

# **MINUTES**

Matt Russell, Mayor Eric Gerke. Ward I Garry Wilson, Ward II Christopher Updike, Ward III Jennifer Mitchell, Ward IV

> Vacant, Ward III Vacant, Ward IV

Jennifer Mitchell, Ward IV Eric Franklin, Ward I Gerry Pool, Ward II

# City Council Meeting Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd June 21, 2022 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 Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Eric Gerke, Gerry Pool, Chris Updike, and Jennifer Mitchell. Others in attendance were: City Attorney Megan McCullough (by phone), Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling, Police Chief Brian Sells, Finance Director Meghin Cook, Finance Manager Kyle Sutton, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, BUILDS Administrator Andrew Nelson, Assistant BUILDS Administrator Karen Haynes, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Engineering Manager Garrett Brickner, IT Director Chris Crosby, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, and City Clerk Laura Burbridge.

# **Opening Prayer**

Opening prayer was led by Council Member Eric Franklin.

## Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Matt Russell.

## Mayor's Announcements

Mayor Russell announced the reappoint of Kevin Corner, Linn MacDonnold, and Sue Watkins. There was no objection by Council.

1. Reappointment of Kevin Corner, Linn MacDonnold, and Sue Watkins to the Housing Authority for a 4 Year Term.

## **Citizen Participation**

Mayor Russell opened citizen participation at 6:02. No one came forward so Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:02.

## **Consent Agenda**

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

- 2. Approve June 7, 2022 City Council Minutes.
- 3. Approve May Vendor List.
- 4. 22-R-28 A Resolution of the City Council Awarding the Bid for a Replacement Miniature Excavator to Potter Equipment.

#### Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Board of Adjustment Meeting	July 7, 2022
Planning & Zoning Meeting	July 11, 2022
City Council Meeting	July 19, 2022
City Council Meeting	July 26, 2022



#### Old Business and Tabled Items

5. 22-35 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of the Olde Savannah Phase 3B Subdivision.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 22-35 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. O Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions from Council. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 22-35. Council Member Pool seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. O Nay. Motion Carried.

6. 22-36 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the First Addition Final Plat of the Oakwood Heights Subdivision.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the second reading of Bill 22-36 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions from Council. Council Member Pool motioned for the passage of Bill 22-36. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

7. 22-37 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title I Government Code, Chapter 105 Elections, Article 105-II Wards, Section 105.070 Ward Boundaries, Establishing New Boundaries for City Council Wards Based on the 2020 Decennial Census.

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the second reading of Bill 22-37 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions from Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 22-37. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

8. 22-38 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Execution of a Developer Agreement with Iron Grain District, LLC and Magers Republic No. 3C, LLC for Development of the Iron Grain District.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 22-38 by title only. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. 1 Abstain-Gerke. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions from Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 22-38. Council Member Pool seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. 1 Abstain-Gerke. Motion Carried.

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

9. 22-39 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Code and Official Map by Changing the Classification of Approximately 100.64 Acres, Located Between the 800 and 1500 Blocks of West State Highway 174, from Sandstone West Planned Development District to Prairie Ridge Planned Development District (PDD).

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 22-39 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill.



Ricky Haase with Olsson Engineering, 550 St Louis St. spoke in favor of the bill.

Alan Mooneyham, 6405 S. Farm Road 57 spoke against the bill referencing pictures he provided of stormwater concerns.

Colleen Dorsey, 5185 S Westwood Dr. spoke against the bill citing concerns of traffic, watershed, and decreased value to their homes.

Glen Ennes, 356 N Tierra Dr. spoke against the bill citing concerns of the increased traffic the development would cause at Main Street and State Highway 174. Mr. Ennes asked if the city had a plan to address that congestion.

BUILDS Administrator Andrew Nelson reported that a development adjacent to the schools will provide a storage lane that would double the staging space for vehicles. Mr. Nelson added this will not be an immediate fix but could happen in the next year.

Tricia Bremer, 5030 S Westwood Dr. spoke against the bill expressing concerns about the traffic on their dead-end street, which would keep the kids from riding bikes on their street. Mrs. Bremer added the development would route people to Hines Street, which feeds into the congestion at State Highway 174 and Main Street and is already difficult to cross. Mrs. Bremer also expressed concerns of stormwater and water retention, citing Westwood on the other side of Hines also has stormwater issues from adjacent developments that causes standing water.

Nathan Beaver, 5115 Westwood Dr. spoke against the bill noting he purchased the 20 acres adjacent to his property to add a buffer from the developments being added in the area. Mr. Beaver expressed concern that in this development, a secondary artery road is shown crossing his 20 acres. Mr. Beaver wanted to know when that would occur. Mr. Beaver also expressed concerns of stormwater and the impact to their property. Mr. Beaver also asked where the water and wastewater lines would run to the wastewater treatment plant.

Mayor Russell let the speakers know to get with BUILDS staff to get their questions answered. Mayor Russell asked that the answers be provided to Council prior to the next meeting to take into consideration. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting.

10.22-40 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for Sidewalk Improvements to Ensure Compliance with ADA Standards Under MoDOT Project No. J8S3200.

Motion was made by Council Member Gerke and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 22-40 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

11.22-41 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving a Special Use Permit for KO Storage of Ozark LLC to Operate a Boat, Vehicle, and Self-Storage Facility at 909 North College Avenue.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Gerke to have the first reading of Bill 22-41 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.



## Other Business (Resolutions)

12.22-R-29 A Resolution of the City Council Approving a Preliminary Plat for Olde Savannah Phase 4, a Residential Subdivision Consisting of Approximately Twenty-Nine Point Five (29.5) Acres Located at East Williamsburg Walk and South Farm Road 89.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Pool to approve Resolution 22-R-29. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

13.22-R-30 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 Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 22-R-30. Meghin Cook provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

14.22-R-31 A Resolution of the City Council Approving the Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021.

Motion was made by Council Member Gerke and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 22-R-31. Meghin Cook introduced Jon Cummings with KPM, CPA's who provided an overview of the Audit Report. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

15.22-R-32 A Resolution of the City Council Appointing the City Administrator as the City's Primary Regional Broadband Initiative Board Member and BUILDS Department Administrator Andrew Nelson as the City's Alternate RBI Board Member.

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Pool to approve Resolution 22-R-32. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

16.22-R-33 A Resolution of the City Council Declaring Conditional Consent to the Dissolution of the Savannah Heights Phase One Property Owners Association, Inc.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 22-R-33. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

#### Reports from Staff

Acting City Administrator Andrew Nelson thanked Jon Cummings for presenting the audit report and for keeping his report fairly brief. Mr. Nelson added he appreciates the professionalism of KPM. Mr. Nelson thanked Meghin Cook and her staff for getting the work done for the audit. Mr. Nelson noted that the ending balance for the general fund in 2016 was \$2,000.00 so for us to end 2021 with just over \$600,000.00 speaks volumes to the progress made.

Acting City Administrator Andrew Nelson reminded everyone that Have a Blast is 2 weeks away and begins at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Nelson noted that those attending will see that the school partnered with us to repave Park Drive, which will also be used as Early Childhood staging.

Council Member Franklin thanked the citizens for coming to speak tonight and at Planning and Zoning, adding it helps give Council needed information to take into consideration. Mr. Franklin spoke about the



Missouri Municipal League Conference he attended last week with elected officials from all over Missouri. Mr. Franklin shared he spoke to a gentleman from Poplar Bluff that was excited to meet him because they look at Republic for examples on what to do. Mr. Franklin added that in conversations, a common answer is "I know, we hear about Republic all the time". Mr. Franklin thanked staff and our supportive organizations for investing in out community.

Mayor Russell reminded everyone we have two seats open on Council. Now that districts are finalized, we will begin accepting applications for those seats beginning tomorrow. Mayor Russell asked everyone to let those interested know to fill out the application. Mayor Russell added we will do interviews and then present the appointment with the advice and consent of Council.

**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 Pool at 7:20 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 610.021.3 Hiring, firing, promotion, or disciplining personnel. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. The vote was 6 Aye-Updike, Wilson, Mitchell, Franklin, Pool, and Gerke. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Updike to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Pool, Gerke, Wilson, Mitchell and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Matt Russell, Mayor

