



## MINUTES

### City Council Meeting Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd October 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Matt Russell, Mayor  
Eric Gerke, Ward I  
Garry Wilson, Ward II  
Christopher Updike, Ward III  
Justin Neal, Ward IV  
Eric Franklin, Ward I  
Brian Fields, 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 6:01 p.m. Council Members present included Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Eric Gerke, Chris Updike, Brian Fields, Justin Neal, and Clint Gerlek. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, City Attorney Megan McCullough, BUILDS Administrator Karen Haynes, Police Chief Brian Sells, GIS Manager Josh Jones, Police Major Jamie Burks, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Finance Director Bob Ford, Assistant City Administrator-Community Development Andrew Nelson, Executive Assistant Jordan Furnas, Sargent Kenneth Hart, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, Engineer Angel Falig, 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 6:02 p.m. Betty North, 733 W O'Neal, requested Council change the 3-minute time limit for citizen participation to 5 minutes. Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:04 p.m.

#### Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Wilson to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve October 3, 2023 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve the Vendor List.
3. 23-R-58 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Payment to Missouri Rural Services Workers' Compensation Insurance Trust for the Additional Premium Coverage for 2022-2023.

#### Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Board of Adjustment Meeting	November 2, 2023-Cancelled
City Council Budget Workshop	November 2, 2023
City Council Meeting	November 7, 2023
Planning & Zoning Meeting	November 13, 2023
City Council Meeting	November 14, 2023

#### Old Business and Tabled Items

4. 23-45 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Annexation of Approximately 0.29 Acres of Property Located at 1167 North Oakwood Avenue and Adjacent Right-of-Way.

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 23-45 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer questions. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 23-45. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

5. **23-46 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title V, Chapter 515, Sections 515.010 ("Applicability; Preemption"), 515.020 ("Definitions"), 515.050 ("Permits Required; Requirements"), 515.090 ("Row User Responsibilities And Requirements"), and 515.110 ("Inspections, Stop Work Orders, Appeals, And Penalties") of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 23-46 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Angel Falig was available to answer questions. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 23-46. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

6. **23-47 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Code and Official Map by Changing the Classification of Approximately 28.88 Acres, Located at the 7200 Block of West Farm Road 170, from Kirkwood Estates Planned Development District (PDD 22-003) to Kirkwood Estates Planned Development District (PDD 23-005).**

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 23-47 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer questions. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 23-47. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

7. **23-48 An Ordinance of The City Council Approving Execution of a First Amendment to the Developer Agreement with Republic R-III School District for the Construction of a Queuing Road for the Republic Schools Located at North Main Street and West State Highway 174.**

Motion was made by Council Member Gerke and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 23-48 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Andrew Nelson was available to answer questions. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 23-48. Council Member Fields seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

8. **23-49 An Ordinance of The City Council Authorizing Execution of an Amendment to the Developer Agreement with The Iron Grain District, LLC and Magers Republic No. 3C, LLC for the Continued Development of the Iron Grain District.**

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 23-49 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. 1 Abstain-Gerke. Motion Carried. Andrew Nelson was available to answer questions. Council Member Franklin motioned for the passage of Bill 23-49. Council



Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. 1 Abstain-Gerke. Motion carried.

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

**9. 23-50 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of The Hills Of Olde Savannah Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 23-50 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

**10. 23-51 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Developer Agreement with the Republic R-III School District for Installation of Certain Infrastructure at the Site of the New Republic Intermediate School.**

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 23-51 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Andrew Nelson gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

#### **Other Business (Resolutions)**

**11. 23-R-59 A Resolution of the City Council Appointing New Authorized Signers and Modifying the Accounts Payable Process for the City's General Operating Account and Bond Proceeds Account with Arvest Bank.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to take up Resolution 23-R-59. Finance Director Bob Ford presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

#### **Reports from Staff**

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Bob Ford for his vision in the process changes to the check run. Mr. Cameron reminded Council they are allowed to see the check runs at any time. Mr. Cameron noted the second Council meeting in November was moved up a week to the 14<sup>th</sup> to accommodate Thanksgiving week and potential conflicts with Council and staff's travel plans. Mr. Cameron also reminded everyone that the budget hearing is scheduled for November 2nd, adding he looks forward to showing Council the work done by Bob Ford and his staff and showcasing Questica in real time.

City Administrator David Cameron noted in his Administrator's Report the cost of living adjustment was given to staff in January but we were unsure of merit increases at that time. We have now initiated the merit increase for this year to true up and retro pay to staffs' review dates, adding there will be no additional delays in receiving this. Mr. Cameron expressed his appreciation of the work staff has done in cutting costs to make this happen.

City Administrator David Cameron announced the property at Oakwood and Farm Road 174 has been posted for bid, with a closing on October 27. Mr. Cameron noted he received a request from Ryan Squibb asking what the land's intended use was. Mr. Cameron noted it was purchased for a future City Hall, but growth has transitioned out to the MM corridor. We are working on an intergovernmental cooperative

agreement to purchase land for the library in that area and may consider purchasing 5 acres for a future City Hall.

City Administrator David Cameron announced we have had 4 applicants for the Ward II seat, with applications closing on October 27th. Mayor Russell and Mr. Cameron will meet with applicants with Mr. Cameron there to answer questions. Mr. Cameron added we hope to bring someone for appointment on November 7th.

City Administrator David Cameron noted the filing period for Council and Mayor seats runs from December 5-December 22 and we will be adding this to a mailer. The Secretary of State's office set the closing date as December 26th, when city offices are closed. Mr. Cameron noted he wanted to make it abundantly clear we are open until the 22nd and will be closed 25th and 26th.

City Administrator David Cameron noted the water tower on Hines Street has been moldy for a while. We now have all the cell towers off for sandblasting and painting the tower. If you are seeing a delay in cell coverage, please be aware the equipment is down and can impact signal. Mr. Cameron commended staff for getting this project done utilizing ARPA funds.

City Administrator David Cameron noted he loved the drainage question tonight and added the city is often burdened with that issue when a Homeowner's Association is not established and the owner leaves with no one taking over the area.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked the school district for their partnership, noting the taxpayers saved a lot of money on the queuing lane. Mr. Cameron emphasized that the taxpayers dollars are being stretched as best we can and we are working together to make that happen.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked staff for the great job on Pumpkin Daze. Mr. Cameron noted that the day after, he took note that someone must set it up and take it all down. Mr. Cameron noted he loves the leadership utilized in Parks and all the staff out to support that effort along with the Pumpkin Daze committee and Kiwanis Club, emphasizing working together is awesome to see.

City Administrator David Cameron reminded everyone the all-staff Huddle is scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 8:30 a.m.

City Administrator David Cameron provided an update on the MM Widening, adding we have a meeting scheduled for November 6th as noted in the Administrator's Report. The project cost increased by \$6 million in changes made by MoDOT.

Council Member Franklin echoed Mr. Cameron on Pumpkin Daze, adding every year it gets bigger and more impressive. Mr. Franklin noted he had a great time out there and some great conversations with citizens. Mr. Franklin also thanked Rooting Republic for the passion of the volunteers, adding it is incredible what they do and he enjoys hearing what they are doing. Mr. Franklin thanked staff for the hard work on the packet.

Mayor Russell noted that last night he got to play catch with Travis Edwards, one of the school board members, who is playing catch with someone every night. Mayor Russell noted three kids came up riding bikes and Gavin Gorman asked him if he was the Mayor. He was a complete gentleman and approached him confidently and wanted to talk to him about how to get a skate park. Mayor Russell complimented his parents. Mayor Russell added Gavin emailed this morning with a follow up on how to make it happen. Mayor Russell noted he and Council Member Gerlek recently spoke to the middle school, noting when you see kids caring about the community, it gives you some hope.



Mayor Russell requested that City Attorney Megan McCullough research Robert's Rules of Procedures and provide a memo regarding citizen participation being 3 minutes versus 5 minutes. Mayor Russell also noted he would like to know how much other cities' Council Members and Mayors make.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

  
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Matt Russell, Mayor

