



# MINUTES

**City Council Regular Session**  
**BUILDS Building, 4221 S. Wilson's Creek Blvd.**  
**October 07, 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, Deputy Fire Chief Lynn Hollandworth, IT Manager Michael Sallee, Police Chief Brian Sells, Police Major Jamie Burks, Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford, Engineer (E.I.) Angel Falig, Engineer (E.I.) Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan, 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.

### Citizen Participation

Mayor Franklin opened citizen participation at 6:01 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Franklin closed citizen participation at 6:01 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 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve the September 9, 2025 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve the Vendor List.
3. 25-R-36 A Resolution of the City Council Approving the Dates for Meetings of the City Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, and Board of Adjustment During Calendar Year 2026.
4. 25-R-37 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Submit a Renewal Application for Hall Provider of Bingo Premises.
5. 25-R-38 A Resolution of the City Council Demonstrating the City's Commitment to Public Safety, Including a Commitment to Reduce Violent Crime within the City, as Part of the State of Missouri's Blue Shield Program.

### Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

City Council Meeting	October 21, 2025
Planning & Zoning Meeting	November 3, 2025
City Council Meeting	November 4, 2025
Board of Adjustment Meeting	November 6, 2025

### Old Business and Tabled Items-None



## **New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)**

- 6. 25-30 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the Republic R-III School District for Construction of a School Queuing Road in Association with The JR Martin Park Improvements.**

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 25-30 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Kris Parks gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

- 7. 25-31 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing Execution of a Municipal Electric Service Agreement with the Empire District Electric Company for Electric Service and Equipment for City Street Lights.**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Shaw to have the first reading of Bill 25-31 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Laura Burbridge gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

- 8. A Public Hearing of the City Council Regarding Approving the Annexation of Approximately 9.66 Acres of Property Located at 4314 S. Farm Road 107 and Adjacent Right-of-Way.**

Mayor Franklin opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Franklin closed the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

- 9. 25-32 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Annexation of Approximately 9.66 Acres of Property Located at 4314 S. Farm Road 107 and Adjacent Right-of-Way.**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Shaw to have the first reading of Bill 25-32 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

## **Other Business (Resolutions)**

- 10. 25-R-39 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a City Administrator Employment Contract with Colten Harris.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Neal to take up Resolution 25-R-39. Lisa Addington 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.

- 11. 25-R-40 A Resolution of the City Council Approving a Preliminary Plat for James Place, a Residential Subdivision Consisting of Approximately 10.44 Acres Located at 688 S. Kansas Avenue.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Neal to take up Resolution 25-R-40. Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan 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 officially welcomed Colten Harris and his family to the Republic community. She expressed appreciation to Stefani and Laura for managing agenda items, noting that Stefani had been covering for the planners and that Laura had stepped in to address an item outside her usual responsibilities. Mrs. Addington congratulated the Fire Department for winning the Guns and Hoses Softball Tournament, which raised \$1,077 for the “Shop with a Hero” program.

Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington announced that the next Council workshop would be held on October 21 at 4:30 p.m., in place of the previously scheduled October 14 date. She noted that the budget had been sent out on Monday for review and reminded everyone of the upcoming CIST workshop scheduled for November 18 at 4:30 p.m.

Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington further reported that construction at J.R. Martin Park was underway, with a projected completion date of June 2026. She stated that Pumpkin Daze had been a great success and that she had received nothing but positive feedback about the event. She provided an update on the new City Hall project, noting that a tour had been conducted after the ELT meeting and that the project was progressing well. She expressed excitement about moving into the new facility and extended gratitude to Council for its approval and continued support. Mrs. Addington also congratulated Laura Burbridge on achieving her MMC certification.

Council Member Eric Gerke thanked the staff and Council for their assistance with the City Administrator search process, welcomed Mr. Harris, and expressed appreciation for the many hours dedicated to the effort to fill that role.

Council Member Daniel Harter congratulated Mrs. Burbridge on her accomplishment.

Council Member Darran Campbell shared that his mother had recently passed away and expressed his appreciation to members of the ELT and Council who had reached out with condolences and support.

Mayor Eric Franklin reported that during a recent Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) meeting, the Board had approved the MM Corridor as a legislative priority. He noted that the next Greene County Mayors Association meeting would be held in Republic. Mayor Franklin welcomed Colten Harris, stating that he was joining a great team, and expressed his anticipation for Mr. Harris’s official start. He congratulated Cheyenne Gilroy for being named Animal Care Specialist of the Year. Mayor Franklin congratulated Laura Burbridge on her MMC certification, noting that he saw her certification listed at the MML conference and heard from other clerks about the work she performed statewide. Mayor Franklin stated that Pumpkin Daze had been executed very well, thanked all volunteers and donors, and shared that 99% of his interactions during the event had been positive. He also recognized the Police and Fire Departments for their long day of service during the event, which included participating in the softball game afterward. He reminded everyone of the upcoming OTO breakfast on October 21 and the upcoming scheduled budget workshop.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Franklin adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

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Eric Franklin, Mayor

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