



## MINUTES

### City Council Meeting Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd December 06, 2022 at 6:00 PM

**Matt Russell, Mayor**  
Eric Gerke, Ward I  
Garry Wilson, Ward II  
Christopher Updike, Ward III  
Jennifer Mitchell, Ward IV

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 6:07 p.m. Council Members present included Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Eric Gerke, Chris Updike, Clint Gerlek, Brandon Self, and Gerry Pool. Others in attendance were: Deputy City Administrator Andrew Nelson, City Attorney Megan McCullough, Police Chief Brian Sells, Police Major Jamie Burks, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, Assistant BUILDS Administrator Garrett Brickner, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, and IT Director Chris Crosby.

#### Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by Council Member Franklin.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Matt Russell.

#### Citizen Participation

Mayor Russell opened citizen participation at 6:08 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:09 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 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve November 8, 2022 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve Vendor List.
3. 22-R-73 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Execution of a Services Agreement with Grooms Office Environments for a Furnishing Package for the BUILDS Department's New Building.
4. 22-R-74 A Resolution of the City Council Approving an As-Needed List of Qualified Professional Architectural Services.
5. 22-R-75 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with the Ozarks Transportation Organization for Advanced Funding.

#### Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

End of Year Staff Meeting	December 9, 2022
City Council Meeting	January 3, 2023-Cancelled
Board of Adjustment Meeting	January 5, 2023
Planning and Zoning Meeting	January 9, 2023
City Council Meeting	January 17, 2023



## Old Business and Tabled Items

6. **22-62 An Ordinance of the City Council Appropriating from the Revenue of the City of Republic, Missouri, Expenditures in Accordance with the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget of the City of Republic, Missouri, and Providing for Adjustments Thereto.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 22-62 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Jared Keeling updated Council on the proposed changes to Bill 22-62 since the first reading. Council Member Wilson motioned to amend Bill 22-62 from the initial draft version to the ordinance labeled final draft. Council Member Updike seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 22-62. Council Member Pool seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye-Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, Gerke, Franklin, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

## New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

7. **22-63 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving a Developer Agreement with Stone Creek Development LLC.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 22-63 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Garrett Brickner 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.

8. **22-64 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri to Deliver Electric Service to the Brookline South Lift Station.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 22-64 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Andrew Nelson 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. **22-65 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Budget Amendment No. 2 to the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2022.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Pool to have the first reading of Bill 22-65 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Jared Keeling 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. **22-R-76 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Third Addendum to the Agreement for Financial Consulting Services with Maximist, LLC.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Pool to approve Resolution 22-R-76. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.



**11.22-R-77 A Resolution of the City Council Appointing Authorized Signers for the General Operating Account and Bond Proceeds Account with Arvest Bank.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 22-R-77. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, and Updike. 0 Nay. 1 Abstain-Wilson. Motion Carried.

**12.22-R-78 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Pursue and Promote Economic Development Activities Along the State Highway MM Corridor.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Pool to approve Resolution 22-R-78. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**13.22-R-79 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Application for Sub-Award of Federal Financial Assistance Provided to the State of Missouri by the U.S. Department of the Treasury for Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 22-R-79. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**14.22-R-80 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Application for ARPA Funding through the Department of Economic Development's Local Tourism Asset Development Grant.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 22-R-80. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**15.22-R-81 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Application for ARPA Funding Assistance through Various State and Federal Agencies for the Purpose of Qualifying Capital Expenditures, Infrastructure Improvements, Economic Development and Other Planned Capital Expenses.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 22-R-81. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**Finance Report**

Jared Keeling presented the Finance Report.

**Reports from Staff**

Deputy City Administrator Andrew Nelson thanked Jared Keeling for the great job on the 2023 budget. Mr. Nelson shared his appreciation of Council approving the cost of living adjustment move to January 1, adding this will keep us not only on pace but competitive.

Deputy City Administrator Andrew Nelson reported the Christmas parade was last weekend and he heard great things about it. Mr. Nelson added Jared Keeling and his team did a great job on the Reindeer Run and it seemed to go without any issues.

Deputy City Administrator Andrew Nelson clarified that the Stone Creek Development Agreement has so many moving parts and pieces, but the goal is to avoid having to undo any work the developer does when MoDOT begins their improvements. Mr. Nelson added we have time to work that out in the right way.

Deputy City Administrator Andrew Nelson reported we sent out letters to citizens regarding the approved sewer rate increases. Mr. Nelson added he has taken calls and did an interview with KY 3 regarding the increase. Mr. Nelson noted that the public or council are welcome to call him or the BUILDS Department with questions on why the increase was necessary.

Deputy City Administrator Andrew Nelson reported work on a couple ARPA projects. Mr. Nelson noted we have started sewer improvements in the Hankins Farm PDD. Mr. Nelson added we got one water tower painted and look forward to getting to the tower on Hines Street completed in the spring. Mr. Nelson thanked Garrett for the great work on the tower, adding the new logo looks great on it.


Council Member Franklin shared his appreciation for the workshop and having it tailored to Republic. Mr. Franklin reported he has been reflecting on the past year and wanted to thank all the staff and citizens for the great year.

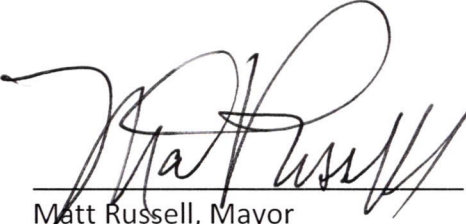
Mayor Matt Russell noted this is the last meeting of the year. Mayor Russell added his boys are now 12 and 10 and he made the mistake of saying his 12 year old is two-thirds of the way out of the house, noting they have been reminiscing since then. Mayor Russell reported the awesome part of being Mayor is getting to see the memories being made by all the kids of the city. Mayor Russell spoke of being in the Christmas parade and how much he enjoyed watching the kids get to see Santa. Mayor Russell shared he is proud to be part of this city and is excited to see the next year. Mayor Russell wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

#### **Adjournment**

Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

  
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Matt Russell, Mayor

