



MINUTES

City Council Meeting
Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd
April 16, 2024 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 Matt Russell at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present included Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Eric Gerke, Brian Fields, Justin Neal, Chris Updike, and Clint Gerlek. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, City Attorney Megan McCullough, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Police Chief Brian Sells, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Finance Director Bob Ford, Major Jamie Burks, Recreation Superintendent Garrett Cline, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, Engineer Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan, Associate Planner Patrick Ruiz, Engineer Angel Falig, and IT Director Chris Crosby.

Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by Council Member Eric Franklin.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Matt Russell.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Russell opened citizen participation at 6:00 p.m.

Kathy West, 109 N. Maplewood Ave., spoke against items 13 and 14, citing traffic issues.

Elaine Garton, 6545 W. Farm Road 140, spoke about the house across her street with 2 equine in less than 1/3 acre, citing odor and fly issues.

Jeannie Harmon, 541 Cox Ave, spoke regarding a trailer parked in front of her house over the past 14 months, only being moved 1 day/week.

Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:13 p.m.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve the April 2, 2024 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve the Vendor List.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Board of Adjustment Meeting	May 2, 2024 (Cancelled)
City Council Meeting	May 7, 2024
Planning & Zoning Meeting	May 13, 2024
City Council Meeting	May 21, 2024

Old Business and Tabled Items

- 3. 24-14 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Missouri Department of Labor for Establishment of an Employee Apprenticeship Program.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 24-14 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Duane Compton was available for any questions from the Council. Council Member Fields motioned for the passage of Bill 24-14. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 4. 24-15 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title VII (“Utilities”), Chapter 715 (“Sewers And Sewage Disposal”), Article 715-II (“Use Of The Publicly-Owned Treatment Works”), Section 715.130 (“Connection to the Publicly Owned Treatment Works”) of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Fields to have the second reading of Bill 24-15 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. David Cameron was available for any questions from the Council. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 24-15. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 5. 24-16 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Republic R-III School District and Drury Properties Inc. for Right of Way Access and Other Related Obligations as part of the New Republic Intermediate School Project.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 24-16 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available for any questions from the Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 24-16. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 6. 24-17 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and Drury Properties Inc. for Right of Way Access and Other Related Obligations as part of the New Republic Intermediate School Project.**

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Gerke to have the second reading of Bill 24-17 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available for any questions from the Council. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 24-17. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 7. 24-18 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Republic R-III School District and Springfield Evergreen Holdings, LLC for Installation and Maintenance of Sewer Infrastructure to Service the New Republic Intermediate School Project.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the second reading of Bill 24-18 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available for any questions from the Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 24-18. Council Member Fields seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

8. 24-19 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Republic R-III School District and Great Escape Beer Works LLC for Installation and Maintenance of Sewer Infrastructure to Service the New Republic Intermediate School Project.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the second reading of Bill 24-19 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available for any questions from the Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 24-19. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

9. 24-20 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title I (“Government Code”), Chapter 120 (“City Officers And Employees”), Article 120-I (“General Provisions”), Section 120.025 (“Mayor And Council Compensation”) of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 24-20 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. David Cameron was available for any questions from the Council.

Council Member Neal motioned to amend Bill 24-20 by striking out 'five hundred dollars (500.00)' in Section 1, under 'Mayor — Compensation,' and inserting in its place 'two hundred dollars (\$200.00)'; and by striking out 'two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00)' in Section 1, under 'City Council — Compensation,' and inserting 'one hundred dollars (\$100.00)' in its place. There was no second. Motion Failed.

Council Member Franklin motioned to amend Bill 24-20 by striking out the phrase 'for each regular or special meeting he or she attends while in office, payable on a monthly basis' in Section 1, under 'Mayor — Compensation,' and inserting in its place 'per month, during the Mayor’s tenure in office'; and by Striking out the phrase 'for each regular or special meeting he or she attends while in office, payable on a monthly basis' in Section 1, under 'City Council — Compensation,' and inserting in its place 'per month, during the Councilmember’s tenure in office'. There was no second. Motion Failed.

Council Member Franklin motioned for the passage of Bill 24-20. Council Member Wilson seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 2 Aye-Wilson and Neal. 5 Nay-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, and Updike. Motion Failed.

Other Business (Resolutions)

10.24-R-16 A Resolution of the City Council Declaring the Results of the April 2, 2024 Municipal Election.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to take up Resolution 24-R-16. Laura Burbridge presented the Resolution and answered questions of

Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Mayor Russell shared his final remarks as Mayor. City Administrator David Cameron presented Mayor Russell with a recognition plaque. Mayor Russell presented Council Member Gerlek with a recognition plaque.

Swearing in of Elected Officials

City Clerk Laura Burbridge swore in the newly elected officials.

Election of Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Franklin requested a motion to elect a Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Wilson motioned to nominate Council Member Gerke. Council Member Neal seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

11.24-21 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title VII (“Utilities”) of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri, by Adding New Chapter 720 (“Illicit Discharge Into Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System”).

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 24-21 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Angel Falig gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

12.24-22 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 0.40 Acres of Real Property Located at the 300 Block of West Broad Street, from Medium Density Single-Family Residential (R1-M) to Two-Family Residential (R-2).

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 24-22 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz gave an overview of the bill. April Swanson, 923 E. Harrison St., spoke in favor of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

13.24-23 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately Five Acres of Real Property Located near the 1100 Block of North Main Street, from Medium Density Single-Family Residential (R1-M) to High Density Single-Family Residential (R1-H).

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 24-23 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill.

Jodi Goodson, 117 W. Wilson St., spoke against the bill citing stormwater issues and traffic concerns.

Alma Shores, 105 W. Wilson St., spoke against the bill noting they are collecting petitions and citing traffic concerns.

Heather Calhoun, 109 W. Wilson St., spoke against the bill citing traffic concerns and reported she has called MoDOT with the concerns as well.

Mark Stiles, 207 E. Wilson St., spoke against the bill noting there are 3100 cars per day according to MoDOT's 2023 data. Mr. Stiles also cited concerns of the lack of sidewalks on Main St.

Chris Wynn with CJW Transportation, 5051 S. National St. Suite 7A, spoke in favor of the bill representing the developer.

Mayor Franklin reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

14.24-24 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately Twenty-Five Acres of Real Property Located near the 1100 Block of North Main Street, from Agricultural (AG) to High Density Single-Family Residential (R1-H).

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Fields to have the first reading of Bill 24-24 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill.

Jodi Goodson, 117 W. Wilson St., spoke against the bill citing concerns about internet service.

Alma Shores, 105 W. Wilson St., spoke against the bill adding concerns about the density in relation to adjacent properties.

Heather Calhoun, 109 W. Wilson St., spoke against the bill with concerns about the nearby sinkhole.

Mark Stiles, 207 E. Wilson St., spoke against the bill encouraging the application of grants to fund the extension of the sidewalk to the neighborhood.

Chris Wynn with CJW Transportation, 5051 S. National St. Suite 7A, spoke in favor of the bill representing the developer, responding to questions and comments of the other speakers.

Mayor Franklin reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

Other Business (Resolutions)

15.24-R-17 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Execution of a Public Donation Agreement with the Republic Historical Society, Inc. for the Donation of Certain Real Property Located Near 217, 221 and 225 North Main Avenue to Serve as the Site for a Future Historical Museum.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Fields to take up Resolution 24-R-17. David Cameron presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

16.24-R-18 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the BUILDS Department to Apply for the Multi-Modal Project Discretionary Grant Program (MPDG) in Partnership with the Ozarks Transportation Organization and the Missouri Department of Transportation for the Highway MM Expansion Project.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Fields to take up Resolution 24-R-18. Chris Tabor presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

17.24-R-19 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Negotiate an Agreement with Olsson, Inc. to Provide Engineering Design Services for Improvements to the Hines Street and ZZ Highway Intersection.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Fields to take up Resolution 24-R-19. Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron welcomed everyone, welcoming Council Member Harter back and Council Member Shaw as a new Council Member. Mr. Cameron encouraged everyone to attend the elected officials training hosted by Lauber on May 17th. Mr. Cameron also reported we will have a Council Orientation to go over future projects, adding we will have several lunch work sessions in the future to go over a lot of important projects and needs.

City Administrator David Cameron reminded everyone that the Administrator's Report is online and referenced the OTO report funded and unfunded needs list. Opportunity for public comments. Encourage citizens to comment to get the needs known and addressed.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Angel, Stefani, Chris, Jennafer and all the up and coming leaders. Mr. Cameron added there is great talent in the room and our staff is what makes us go.

Mayor Franklin spoke about the value of obtaining input from citizens, noting he encourages everyone to participate and be involved. Mayor Franklin thanked the citizens for trusting us and congratulated the newly elected members. Mayor Franklin expressed his appreciation for all their work and families' sacrifice. Mayor Franklin thanked staff, noting how well staff answered questions at the Planning and Zoning meeting and he enjoyed the Planning and Zoning 101 at the end of the meeting. Mayor Franklin encouraged staff and Council to vote on the Innovative Award through MML as there was a nomination for Rooting Republic. Mayor Franklin thanked everyone for voting and for attending the meeting.

Adjournment

Mayor Franklin adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Eric Franklin, Mayor