



MINUTES

City Council Meeting Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd April 11, 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 Gerry Pool. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Deputy City Administrator Andrew Nelson, City Attorney Megan McCullough, BUILDS Administrator Karen Haynes, Police Chief Brian Sells, Police Major Jamie Burks, Associate Planner Patrick Ruiz, 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, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Finance Director Bob Ford, 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 6:00 p.m. James Spillers, 2127 E. Haley St. thanked David, Karen, and Garrett for meeting with him to speak his grievance. Mr. Spillers added he called Chief Sells, who resolved the situation. Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:02 p.m.

Election of Mayor Pro Tem

Council Member Self motioned to elect Council Member Gerke as Mayor Pro Tem. The vote was 5 Aye-Pool, Updike, Wilson, Self, and Gerke. 1 Nay-Franklin. Motion Carried.

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, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve March 21, 2023 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve March 2, 2023 City Council Work Session Minutes (Supervisor's Meeting).
3. Approve Vendor List.
4. 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.
5. 23-R-22 A Resolution of the City Council Awarding the Bid for Aquatic Center Filtration System Repairs to Walden Chemical, Inc. D/B/A Bluewater CAS.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

City Council Meeting-Cancelled	April 18, 2023
City Council Work Session 5:30 p.m.	May 2, 2023
City Council Meeting-Cancelled	May 2, 2023
Board of Adjustment Meeting-Cancelled	May 4, 2023
Planning & Zoning Meeting	May 8, 2023
City Council Meeting	May 16, 2023

Old Business and Tabled Items

6. **23-12 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve (6,912) Square Feet of Unoccupied Utility Easements in the Republic Storage LLC Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 23-12 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz was available to answer questions. Council Member Franklin motioned for the passage of Bill 23-12. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

7. **23-13 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Bill No. 21-54 by Approving Amendment of the Zoning Code and Official Map by Changing the Classification of Approximately Ninety-Two Point Eight Five Acres of Property Located at 3456 South Farm Road 101 from Stone Creek Falls Planned Development District (PDD) to Amended Stone Creek Falls Planned Development District (PDD).**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 23-13 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz was available to answer questions. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 23-13. Council Member Wilson seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

8. **23-14 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Forty-Three (8,443) Square Feet of Unoccupied Utility Easements at the 3000 Block of East Sawyer Road (VACA-003).**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 23-14 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz 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.

9. **23-15 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately Five Hundred Thirty Seven (537) Square Feet of Utility Easement Owned by Republic 63, LLC at the 3000 Block of East Sawyer Road (VACA-004).**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 23-15 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz 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)

10. 23-R-23 A Resolution of The City Council Authorizing the BUILDS Department To Apply For Grants Through The Ozarks Transportation Organization for the Addition of Trails and Expansion of Pedestrian Facilities.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 23-R-23. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

11. 23-R-24 A Resolution of The City Council Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with TLG Leasing, Inc. for the Lease of Dump Truck Vehicles.

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve Resolution 23-R-24. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

12. 23-R-25 A Resolution of the City Council Approving a Preliminary Plat for Oakwood Heights Second Addition, a Residential Subdivision Consisting of Approximately 2.97 Acres Located at 602 North Oakwood Avenue.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Pool to approve Resolution 23-R-25. Patrick Ruiz provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. 1 Abstain-Self. Motion Carried.

13. 23-R-26 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Execution of a Phase 2 Contract Price Amendment with Burns and McDonnell Engineering Co., Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Blending Project.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Pool to approve Resolution 23-R-26. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

14. 23-R-27 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Execution of a Phase 2 Contract Price Amendment with Burns and McDonnell Engineering Co., Inc. for Capital Improvement Project #7 (CIP #7).

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 23-R-27. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

15. 23-R-28 A Resolution of the City Council Awarding the Bid for a Portion of the City's 2023 Paving Overlays, Improvements to the Intersection of Hines and Lynn, and Full Depth Asphalt of the School Storage Lane.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 23-R-28. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron noted he was impressed with the conversations tonight.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Mary Cromei with Ozark Greenway for being here, being an incredible advocate and passionate about trails. Mr. Cameron noted the OTO has gotten involved and commended Ms. Cromei for staying in the fight. Mr. Cameron added we have seen what has happened in a neighboring state and want that locally. Mr. Cameron thanked Garrett Brickner for figuring out a way to make that work.

City Administrator David Cameron Congratulated the BUILDS Department on the move to their new 26,000 square foot building. Mr. Cameron noted there will be an event coming up for Council and the community to see the building. Mr. Cameron reminded everyone of the buildings they were in before, adding it is amazing to see the before and after. Mr. Cameron acknowledged Republic has grown on the backs of the public works crews. Mr. Cameron commended staff including Andrew, Garrett, Karen, and Chris Crosby for the work done, adding Karen did a great job leading that transition.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked the 13-14 staff members and Council Member Franklin for attending the Think Summit. Mr. Cameron noted he got to speak about regionalism, adding he is a big fan of it and believes we can do more collectively than individually. Mr. Cameron acknowledged we will make more progress understanding that. Mr. Cameron reported there will be opportunities to work collectively on branding as the fastest region.

City Administrator David Cameron directed Council to the Administrator's Report, noting it has changed drastically. Mr. Cameron wanted to point out the section regarding the three Sunshine Law Requests received from KOLR 10 regarding pay, benefits, projects and asking for accuracy. Mr. Cameron noted the information is included in the report for community and employee access, noting this is all public record. Mr. Cameron emphasized this showcase what we are trying to do, noting they wanted accounting of the growth and development of the community regarding what we don't share about projects or revenue growth. We do our job, and the audit shows the results. Mr. Cameron noted we are north of \$1.2 Billion in projects over 6-year period. Mr. Cameron noted he appreciated the value of sharing the information after seeing it on paper. Mr. Cameron emphasized these reports are for the benefit of the Council, staff, and the community. Mr. Cameron noted he doesn't set his salary or negotiate his benefits, leaving that to Council. Mr. Cameron acknowledged there is so much more to do that we can't even include, but there was value in sitting down and looking at it.

Council Member Franklin congratulated Council Member Gerke on being elected as Mayor Pro Tem. Mr. Franklin noted he visited the BUILDS building last week, noting it is an incredible building, especially knowing what we have been through and had previously. Mr. Franklin noted he appreciates the passion of Garrett and Karen to see in action the wise decisions they made. Mr. Franklin noted he has worked on a lot of government buildings, installing light fixtures that are the price of cars. Mr. Franklin noted he didn't see that in this building, but it was still impressive. Mr. Franklin shared his appreciation of them showing him around. Mr. Franklin noted his favorite part of the Think Summit was the beginning playlist with the City Administrator rocking it on stage. Mr. Franklin added his appreciation for what David is doing and thanked everyone.

Mayor Russell shared he ran into someone who asked why he would be Mayor. Mayor Russell noted the reason he loves doing this is being part of something special. Mayor Russell noted David is sitting there incredibly humble despite \$1.2 billion in investments within the city limits, 3000 jobs, \$750 million is earned from our revenue towards this region. That would all go under the radar because staff members just show up and do their jobs. Mayor Russell noted his job to push the information and tell the community and region you are doing a good job. Mayor Russell shared his appreciation for David's

humility but that is why he has to fight with him. Mayor Russell also announced it is 7 days from tax season, adding for everyone to enjoy spring and a busy summer.

Adjournment

Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

ATTEST,



Laura Burbridge, City Clerk



Matt Russell, Mayor

