



MINUTES

City Council Regular Session BUILDS Building, 4221 S. Wilson's Creek Blvd. April 01, 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 Justin Neal, Darran Campbell, Garry Wilson, Chris Updike, Brian Fields, Eric Gerke, and Justin Shaw. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, City Attorney Megan McCullough, Fire Chief Duane Compton, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Data and Security Supervisor Michael Sallee, Police Chief Brian Sells, Police Lieutenant Zach Richards, Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, Community Development Director Karen Haynes, Engineer (E.I.) Angel Falig, Engineer (E.I.) Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan, and Parks and Recreation Director Kris Parks.

Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by Council Member Darran Campbell.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Franklin.

Citizen Participation

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

Don Whisenant, 4851 S. Westfield Ave., spoke concerning flooding at Rankin Acres resulting from construction at Greenfield Estates. Mr. Whisenant asked if the city and county could do something to resolve it.

Carrie Roat, 210 N. Pinewood, spoke regarding her concerns of a conflict of interest regarding a Council Member supplying services for the city.

Mayor Franklin closed citizen participation at 6:07 p.m.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve the March 11, 2025 City Council Work Session Minutes.
2. Approve the March 18, 2025 City Council Minutes.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Board of Adjustment Meeting	April 3, 2025-Cancelled
Planning & Zoning Meeting	April 14, 2025-Cancelled
City Council Meeting	April 15, 2025
City Council Work Session	April 22, 2025

Old Business and Tabled Items

3. **25-10 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title II ("Public Health, Safety And Welfare"), Chapter 205 ("Fire Prevention And Protection"), Article 205-II ("Fire Prevention --General**

Regulations”), by Adding Section 205.067 (“Emergency On-Site Fire Monitoring”) to the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 25-10 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Duane Compton was available for questions of Council. Council Member Neal motioned for the passage of Bill 25-10. Council Member Campbell seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

4. 25-11 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title V (“Building And Construction”), Chapter 515 (“Rights-of-Way Management”) Section 515.020 (“Definitions”) of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri and Adding New Section 515.130 (“Utility Damage Prevention”).

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 25-11 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. David Cameron provided an update to Council on the proposed amendments from the last meeting. Council Member Neal motioned to amend Bill 25-11 to reflect the changes proposed in Bill 25-11a. Council Member Updike seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 25-11. Council Member Neal seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)-None

Other Business (Resolutions)

5. 25-R-12 A Resolution of the City Council Awarding the Bid for the City’s 2025 Paving Overlays to Blevins Asphalt Construction Company, Inc.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Neal to take up Resolution 25-R-12. Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. Motion Carried.

6. 25-R-13 A Resolution of the City Council Awarding the Bid for the Iron Grain Lane Road Construction to APAC-Central, Inc.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Neal to take up Resolution 25-R-13. Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron provided an update from the Capitol regarding the City's ongoing funding requests. The City is actively seeking legislative appropriations for the widening of MM Highway and \$50 million in funding for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). While budget appropriations are beginning to drop, the MM funding request appears promising. Efforts continue on the wastewater side to secure additional financial support for the project. He noted that the State is currently considering a cut to income taxes, which may reduce overall revenues. He anticipates returning to the Capitol next

week. In addition, he reported that House Bill 611, which concerns utility relocations, is being actively opposed. There is no annexation-related bill this session. The Senate will release its version of the budget in two weeks, after which the Governor will have 30 days to make final decisions. There was no related funding allocated last year.

City Administrator David Cameron reminded the Council and attendees that the Think Summit will take place next week at Convoy of Hope.

City Administrator David Cameron responded to a citizen's earlier comment about drainage issues and stated that staff will look into the matter.

City Administrator David Cameron informed the Council that preparations are underway to go out for bid on the Commercial Street project near the intermediate school. He expressed appreciation to Brookline Fire for reaching out regarding this project and commended Angel for his excellent work in preparing the bid packages. He also thanked Angel for managing the Shuyler Creek Trail project, noting that while the project has been challenging, it is progressing well. He acknowledged Stefani for her continued contributions as well.

City Administrator David Cameron reported that MoDOT recently changed the speed limit on MM Highway to 45 mph without notifying the City. He noted this may be a temporary adjustment and will continue to monitor the situation.

City Administrator David Cameron reminded everyone that Election Day is next Tuesday. He noted there is a school ballot measure in addition to Council seats up for election.

City Administrator David Cameron announced the next Council Work Session will be held on April 22. He also reminded the Council that on May 13, there will be a discussion regarding a potential water allocation from Stockton Lake. Last week, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) visited Republic to conduct a sanitary survey of the City's water system. A report is expected within 30 days.

Mayor Eric Franklin encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming election next Tuesday. He shared that he had a great time at the Chamber event earlier in the day and thanked everyone for attending this meeting, especially those who came early to meet and speak with him. He expressed appreciation for the community's concerns and support for educational efforts and workshops prior to Council meetings. He welcomed continued public input and engagement. The Mayor also announced a Rooting Republic pop-up workday scheduled for Thursday—weather permitting—behind the Senior Center. He concluded by reminding attendees that the Art Walk on Main Street is coming up soon.

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 610.021.1 Pending and/or potential litigation. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.
2. RSMo 610.021.2 Real estate acquisition. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike at 6:25 p.m. to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.1 Pending and/or potential litigation. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. and RSMo 610.021.2 Real Estate Acquisition. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye-Updike, Wilson, Neal, Fields, Gerke, Campbell, and Shaw. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 7:00 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye-Wilson, Fields, Campbell, Updike, Shaw, Gerke, and Neal. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Eric Franklin, Mayor

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