



MINUTES

City Council Regular Session
BUILDS Building, 4221 S. Wilson's Creek Blvd.
September 09, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Eric Franklin, Mayor
Eric Gerke, Ward I
Garry Wilson, Ward II
Christopher Updike, Ward III
Justin Neal, Ward IV

Justin Shaw, Ward I
Darran Campbell, Ward II
Brian Fields, Ward III
Daniel Harter, 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 Eric Franklin at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present included Eric Gerke, Brian Fields, Justin Neal, Garry Wilson, Chris Updike, Dan Harter, Justin Shaw, and Darran Campbell. Others in attendance were: Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington, Interim City Attorney Damon Phillips, Fire Chief Duane Compton, IT Manager Michael Sallee, Police Chief Brian Sells, Police Lieutenant Zach Richards, Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford, Engineer (E.I.) Angel Falig, Senior Planner Patrick Ruiz, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, and Parks and Recreation Director Kris Parks.

Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Mayor Franklin.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Franklin.

Proclamations

1. Good Neighbor Week

Mayor Franklin presented the Good Neighbor Week Proclamation to David Burton, who spoke about the inception of this week and the importance of being a good neighbor.

2. National Service Dog Awareness Month.

Mayor Franklin presented the Proclamation to Becky Flanagan and her service dog Michael.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Franklin opened citizen participation at 6:09 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Franklin closed citizen participation at 6:09 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Harter to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. 1 Abstain-Fields. Motion Carried.

- 3. Approve the August 26, 2025 City Council Work Session Minutes.
- 4. Approve the August 26, 2025 City Council Minutes.
- 5. Approve the Vendor List.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Board of Adjustment Meeting	October 2, 2025-Cancelled
Planning & Zoning Meeting	October 6, 2025
City Council Meeting	October 7, 2025
City Council Work Session	October 14, 2025
City Council Meeting	October 21, 2025



Old Business and Tabled Items

- 6. 25-27 An Ordinance of The City Council Approving a Special Use Permit for Repmo 1st Store LLC To Expand and Construct a Self-Storage Building at An Existing Self-Storage Facility on Real Property Located At 715 N Denver Avenue.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 25-27 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz was available for questions of Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 25-27. Council Member Neal seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 7. 25-29 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Budget Amendment No. 1 to the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025.**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 25-29 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Bob Ford was available for questions of Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 25-29. Council Member Harter seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Other Business (Resolutions)

- 8. 25-R-35 A Resolution of the City Council Awarding the Bid for Construction of the JR Martin Park Improvements to Nesbitt Construction, Inc.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Neal to take up Resolution 25-R-35. Kris Parks presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington acknowledged David Burton, stating it's always great to see him. She highlighted that he's a great advocate for Republic and shared that she recently saw him in an advertisement during a Chiefs game alongside the Springfield mayor.

Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington thanked staff for their contribution to the Ozarks Food Harvest drive, noting that 405 pounds of food were donated. She also reminded everyone of the upcoming car show this Saturday on Main Street.

Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington noted she and Karen Haynes attended a recent Springfield Chamber meeting to help determine regional priorities, with the MM project being ranked as the top priority for the second year in a row.

Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington noted that budget documents will be distributed in advance of the workshop, which will be held on October 21st. She also shared that the latest Community Development newsletter is now available and will be published online.

Mayor Eric Franklin mentioned the upcoming Greene County Mayors Association meeting and encouraged attendance at the Main Street Car Show, sharing that last year's event was a great time. He praised the team for their efforts on the food drive.

Mayor Eric Franklin noted he's looking forward to attending the MML conference next week to share Republic's progress and learn from other cities.

Mayor Eric Franklin expressed appreciation to everyone who worked on resolving the recent water main break quickly, particularly the Public Works Department. The Mayor concluded by thanking everyone for attending and recognized the importance of having members of the public present to receive proclamations.

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. 610.021.*

1. RSMo 610.021.2 Real estate acquisition. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.

2. RSMo 610.021.3 Hiring, firing, promotion, or disciplining personnel. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Neal at 6:23 p.m. to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.2 Real estate acquisition. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. and RSMo 610.021.3 Hiring, firing, promotion, or disciplining personnel. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Updike, Gerke, Harter, Wilson, Shaw, Fields, Neal, and Campbell. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 8:09 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Neal, Shaw, Gerke, Updike, Harter, Fields, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Adjournment

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Eric Franklin, Mayor