



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

MINUTES
City Council Regular Session
BUILDS Building, 4221 S. Wilson's Creek Blvd.
August 26, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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, Dan Harter, Justin Shaw, and Darran Campbell. Others in attendance were: Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington, Interim City Attorney Damon Phillips, Fire Chief Duane Compton, IT Manager Michael Sallee, Police Major Jamie Burks, Police Chief Brian Sells, Police Lieutenant Zach Richards, Code Compliance Official Kendall Jones, Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford, Engineer (E.I.) Angel Falig, Senior Planner Patrick Ruiz, Community Development Director Karen Haynes, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, and Parks and Recreation Director Kris Parks.

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 6:02 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Franklin closed citizen participation at 6:02 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 5 Aye-Campbell, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. 1 Abstain-Harter. Motion Carried.

1. Approve the August 5, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes.
2. As per RSMo. 109.230(4), City records that are on file in the City Clerk’s office and have met the retention schedule will be destroyed in compliance with the guidelines established by the Secretary of State’s office.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Board of Adjustment Meeting	September 4, 2025-Cancelled
Planning & Zoning Meeting	September 8, 2025-Cancelled
City Council Meeting	September 9, 2025
City Council Meeting	September 16, 2025-Cancelled
City Council Meeting	October 7, 2025
City Council Work Session	October 14, 2025

Old Business and Tabled Items

3. **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 Shaw and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 25-26 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions of Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 25-26. Council Member Neal seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

- 4. 25-27 An Ordinance of The City Council Approving a Special Use Permit for Repmo 1st Store LLC To Expand and Construct a Self-Storage Building at An Existing Self-Storage Facility on Real Property Located At 715 N Denver Avenue.**

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 25-27 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

- 5. A Public Hearing of the City Council Regarding Setting the 2025 Property Tax Levies for the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Mayor Franklin opened the public hearing at 6:09 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Franklin closed the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.

- 6. 25-28 An Ordinance of the City Council Setting the 2025 Property Tax Levies for the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 25-28 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Bob Ford gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin announced that pursuant to 3.10 (f) of the Charter, staff requested the second reading of this ordinance during this meeting. Council Member Wilson motioned to hold the second reading during this meeting. Council Member Harter seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 7. 25-29 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Budget Amendment No. 1 to the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025.**

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 25-29 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Bob Ford gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

New Business (Second Reading of Ordinances)

- 8. 25-28 An Ordinance of the City Council Setting the 2025 Property Tax Levies for the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 25-28 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Bob Ford was available for questions of Council. Council Member Harter motioned for the passage of Bill 25-28. Council Member Updike

seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Other Business (Resolutions)

9. **25-R-33 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the Negotiation and Execution of Services Agreements Furnishing Packages for the New City Hall Building.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Neal to take up Resolution 25-R-33. Bob Ford presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

10. **25-R-34 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Execution of a Services Agreement with Revize LLC for Website Redesign and Support.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Wilson to take up Resolution 25-R-34. Kris Parks presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington reported that the recent gotMud? Run event was a huge success, with approximately 900 participants. She expressed appreciation for how well the event came together and commended the staff for their efforts in making it happen.

Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington shared that the City Administrator search is progressing, with a goal of bringing forward a finalist for consideration in September. Mrs. Addington reminded the Council that the next Council Workshop is scheduled for October 14, 2025. She noted that the previously scheduled regular session on September 16 has been moved up and will now be held on September 9, 2025.

Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington provided an update regarding funding for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). She stated that the additional funding allocation was vetoed, but the city continues to pursue alternative funding sources. A meeting with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is scheduled for tomorrow to explore available options.

Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington noted her recent tour of the new City Hall building, describing it as amazing. She recognized Labor Day as an opportunity to celebrate the workforce and expressed appreciation for City staff, stating that Republic has the best staff on the planet.

Mayor Eric Franklin shared that it has been a busy couple of weeks and noted the positive feedback received from residents following the completion of 26,000 linear feet of street paving this year. The Mayor commended the efforts of staff for their hard work in delivering these improvements.

Mayor Eric Franklin acknowledged a recent incident involving utility crews in Branson and expressed heartfelt sympathy to that community. He took the opportunity to recognize the daily challenges faced by Republic's own utility crews, noting the dangerous and complex work they perform and the care with which they navigate those conditions.

Mayor Eric Franklin thanked Administrator Lisa Addington for her comments regarding the City Administrator search. He emphasized that while there are no guarantees in the process, he appreciates the staff's continued efforts on the search, as well as their hard work on the budget and tax levy preparations.

Mayor Eric Franklin reminded everyone of the upcoming Republic Racer Car Show, scheduled for Friday, September 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and encouraged the community to attend. In closing, he

wished everyone a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend and reminded residents that the Yard Waste Center will be open on September 5 and 6.

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 Updike and seconded by Council Member Neal at 6:37 p.m. to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.1 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 6 Aye-Shaw, Wilson, Harter, Campbell, Updike, and Neal. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Neal to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 7:01 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Neal, Wilson, Harter, Shaw, Updike, and Campbell. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Adjournment

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Eric Franklin, Mayor