff for going above and beyond to get the answers to his questions. Mr. Franklin added he looks forward to Have A Blast and thanked all the volunteers and the city for the work on it.


Mayor Russell shared his appreciation for everyone coming to the meeting. Mayor Russell added he appreciates staff working so hard, noting it is a thankless job. Mayor Russell thanked Garrett Cline for not trying to out-bench him.

Adjournment

Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

ATTEST:


Laura Burbridge, City Clerk


Matt Russell, Mayor

