



## MINUTES

### City Council Meeting Community Center, 711 E. Miller Road November 03, 2020 at 6:30 PM

**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

#### 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 6:30 p.m. at the Republic Community Center. Council Members present include Christopher Updike, Jim Deichman, Gerry Pool, Brandon Self, Eric Franklin, and Jennifer Mitchell. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Assistant City Administrator/Human Resources Director Lisa Addington, Finance Director Debbie Parks, City Attorney Scott Ison, Public Information Officer Mike Landis, Principal Planner Karen Haynes, BUILDS Director Andrew Nelson, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, Lieutenant Jamie Burks, and IT Director Josh Jones.

#### 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.

#### Mayor's Announcements

Appointments: Mayor Russell requested to appoint Macy Mitchell to the Enhanced Enterprise Zoning Board. Council Member Franklin motioned to appoint Mr. Mitchell. Council Member Updike Seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Self, Pool, Franklin, Deichman, Russell, and Updike. 0 Nay. 1 Abstention-Mitchell. Motion Carried.

Mayor Russell requested to appoint Chris Crosby to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Council Member Pool motioned to appoint Mr. Crosby. Council Member Mitchell Seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Pool, Self, Franklin, Deichman, Russell, Updike, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Mayor Russell requested to appoint Linn MacDonnold to the Housing Authority to complete the term of Ashley Grant. Council Member Updike motioned to appoint Mr. MacDonnold. Council Member Mitchell Seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Pool, Self, Franklin, Deichman, Russell, Updike, and Mitchell.

#### Proclamations

Mayor Russell presented the proclamation for Veteran's Day and asked all veterans to stand to be acknowledged.

#### Citizen Participation

Mayor Russell opened Citizen Participation at 6:32 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Russell closed Citizen Participation at 6:32 p.m.

#### Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Self, Russell, Pool, Updike, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve the October 20, 2020 City Council Minutes.

2. Approve the October 27, 2020 City Council Special Session Minutes.
3. Approve the October 27, 2020 City Council Budget Workshop Minutes.

**Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule**

Board of Adjustment Meeting	November 5, 2020
Planning & Zoning Meeting	November 9, 2020
City Council Meeting	November 17, 2020
City Council Meeting	December 8, 2020

**Old Business and Tabled Items**

4. **20-46 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing a Municipal Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for Railroad Improvements Along Route 60.**

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Pool to have the second reading of Bill 20-46 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Self, Franklin, Pool, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Andrew Nelson was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Deichman motioned for the passage of Bill 20-46. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye-Self, Updike, Pool, Franklin, Russell, Deichman, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

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

5. **A Public Hearing of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, regarding approving the Annexation of approximately two point nine (2.9) acres located at 6571 West US Highway 60.**

Mayor Russell opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m. Nobody came forward so Mayor Russell closed the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m.

6. **20-48 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, approving the Annexation of approximately two point nine (2.9) acres located at 6571 West US Highway 60.**

Council Member Pool motioned for the first reading of Bill 20-48 by title only. Council Member Franklin seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with Ms. Haynes with any questions prior to the next meeting.

7. **20-49 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020.**

Council Member Mitchell motioned for the first reading of Bill 20-49 by title only. Council Member Deichman seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Debbie Parks provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with Ms. Parks with any questions prior to the next meeting.

8. **20-50 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Appropriating from the Revenue of the City of Republic, Missouri, Expenditures in Accordance with the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget of the City of Republic, Missouri, and Providing for Adjustments Thereto.**

Council Member Pool motioned for the first reading of Bill 20-50 by title only. Council Member Mitchell seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Debbie Parks provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with Ms. Parks with any questions prior to the next meeting.

**9. 20-51 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Final Plat of Forest Lake Estates Subdivision.**

Council Member Franklin motioned for the first reading of Bill 20-51 by title only. Council Member Updike seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with Ms. Haynes with any questions prior to the next meeting.

**Other Business (Resolutions)**

**10.20-R-47 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the Purchase of One Ford Truck.**

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to approve Resolution 20-R-47. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Russell, Self, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**Reports from Staff**

Report from City Administrator:

City Administrator David Cameron spoke about election day as the polls close in a few minutes. Mr. Cameron shared he was energized driving around town this morning. He shared it was exciting to see the community and the country exercising their right to vote and great to see everyone care about what is going on in our country. Mr. Cameron asked that everyone be respectful of each other's decisions, have a good debate, and move forward. Mr. Cameron shared it was interesting standing in line for an hour watching everyone being civil with each other. Mr. Cameron said he is extremely proud to be part of this community and this country.

City Administrator David Cameron shared this weekend is the 6th annual Ruck N Run. Mr. Cameron shared a gentleman comes from Washington DC each year and talks about how some people lose sight of what Veterans Day is about and focus on sales instead. Mr. Cameron shared he will be out there to say a few words and show support for or veterans. Mr. Cameron encouraged everyone to just go out a few minutes to thank the Veterans.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked staff for the fantastic job on the budget again. Mr. Cameron provided clarification that we are making adjustments by reducing staff in police and fire to increase their pay. There are not additional funds available to increase pay to those positions. Mr. Cameron thanked Debbie for her work on the budget, especially during COVID. Mr. Cameron shared the latest sales tax receipts are up 13% this year.

City Administrator David Cameron shared good news that there will likely be an amendment to the 2020 budget amendment as another lot has sold at the Garton Business Park and we will be receiving reimbursement for our work there. The agreement should occur this week and development should begin in December. Mr. Cameron shared that part of the developer's agreement was when a lot sells, we will be reimbursed for our work on the improvements. Mr. Cameron shared that Project Lunker will

also provide financial return for those improvements. Mr. Cameron shared he is looking forward to the growth and development in the Garton Business Park.

City Administrator David Cameron asked Council to reference the Administrator's Report. Mr. Cameron shared we forget to thank the new businesses for doing business our community. Cox announced on Friday a new clinic will be built at MM and 60. Mr. Cameron reminded everyone that with COVID, there are no gatherings or ribbon cuttings to announce these openings. We have Dr. Hart's eye clinic as well as Convoy of Hope coming and we need to do a better job of showing our appreciation to these businesses.

City Administrator David Cameron shared that Republic is growing and we have 1000 units in some form of development. We had another developer come in today with 207 units and another developer last week is looking to develop \$350,000-400,000 price range homes with approximately 150-200 units. We have to grow with the school district and shared this information with them as we need to move at the same time. Mr. Cameron shared we need to work together as we don't want to compete with the school on a ballot initiative.

City Administrator David Cameron shared he is thankful for the staff and alignment with the Mayor and Council. Mr. Cameron also shared he is thankful for the work being done by Karen, Andrew and their staff on the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Cameron said he is looking forward to introducing the Trust Edge to the team, as well as the Mayor and Council at some point. Mr. Cameron let Council know we will be asking to ratify our Mission, Vision, and Values to incorporate the 8 Pillars of Trust to it as they are critical to our future. This is an exciting time for the City and want to keep the momentum going in the right way with the right attitude and frame of mind.

#### Report from Council:

Council Member Eric Franklin congratulated those appointed and shared he is thankful for citizens willing to give their time and knowledge to the city. Mr. Franklin shared he believes George Fuller is the speaker at the Ruck N Run. Mr. Franklin agreed it is a great event and thanked all the veterans in Republic. Mr. Franklin shared he doesn't participate but cheers the participants on. Mr. Franklin also said the lines at the polls were incredible and it was great to see them that long for the first time in his lifetime. Mr. Franklin also thanked County Clerk Shane Schoeller and the efforts of his staff as well as the poll workers and polling locations for making that possible.

#### Report from Mayor:

Mayor Russell spoke about his boys, ages 10 and 8, who are starting to understand the election process more this year. Mayor Russell shared he spent time trying to explain it in a way they can understand. Mayor Russell spoke of his job as an attorney and the conflict involved. Mayor Russell shared if you turn on the news there is conflict and at Thanksgiving dinner there is conflict. Mayor Russell shared this has been a lesson in humility that we are going to disagree but you can be civil and nice. Mayor Russell shared if the boys threw a fit in a disagreement, they would be disciplined as if they were physically fighting but grown adults seem to forget to be civil. Mayor Russell shared he is proud to be in Republic where you can disagree with your neighbors, shake hands, and go home. Mayor Russell shared if you turn on the national news, you will not see that. Mayor Russell shared he is proud to be the Mayor of Republic and thanked everyone for allowing him to do this.

#### Adjournment

Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

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Matt Russell, Mayor

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