



MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Republic Community Center Gymnasium
711 E. Miller
June 02, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Jeff Ussery, Mayor
 Brandon Self, Ward I
 Garry Wilson, Ward II
 John Jones, Ward III
 Charlie Brashers, Ward IV
 Eric Franklin, Ward I
 Gerry Pool, Ward II
 Matt Russell, Ward III
 Jim Deichman, 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 Jeff Ussery at 6:33 p.m. at the Republic Community Center. Council Members in attendance were: Eric Franklin, Jim Deichman, Garry Wilson, Brandon Self, John Jones, Matt Russell, Charlie Brashers, and Gerry Pool. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling, Assistant City Administrator Lisa Addington, Police Chief Brian Sells, City Attorney Scott Ison, Assistant Public Works Director Garrett Brickner, Public Information Officer Mike Landis, Principal Planner Karen Haynes, 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 Jeff Ussery.

Proclamations

Mayor Jeff Ussery read the proclamation for Republic Employee Appreciation Week.

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Citizen Participation

Mayor Ussery opened Citizen Participation at 6:36 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Ussery closed Citizen Participation at 6:36 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Russell and seconded by Council Member Pool to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Russell, Pool, Franklin, Self, Wilson, Jones and Brashers. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

May 18, 2020 Administrative Work Session Minutes-Water and Wastewater Master Plans

May 19, 2020 Administrative Work Session Minutes-Agenda Software Training

May 19, 2020 City Council Regular Session Minutes

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

June 4, 2020	Board of Adjustment Meeting
June 8, 2020	Planning & Zoning Meeting
June 16, 2020	City Council Meeting
July 21, 2020	City Council Meeting



Old Business and Tabled Items

20-21 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving Amending the Zoning Code and Official Map by Changing the Classification of Approximately 23.5 Acres, Located at the 7500 Block of West Farm Road 174, from Agricultural (Ag) to High Density Single-Family Residential (R1-H).

Motion was made by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the second reading of Bill 20-21 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Pool, Russell, Deichman, Brashers, Jones, Wilson, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Pool motioned for the passage of Bill 20-21. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Pool, Brashers, Wilson, Deichman, Jones, Russell, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

20-22 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Vacating a Water Line Easement on Lot 1 of the Old Stone PDD.

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Brashers to have the second reading of Bill 20-22 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Pool, Russell, Deichman, Brashers, Jones, Wilson, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Pool motioned for the passage of Bill 20-22. Council Member Deichman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Brashers, Pool, Self, Jones, Deichman, Wilson, Franklin, and Russell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

20-23 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into an Infrastructure Development Agreement with Turner Residential Holding, LLC for Infrastructure for Phase 1 of the A'vila Residential Subdivision.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Pool to have the second reading of Bill 20-22 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Pool, Russell, Deichman, Brashers, Jones, Wilson, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Franklin motioned for the passage of Bill 20-22. Council Member Brashers seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Brashers, Franklin, Wilson, Self, Russell, Jones, Pool, and Deichman. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

20-24 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri, by Amending Title I, "Government Code," Chapter 130, "Municipal Court," Article I, "General Provisions," Regarding the Term of Office for Municipal Judges.

Council Member Russell motioned for the first reading of Bill 20-24 by title only. Council Member Franklin seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman, Russell, Brashers, and Jones. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Scott Ison provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Ussery reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with Mr. Ison with any questions prior to the next meeting.

Other Business (Resolutions)

20-R-16 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement with Midwest Public Risk for Property and Liability Insurance for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Wilson to approve Resolution 20-R-16. Scott Ison provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman, Russell, Brashers, and Jones. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

20-R-17 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing a Special Fireworks Display Permit to South Creek Church.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and Seconded by Council Member Pool to approve Resolution 20-R-17. Duane Compton provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman, Russell, Brashers, and Jones. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron thanked the Parks and Recreation staff for putting this meeting together for us. It was essential to get everyone together while still following the orders. Mr. Cameron shared it is great to see everyone out and about.

City Administrator David Cameron shared that Debbie lost her father last week. He was a missionary and died suddenly of a massive heart attack. Mr. Cameron asked that everyone put her in their thoughts and prayers. She has had to cover a lot due to the loss of a position and was working today. Her sister is a missionary and she had to communicate the loss through Messenger. Mr. Cameron shared we love and value Debbie. Mr. Cameron shared the finance report will be next meeting due to this.

City Administrator David Cameron reported a number of complaints about internet speed in the community. While it is partly because so many people have been using more internet while working from home, we do have an ongoing issue in this community with service and that is something we continue to work on and engage in discussions. We will do our best to facilitate this, but those issues are up to the providers in a competitive market to resolve. We hope for updates from those providers on what they are doing. Mr. Cameron shared we will put out some feelers to see what the community feels and needs and will approach the providers to see if we can get someone to partner with us. Our franchise agreement with Cable America should be renewed every 10 years and is up for renewal so there is some room to discuss infrastructure with them during this franchise agreement.

City Administrator David Cameron shared while people are losing their jobs, there is still favor on the community because there has not been any slow down on development and has possibly been an increase. Mr. Cameron thanked staff, Council, and the Planning and Zoning Commission for their work. We hope to announce one of those projects that will be good for the community and another one that was discussed today. Mr. Cameron shared it speaks a lot to Council, staff, and the community and we are led by conviction.

City Administrator David Cameron shared this is his last meeting before taking some time away. This is his last meeting with Charlie and John. Mr. Cameron thanked them both for their leadership and not being yes people. They can debate and have a great disagreement while still working together. We have worked through a lot of challenges such as the noise issue, and we appreciate their leadership and allowance for us to do our job. The risk taken particularly on the Garton Business Park was great and

they were two of the founders of that. Mr. Cameron shared he appreciates the legacy they leave and their fingerprints are on it. We will miss Charlie and John and they are still welcome to call. Mr. Cameron shared it is very easy to stay committed in this job with this Council's support. Mr. Cameron thanked them for their service to the community and wished them both the best.

Mayor Jeff Ussery spoke about the City Employee Appreciation and shared this is a calling. Today is an Election Day. Mayor Ussery shared he wished he had an opponent and hates to see the position unopposed. Mayor Ussery shared 200 dollars a month isn't a lot, but we have a conviction about it because we take the time to serve the citizens. Mayor Ussery shared Mr. Russell is successful outside this role and he called him when appointing his seat asking if he would be willing to serve. Mr. Self was also an appointment and has been on several years because he wants to see Republic better. Everyone has been very involved, and Garry has served 20 plus years. There is something to all that service. Mayor Ussery shared it is important to recognize Council in the employee appreciation as well. That 200 dollars doesn't cover it when something like COVID-19 comes along.

Council Member Franklin shared he agreed with Mayor Ussery about the uncontested election. Mr. Franklin shared while driving through Republic, you would not know there is an uncontested election and there is a lot of interest around here. Mr. Franklin thanked Mayor Ussery for the kind words and all the city employees for everything they do. Mr. Franklin thanked the County Clerk for making it possible to vote today and shared he felt safe when voting. Mr. Franklin shared he is thankful to the first responders including the Police and Fire and our prayers are with them.

Adjournment

Mayor Ussery adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Jeff Ussery, Mayor