



MINUTES

**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers, 540 Civic Boulevard
August 17, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

Matt Russell, Mayor
Garry Wilson, Ward II
Christopher Updike, Ward III
Jennifer Mitchell, Ward IV

Eric Franklin, Ward I
Gerry Pool, Ward II
Shane Grooms, Ward III
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 6:00 p.m. Council Members present included Christopher Updike, Jim Deichman, Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Gerry Pool, Shane Grooms, and Jennifer Mitchell. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Interim City Attorney Michael Tighe, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, Information Systems Director Chris Crosby, Police Lieutenant Jamie Burks, Planning Manager Karen Haynes, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, BUILDS Administrator Andrew Nelson, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Interim Finance Director Larry Brown, Systems Administrator Michael Sallee, 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 Matt Russell opened citizen participation at 6:02 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:02 p.m.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve August 3, 2021 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve Vendor List.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

City Council Meeting	August 24, 2021
Board of Adjustment Meeting	September 2, 2021
City Council Meeting	September 7, 2021
Planning & Zoning Meeting	September 13, 2021

Old Business and Tabled Items-None

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

3. **21-55 An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Republic, Missouri, Approving The Annexation Of Approximately Ninety-One Point Five-Five (91.55) Acres, Located at 6542 West US Highway 60 and adjacent Right-of-Way.**



Council Member Franklin motioned for the first reading of Bill 21-55 by title only. Council Member Wilson seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Wilson, Deichman, Franklin, Pool, Mitchell, Grooms, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes Nelson provided an overview of the bill. City Administrator David Cameron noted a public hearing needed to be conducted. Karen Haynes confirmed the public hearing was published in the newspaper for this date and time. The public hearing was omitted from the agenda.

Council Member Deichman motioned to add the public hearing to the agenda as it was published in the newspaper as required. Council Member Wilson seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Grooms, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Mayor Russell opened the public hearing at 6:07 p.m. for those in favor of the annexation. Stu Stenger, 5051 S. National spoke in favor of the annexation as a representative of the developer. Ricky Haas with Olsson Engineering, 550 E. St. Louis St. spoke in favor of the annexation as a representative of the developer.

Mayor Russell opened the public hearing for those opposed to the annexation at 6:09 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Russell closed the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.

4. A Public Hearing of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Setting the 2021 Property Tax Levies for the City of Republic, Missouri.

Mayor Russell opened the public hearing for the property tax levy at 6:09 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Russell closed the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

5. 21-56 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Setting the 2021 Property Tax Levies for the City of Republic, Missouri.

Council Member Pool motioned for the first reading of Bill 21-56 by title only. Council Member Deichman seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Wilson, Pool, Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Grooms, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Larry Brown provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with staff with any questions prior to the next meeting.

6. 21-57 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Vacating a General Utility Easement Located on Property Owned by MM Highway, LLC, Also Known As Heart of America Park, in the City of Republic, Missouri.

Council Member Grooms motioned for the first reading of Bill 21-57 by title only. Council Member Franklin seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Wilson, Pool, Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Grooms, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Mayor Russell explained that this bill was approved in 2017, but was never signed, requiring it to be approved by Council again for recording purposes. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with staff with any questions prior to the next meeting.

Other Business (Resolutions)

7. 21-R-33 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the Renewal of the Agreement with the Bank of Missouri to Provide Depository and Banking Services.

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Deichman to approve Resolution 21-R-33. Laura Burbridge provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote