Matt Russell, Mayor
Eric Gerke. Ward I
Garry Wilson, Ward II
Christopher Updike, Ward III
Jennifer Mitchell, Ward IV

Eric Franklin, Ward I
Gerry Pool, Ward II
Shane Grooms, Ward III
Jim Deichman, Ward IV

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City Council Meeting
Online Zoom Meeting
February 01, 2022 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 Matt Russell at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present via Zoom included Jim Deichman, Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Eric Gerke, Shane Grooms, and Jennifer Mitchell. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, City Attorney Megan McCullough, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, Information Systems Director Chris Crosby, Police Lieutenant Jamie Burks, Finance Director Meghin Cook, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, BUILDS Administrator Andrew Nelson, Assistant BUILDS Administrator Karen Haynes, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Engineering Manager Garrett Brickner, Public Information Officer Allyssa Dudley, 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 Matt Russell.

Citizen Participation

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

Camry Cowan, 566 Cherrywood Ave, spoke about the City's current liquor ordinance and requested Council consider changing it to allow a cocktail lounge without requiring 50% food sales.

No one else came forward so Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:05 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve January 18, 2022 City Council Minutes.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Board of Adjustment Meeting	February 3, 2022
Planning & Zoning Meeting	February 7, 2022
City Council Meeting	February 15, 2022
City Council Meeting	February 22, 2022

Old Business and Tabled Items

2. **22-03 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing and Directing the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of Special Obligation Bonds, Series 2022, of the City of Republic, Missouri; and Approving Certain Documents and Authorizing Certain Other Actions in Connection Therewith.**

   Motion was made by Council Member Grooms and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the second reading of Bill 22-03 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Council Member Gerke motioned to amend

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Bill 22-03 by incorporating the revisions shown in the redlined version of Bill 22-03 provided to Council. Council Member Deichman seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Grooms, Gerke, Mitchell, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. David Cameron provided an update to Council. Martin Ghafoori also provided information to Council. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 22-03. Council Member Deichman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Mitchell, Gerke, Franklin, Deichman, Grooms, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

3. **22-04 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title I, Chapter 120, City Administrator-Duties.**

   Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Grooms to have the first reading of Bill 22-04 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Groom, Mitchell, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. David Cameron provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

Other Business (Resolutions)

4. **22-R-03 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Payment for Emergency Repair of a Pump at the Shuyler Creek Lift Station.**

   Motion was made by Council Member Grooms and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve Resolution 22-R-03. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. Council Member Updike joined the meeting. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Groom, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

5. **22-R-04 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Pay for Administrative Fees and Other Costs of Issuance Related to Bonding for Wastewater and Public Works Improvements Not to Exceed $175,000.**

   Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Grooms to approve Resolution 22-R-04. Council Member Wilson motioned to amend Resolution 22-R-04 by incorporating the revisions as provided to Council in the revised Resolution 22-R-04. Council Member Franklin seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. David Cameron provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Groom, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Mark Grimm, Martin Ghafoori, Becky Esrock, Meghin Cook, Megan McCullough, Andrew Nelson, Lisa Addington, Rachel Veatch, and Jared Keeling for all their work on the bond. We had at least one hundred items in our inbox and thirteen pages from the S&P call. They did a full-fledged physical on the city's financials. Mr. Cameron thanked Council Member Gerke for his assistance as well. We are under order to be under construction and completed by April 2025. Mr. Cameron shared Stifel and Mark Grimm acted quickly to get this done and did not disappoint as they own the municipal market in Missouri. Mr. Cameron shared he was ecstatic hearing the rates and it shows the extreme favor of the city. Mr. Cameron reported Martin Ghafoori has been a real trooper with all the communication back and forth. Mr. Cameron reported we are doing our job to get the best interest rate for our community and the market spoke for us. Today was a good day for our community whether or not they realize and understand it all. Mr. Cameron commended all the employees and advisors, thanking them. Mr. Cameron congratulated the community. Mr. Cameron reminded everyone this is a 25-year bond that is twice as large as any bond issued here. Mr. Cameron thanked Mayor Russell and the Council for their support and Council Member Gerke for his assistance working through this.

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City Administrator David Cameron reported we are working on ARPA funds, and he and Andrew Nelson have had a lot of contact with representatives at the state and federal level presenting the position of the city and stating the case for funding. These conversations have been favorable. Mr. Cameron added he anticipates they will go to Jefferson City two to three more times. Mr. Cameron reported it was a very productive day at the Capitol during their visit. Mr. Cameron emphasized this is not monopoly money and the possibility of having to go to our community for a rate increase knowing how it would impact them is what keeps us up at night. Mr. Cameron shared he appreciates the legislators who have taken time to visit with us.

City Administrator David Cameron provided a quiet zone update. Andrew has a quote for $50,000.00 for an engineering study that we will bring to Council for consideration. We will have a public hearing to discuss the $50,000.00 study that would figure out the cost estimates to complete. Mr. Cameron reported it could be $500,000.00 to $1 million to complete and we must evaluate it against other projects needed throughout the city.

City Administrator David Cameron reported the purchase of a vehicle for the Fire Department that was under $43,000.00 and a budgeted item. While it is within the new spending limit, he wanted to report it.

City Administrator David Cameron shared it is great to hear the announcement of the Iron Grain District. What you are seeing is the beginning to a different economy and Mr. Cameron thanked Randy Magers for his investment in the community. Mr. Cameron shared they are great partners and great people. Mr. Cameron reminded everyone we appreciate every business in Republic but there is a need for food places out on east 60 and with future widening of MM, the future sports complex, and Hankins Farm, 2022 will be extremely busy.

City Administrator David Cameron reminded everyone of the predicted snow and ice. Mr. Cameron reported we suspect we will see ice followed by snow. Mr. Cameron reminded everyone to be patient because street graders do not move ice. It will be a lot of hard work with most of the heavy lifting on Saturday. Mr. Cameron advised if you do not have to get out, please stay inside.

City Administrator David Cameron congratulated Council Member Updike for the win of his favorite team, the Bengals.

Council Member Franklin thanked everyone for their work on the bond issue. Mr. Franklin reminded everyone if it is dangerous out this week, turn around and go home. Mr. Franklin thanked everyone for getting out in the cold weather to keep our city safe.

Council Member Wilson reported regarding the quiet zones, he was walking at JR Martin Park at 6:30 a.m. and a train came through blowing the horn almost much the entire stretch of Republic.

Council Member Gerke echoed Mr. Cameron on the excellent job on the bond, sharing it was a lot of work. Mr. Gerke expressed it was awesome how it all came together. Mr. Gerke also congratulated everyone on the $65 million development and thanked everyone for their hard work.

Council Member Updike expressed his excitement about the Bengals going to the Super Bowl, adding he has been a lifelong fan.

Mayor Matt Russell reminded everyone of the trail meeting on February 22nd; inviting the community to talk to us after a short Council meeting. Mayor Russell reported he hopes to hear from a wide variety of people. Mayor Russell shared he will volunteer his kids to get out to shovel driveways. Mayor Russell reminded everyone to be careful, safe, and warm.

Adjournment

Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk Matt Russell, Mayor

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