



**REPUBLIC**  
MISSOURI

## MINUTES

**City Council Meeting**  
**Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd**  
**March 19, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

**Matt Russell, Mayor**  
Eric Gerke, Ward I  
Garry Wilson, Ward II  
Christopher Updike, Ward III  
Justin Neal, Ward IV  
  
Eric Franklin, Ward I  
Darran Campbell, Ward II  
Brian Fields, 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, Darran Campbell, Brian Fields, Justin Neal, Chris Updike, and Clint Gerlek. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Assistant City Administrator Andrew Nelson, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, City Attorney Megan McCullough, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Police Chief Brian Sells, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Finance Director Bob Ford, Planning Manager Karen Haynes, Sergeant Zach Richards, Recreation Superintendent Garrett Cline, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, and IT Director Chris Crosby.

### Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by City Administrator David Cameron.

### Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Matt Russell.

### Citizen Participation

Mayor Russell opened citizen participation at 6:01 p.m.

Terry Mooneyham, 1733 E Charles, spoke for the Republic Historical Society with an update on their progress for a proposed museum and event center building. Ms. Mooneyham requested the city donate the property at 221 N. Main and the pocket park to the Historical Society.

Brian Smith, 726 W Scott Circle, spoke regarding concerns about growth, taxes, and the lack of voter turnout to represent the desires of the citizens.

Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:08 p.m.

### Mayor's Announcements

1. Appoint Kami Means to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term expiring February 6, 2027.

Mayor Russell appointed Kami Means to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

### Consent Agenda

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

2. Approve the March 5, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes.
3. Approve the Vendor List.
4. 24-R-11 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the Purchase and Safety Equipment Outfitting of Three (3) New Police Department Vehicles.

## Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

City Council Meeting	April 2, 2024
Board of Adjustment Meeting	April 4, 2024
Planning & Zoning Meeting	April 8, 2024
City Council Meeting	April 16, 2024

## Old Business and Tabled Items

- 5. 24-09 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title II (“Public Health, Safety And Welfare”), Chapter 215 (“Offenses”), Article 215-XII (“Offenses Concerning Minors”), Section 215.2000 (“Use Of Alcoholic Beverages And/Or Controlled Substances By Minors At Open Parties Prohibited-Penalties-Person In Control Of Premises Liable”), of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 24-09 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Megan McCullough was available for any questions of Council. Council Member Campbell motioned for the passage of Bill 24-09. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 6. 24-10 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Annexation of Approximately 25 Acres of Property Located Near 1100 North Main Avenue and Adjacent Right-of-Way.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the second reading of Bill 24-10 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available for any questions of Council. Council Member Fields motioned for the passage of Bill 24-10. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 7. 24-11 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title I, Chapter 130 (“Municipal Court”), Article 130-I (“Municipal Court General Provisions”), Article 130-II (“Court Costs and Fees”), Sections 130.080 (“Report To City Council”), 130.180 (“Jailing Of Defendants”), 130.250 (“Court Costs”), and 130.280 (“Installment Payment Of Fine”), of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Fields to have the second reading of Bill 24-11 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Megan McCullough was available for any questions from the Council. Council Member Franklin motioned for the passage of Bill 24-11. Council Member Wilson seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

## New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

- 8. 24-12 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 40.64 Acres, Located at 664 Aaron Way, from Planned Development District (PDD) to Brookside Estates Planned Development District (PDD 24-001).**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 24-12 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the

bill. Josh Bryan, 1006 E. Camarene St. spoke in favor of the bill representing the developer. Jim Schwab, 634 E Ginger Bid Ct., spoke in opposition to the rezone. Jim Hyde, 614 S Conroy, spoke in opposition to the rezone. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

9. **24-13 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title IV (“Land Use”), Chapter 400 (“Comprehensive Plan And City Planning And Zoning Commission”), Section 400.010 (“Created – Composition – Appointment – Qualifications”), of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 24-13 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

#### **Other Business (Resolutions)**

10. **24-R-12 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Performance Food Group, Inc. (d/b/a Performance Foodservice-Missouri) to Provide Professional Food Service Delivery for the Parks and Recreation Department’s Concession Operations.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to take up Resolution 24-R-12. Garrett Cline presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. Council Member Gerke left the meeting. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

11. **24-R-13 A Resolution of the City Council Appointing New Authorized Signers for the City’s General Operating Account and Bond Proceeds Account with Arvest Bank and Modifying the Process by which the City is to Provide Notice of any Changes to Said Signers.**

Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Wilson to take up Resolution 24-R-13. Bob Ford presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

#### **Reports from Staff**

City Administrator David Cameron thanked the citizens in attendance for expressing their concerns and thanked the developer as well. Mr. Cameron noted he and Council have taken several calls regarding the rezone. Mr. Cameron thanked Chris Tabor for the great job presenting and answering questions, adding he appreciated all the work to prepare the item. Mr. Cameron also thanked Garrett Cline for the great job on his item.

City Administrator David Cameron updated Council on Senate Bill 979, the annexation bill from Springfield. Mr. Cameron reported this is picking back up and a revised version has been provided to our attorney, who is working on language and comment in response. Mr. Cameron noted we hope to release it this week. Mr. Cameron also announced that Republic did not receive state funding this year despite numerous conversations at the capitol. Mr. Cameron thanked Senator Hough and Representative Davidson for their hard work to help us. Mr. Cameron acknowledged we have probably received the highest allocations in the state but will continue to work on funding opportunities. Mr. Cameron encouraged everyone to thank our representatives if they see them for all they have done for

us. Returning to Senate Bill 979, Mr. Cameron acknowledged we do want to see Springfield expand and grow, but we need to all be on the same page and with our boundary agreement, there are questions whether the bill would supersede that agreement.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked the Historical Society, noting we have labored over what to do with that building. Mr. Cameron also reminded everyone that there are ballot measures coming up and Mayor/Council seats.

Council Member Franklin requested confirmation on the next Main Street Workshop location next week. Staff reported it will be at the Christian Church. Mr. Franklin reminded everyone to vote, noting he appreciates seeing signs out and action by candidates. Mr. Franklin thanked the Planning and Zoning Commission and staff involved for the great job on the last meeting, noting he enjoyed the Planning and Zoning 101 training.

Council Member Gerlek noted that as a kid, it was often repeated that you can't teach size or speed, but what applies in this room is you can't teach passion, you just have it. Mr. Gerlek noted regardless of someone's public speaking skills, the passion makes people willing to do it, whether we agree with each other or not. Mr. Gerlek noted he did agree with the concern of the number of people who show up to vote to address the issues for the community, noting we need people to get out and vote. Mr. Gerlek acknowledged the passion shown and not being dissuaded from action due to fears. Mr. Gerlek thanked everyone for coming out to speak, adding not to lose the passion.

Mayor Russell encouraged everyone to enjoy the evening.

#### **Adjournment**

Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

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Matt Russell, Mayor