



MINUTES

City Council Regular Session
BUILDS Building, 4221 S. Wilson's Creek Blvd.
August 05, 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, Garry Wilson, Chris Updike, Eric Gerke, Brian Fields, and Darran Campbell. Others in attendance were: Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington, Interim City Attorney Damon Phillips, Attorney Kregg Keltner, Deputy Fire Chief Lynn Hollandworth, IT Manager Michael Sallee, Police Major Jamie Burks, Police Chief Brian Sells, Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford, Engineer (E.I.) Angel Falig, Senior Planner Patrick Ruiz, Community Development Director Karen Haynes, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, and Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Brad Stulce.

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 Updike to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve the July 15, 2025 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve the Vendor List.
3. 25-R-29 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Dispose of Surplus City Vehicles in Accordance with the City's Purchasing Policy.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Board of Adjustment Meeting	August 7, 2025
Planning & Zoning Meeting	August 11, 2025
City Council Meeting	August 26, 2025
City Council Work Session	September 9, 2025

4. **25-R-30 A Resolution of the City Council Adopting the 2025 Greene County Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan.**

Mayor Franklin announced that staff requested to move item #7 up to allow Mr. Hollandworth to make it to another meeting. Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Neal to take up Resolution 25-R-30. Lynn Hollandworth presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.



Old Business and Tabled Items

5. **25-24 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 18.49 Acres, Located at the 900 Block of Colorado Avenue, from Frisco Square Planned Development District (PDD) to Amended Frisco Square Planned Development District (PDD 25-001).**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 25-24 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz was available for questions of Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 25-24. Council Member Neal seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

6. **25-25 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title I (“Government Code”), Chapter 130 (“Municipal Court”), Article 130-I (“Municipal Court General Provisions”), Sections 130.030 (“Selection Of Judge”), 130.040 (“Term Of Office”) and 130.050 (“Vacation Of Office”), of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Fields to have the second reading of Bill 25-25 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Lisa Addington was available for questions of Council. Council Member Neal motioned for the passage of Bill 25-25. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

7. **25-26 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title VI (“Business and Occupation”), Chapter 635 (“Marijuana Facilities and Medical Facilities As Defined In MO. Const. Article XIV, Sections 1 and 2”), Section 635.080 (“Hours of Operation”) 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 first reading of Bill 25-26 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes gave an overview of the bill. Alex Paulson with Easy Mountain Dispensary, 7827 Farm Road 174, spoke in favor 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)

8. **25-R-31 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Finalize/Secure a \$1 Million Term Facility with Arvest Bank to Fund Upgrades to JR Martin Park.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Neal to take up Resolution 25-R-31. Bob Ford presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington reported that Commercial Street construction was completed to be open ahead of the upcoming school year. Mrs. Addington welcomed Damon Phillips and expressed

appreciation for his work. She announced that the gotMud? Run event was scheduled for August 23rd and noted that volunteers were still needed.

Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington informed Council that the City Administrator selection process had begun the previous week and stated that a hire would be made when the right candidate was identified. She also confirmed that the ERP project remained on target and that an update on its status would be provided.

Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington announced there would be a workshop prior to the next meeting, as well as a lunch workshop scheduled for September 9th, with only one regular meeting scheduled for September 17th. She stated that the budget season was currently underway and welcomed Laura Burbridge back.

Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington shared that the longer she served in the Acting City Administrator role, the more she appreciated the efforts of the Mayor and Council, and she thanked them for protecting the City's interests, making difficult decisions, and doing what was right for the community.

Mayor Franklin welcomed Damon Phillips and extended appreciation to BUILDS for keeping the Council informed through newsletters and memos, noting that this represented another level of communication. Mayor Franklin announced the upcoming ROAR Expo hosted by the Chamber of Commerce is coming up and shared that he and the school superintendent would participate in the Dunk Tank event. He reminded everyone that the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Intermediate School was scheduled for August 11th. Mayor Franklin thanked all those who attended the Historical Society's fundraising concert and reiterated the need for volunteers for the upcoming gotMud? Run. He also noted that Pumpkin Daze will be held on October 3rd and 4th. Mayor Franklin reported that he had visited Animal Control and found it to be near full capacity. He encouraged the public to adopt or donate to the shelter. Lastly, Mayor Franklin expressed gratitude to everyone who had been involved in the decision-making process and thanked the Council for their consistent dedication and service to the citizens over the past year and a half.

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.

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike at 6:35 p.m. to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.1 Potential Litigation. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Gerke, Campbell, Wilson, Neal, Updike, and Fields. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Neal to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 6:56 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Gerke, Neal, Campbell, Wilson, Fields, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Adjournment

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Eric Franklin, Mayor