



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

**City Council Meeting**  
**Community Center, 711 E. Miller Road**  
**January 12, 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 6:03 p.m. at the Republic Community Center. Council Members present include Christopher Updike, Jim Deichman, Gerry Pool, Brandon Self, Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson and Jennifer Mitchell. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Assistant City Administrator Lisa Addington, Finance Director Debbie Parks, Police Chief Brian Sells, City Attorney Scott Ison, Principal Planner Karen Haynes, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Assistant Public Works Director Garrett Brickner, Assistant City Administrator and Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, BUILDS Director Andrew Nelson, Public Information Officer Mike Landis, Information Systems Director Josh Jones, 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 Russell opened citizen participation at 6:04 p.m. Melanie Taylor, 1676 E. New Madrid, spoke to Council representing 417 Freedom Fighters inviting everyone to participate in the nonessential events held by Missouri Business Revival. Ms. Taylor also thanked Council for not imposing a mask mandate in Republic. Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:08 p.m.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Pool to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Wilson, Self, Russell, Pool, Updike, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve December 8, 2020 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve December 30, 2020 City Council Special Session Minutes.
3. 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	January 19, 2021
City Council Meeting	February 2, 2021
Board of Adjustment Meeting	February 4, 2021
Planning & Zoning Meeting	February 8, 2021



## Old Business and Tabled Items

4. **20-59 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Annexation of Approximately 15.52 Acres, Located in the 7300 Block of West Farm Road 170 and Adjacent Right-of-Way.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Deichman to have the second reading of Bill 20-59 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Self, Franklin, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer questions from Council. City Administrator David Cameron stated this is not like most annexations where they are annexed in as agricultural as they were zoned as C-2 by Greene County and per our ordinance, they would be annexed as C-2 based on that. Karen Haynes announced that the person that was purchasing the property is no longer purchasing it. Due to this, we no longer know what the property would be used for once it is purchased by someone else. Mr. Cameron stated that zoning is the Council's ability to control a land's use. Staff recommended tabling the ordinance with the new information to discuss it further prior to a vote. Council Member Franklin motioned to table ordinance 20-59 until the January 19, 2021 meeting. Council Member Pool seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Self, Franklin, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

## New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

5. **21-01 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Calling a Bond Election in the City of Republic, Missouri, and Authorizing Certain Actions in Connection Therewith; Designating the Time for Holding Said Election; and Authorizing and Directing the City Clerk to Give Notice to the County Clerks of Said Election.**

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Pool to have the first reading of Bill 21-01 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Self, Franklin, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**Mayor Russell**—"Mr. Nelson is here to give an overview of this. Will this be smoother than the last one?"

**Andrew Nelson**—"Yes, absolutely."

**Mayor Russell**—"Excellent."

**Andrew Nelson**—"Thank you Mr. Mayor. What we are presenting here tonight is an opportunity for funding for our wastewater improvements that we've been discussing for almost three years now. This ballot would allow us to get revenue bonds in order to utilize SRF funding, State Revolving Loan. We are looking at thirty-six million in improvements. Our recommendation is going to be to utilize other funding sources, but because of our timeline for approval and in order to be able to utilize those SRF funds, the ballot needs to be on the April ballot. That would allow us to utilize SRF funds and meet our compliance deadlines that we are going to establish with the DRN this year. Debbie actually is copilot tonight because she is the finance expert so I'm going to bring her up as the subject matter expert. What you don't want is an engineer talking about finance."

**Debbie Parks**—"He actually does a great job of finances. If the city does go and decide to put the revenue bond on the ballot for a vote of the people and go through the Department of Natural Resources to utilize the State Revolving Loan, then that does as they alluded to earlier in the workshop, have a lower interest rate. Currently in today's market it is about 1.4 so the discount