



MINUTES

City Council Meeting Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd September 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 6:00 p.m. Council Members present included Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Eric Gerke, Gerry Pool, Chris Updike, Clint Gerlek, Brandon Self, and Jennifer Mitchell. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, City Attorney Megan McCullough, Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling, Police Chief Brian Sells, Finance Director Meghan Cook, BUILDS Administrator Andrew Nelson, Assistant BUILDS Administrator Karen Haynes, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Engineering Manager Garrett Brickner, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, IT Director Chris Crosby, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, 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 Russell opened citizen participation at 6:01 p.m. Bolivar Finance Director Natalie Scrivner, City Clerk Paula Henderson, and Tracy Mason presented City Clerk Laura Burbridge with her certificate for obtaining her Certified Municipal Clerk certification. Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:04 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Mitchell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve August 23, 2022 City Council Minutes.
2. 22-R-53 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with NCR Payment Solutions, LLC for Processing Debit and Credit Card Payments at Republic Municipal Court.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Planning & Zoning Meeting	September 12, 2022
City Council Meeting	September 20, 2022
Planning & Zoning Meeting	October 3, 2022
City Council Meeting	October 4, 2022

Old Business and Tabled Items

3. **22-50 An Ordinance of the City Council Establishing a Procedure for Disclosing Potential Conflicts of Interest and Substantial Interests for Certain Officials.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the second reading of Bill 22-50 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Mitchell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Megan McCullough was available for questions from Council. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 22-50. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

4. **22-51 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri by Amending Title I, Government Code, Chapter 105, Elections, Section 105.030, Declaration of Candidacy-Dates for Filing, Section 105.040, Declaration of Candidacy-Notice to Public, and Section 105.060, Notice of Elections.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 22-51 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Mitchell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Laura Burbridge provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

5. **22-52 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title I, Government Code, Chapter 150, Fraud Prevention and Detection Policy, Section 150.010, Adoption of Policy, Adopting a Revised Policy Entitled City of Republic's Fraud Prevention and Detection Policy.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Pool to have the first reading of Bill 22-52 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Mitchell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Meghan Cook provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

6. **22-53 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title I, Government Code, Chapter 110, Administration Policies, Article II, Purchasing and Surplus Property Disposal, Section 110.020.01 Purchasing Policy and Procedures, and Adopting a Revised Policy Entitled City Of Republic's Purchasing & Disposal Policy.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the first reading of Bill 22-53 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Mitchell, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Meghan Cook provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

Other Business (Resolutions)

7. **22-R-54 A Resolution of the City Council Awarding the Bid for Waterline Materials at Hankins Farm Industrial Park to Core & Main, LP.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Self to approve Resolution 22-R-54. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

8. **22-R-55 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Donelson Construction Company, LLC for Microsealing of Identified Streets in the Island Green Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Pool to approve Resolution 22-R-55. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. Debbie Allen, 104 Long Dr. spoke in favor of the bill. The vote was 6 Aye-Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, and Wilson. 2 Nay-Franklin and Updike. Motion Carried.

9. **22-R-56 A Resolution of the City Council Awarding The Bid for Sand Blasting and Re-painting of the Water Tower Located at Well 6 to Hogan's Inc.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 22-R-56. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the Resolution. Attorney Megan McCullough noted an updated Resolution was placed at each Council Member's seat that added to the second whereas clause that the project would be completed utilizing through ARPA funds. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

10. **22-R-57 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Partner With the Springfield-Greene County Library for a Potential Land Transaction as an In-Kind Contribution to Bring a New Library to the City of Republic.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 22-R-57. David Cameron provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. 1 Abstain-Self. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron notified Council he has scheduled a work session at 5:00 p.m. on September 20th to discuss wastewater. Mr. Cameron noted we have new members on Council and would like to tell them the history of Republic's wastewater. Mr. Cameron added we will also record the work session to assist in communicating the information with citizens. The meeting will also include a status update. Mr. Cameron noted that rate increases are not fun but we are addressing the administrative order from what the city did not address historically. Mr. Cameron reminded everyone that we raised \$25 million at the legislative session and we appreciate Ryan and the press notifying the community of that work. This will be an elementary discussion to help Council answer questions of their constituents. Mr. Cameron noted we have a meeting in Kansas City on October 3rd for an update.

City Administrator David Cameron congratulated Andrew Nelson for being appointed as Deputy City Administrator, congratulated Karen Haynes for moving to BUILDS Administrator and Garrett Brickner for moving up to Assistant BUILDS Administrator. Mr. Cameron congratulated Laura Burbridge again for earning her certification.

City Administrator David Cameron noted we are working on over a quarter billion dollars in infrastructure including water, sewer, streets, and parks. For reference, Mr. Cameron noted that the improvements at State Highway 174 and US 60 Highway cost \$2.5 million and we were thrilled to get those funds. Mr. Cameron credited the work of staff in recovering those funds through their work. Mr. Cameron shared his appreciation for the conversation tonight, noting staff doesn't see ward lines, we just look at streets and their condition. Mr. Cameron added we don't get to pick and choose which streets to work on first. Mr. Cameron added there wasn't an engineer (PE) on staff when he arrived and now we have 4 on staff. They must make recommendations despite how hard it is. Mr. Cameron added if you could see the condition of the sewer lines, you would say just fix it, regardless of location. Those cost an immense amount of money but we must trust the engineers to make those determinations. Mr. Cameron noted we are working hard on building the communication piece. Mr. Cameron thanked the voters for last August for freeing up this money to begin the work. Mr. Cameron also noted we cannot bind a future

Council on what we will spend on maintenance and repair, so committing to the \$1.2 million annually cannot be guaranteed, as they may decide on a large project one year and that is a decision they can make in future.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Meghan Cook for the great job on the policies, noting she is making sure we are right with the auditor. Mr. Cameron added prices are lasting 24 hours, so within purchasing policy, that fluctuation would allow us the ability to maneuver and move forward. Mr. Cameron added the one-year sunset is for accountability. Mr. Cameron applauded Mrs. Cook for looking and thinking outside the box.

City Administrator David Cameron noted to Council Member Pool that he gripes about the Hines Street water tower as well. Mr. Cameron also noted to Council Member Franklin that it isn't grass growing inside the tank of the water tower, it is usually rust. Mr. Cameron added they send divers in the towers to inspect them.

Council Member Pool noted she was going to climb up and look in it when she was Mayor.

Council Member Franklin noted to Mr. Nelson that he doesn't have to go to Colorado to find a bear. Mr. Franklin added he appreciated Garrett and Andrew spending a couple hours last week discussing the streets, noting it was a great conversation. Mr. Franklin noted it was a lot of information to take to the constituents. Mr. Franklin congratulated everyone.

Council Member Gerlek asked how their chairs were chosen, noting Jennifer has to look at his back all the time due to their size difference.

Mayor Russell noted we see pictures of David Cameron and Andrew Nelson on magazines as well as Parks and Recreation out there all the time. Mayor Russell noted we are starting to get notoriety for those who want to hide in the corner and be quiet, and that shows Republic is doing well. Mayor Russell added some people don't like the limelight but people who do their job well are getting recognized. Mayor Russell noted the clerks wanted to surprise Laura Burbridge, left their cities to come here and recognize her, and that is cool.

Executive Session: *No further action, other than announcing adjournment by the Mayor, shall take place after an Executive Session that is scheduled as the last matter on the Agenda unless otherwise stated on the Agenda or as allowed per RSMo. 610.02.*

1. RSMo 610.021.1 Pending and/or potential litigation. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.
2. RSMo 610.021.2 Real estate acquisition. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.
3. RSMo 610.021.3 Hiring, firing, promotion, or disciplining personnel. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.

Adjournment

Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Matt Russell, Mayor