



MINUTES

City Council Meeting Community Center, 711 E. Miller Road May 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Matt Russell, Mayor
Brandon Self, 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

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 6:01 p.m. Council Members present included Christopher Updike, Jim Deichman, Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Gerry Pool, Shane Grooms, and Jennifer Mitchell. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, City Attorney Scott Ison, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Finance Manager Meghin Cook, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, Planning Manager Karen Haynes, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Engineering Manager Garrett Brickner, Police Lieutenant Jamie Burks, Information Systems Director Josh Jones, 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 Russell acknowledged Brandon Self for his service on City Council. Mr. Self resigned from City Council on May 13, 2021 due to moving to a different ward.

Mayor Russell opened citizen participation at 6:05 p.m. Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:05 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Grooms, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve May 4, 2021 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve Vendor List.
3. Approve Utility Billing Adjustments.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

City Council Meeting	May 18, 2021
City Council Meeting	June 1, 2021
Board of Adjustment Meeting	June 3, 2021
Planning & Zoning Meeting	June 7, 2021

Old Business and Tabled Items

4. **21-36 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Annexation of Approximately 12 Acres, Located in the 7200 Block of West Farm Road 170, PIN 881715200003, and Adjacent Right-of-Way.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Grooms to have the second reading of Bill 21-36 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Grooms, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 21-36. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Grooms, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 5. 21-37 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Annexation of Approximately 12 Acres, Located in the 7200 Block of West Farm Road 170, PIN 881715200002, and Adjacent Right-of-Way.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Grooms to have the second reading of Bill 21-37 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Grooms, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Deichman motioned for the passage of Bill 21-37. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Grooms, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 6. 21-38 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Final Plat of the Olde Savannah Phase 1A Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 21-38 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Grooms, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Grooms motioned for the passage of Bill 21-38. Council Member Deichman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Grooms, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

- 7. 21-39 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Vacating a Water Line and Drainage Easement on the 60 West Subdivision.**

Council Member Pool motioned for the first reading of Bill 21-39 by title only. Council Member Franklin seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Pool, Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Russell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with staff with any questions prior to the next meeting.

- 8. 21-40 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Vacating a Sediment and Detention Basin Easement on Lot 6 of the Akhtar Park Subdivision.**

Council Member Deichman motioned for the first reading of Bill 21-40 by title only. Council Member Franklin seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Pool, Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Russell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with staff with any questions prior to the next meeting.

- 9. 21-41 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri, by Amending Title IV, Land Use, Chapter 405, Zoning Regulations, Article VII, Additional District Provisions, Regarding Accessory Structures.**

Council Member Pool motioned for the first reading of Bill 21-41 by title only. Council Member Mitchell seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Pool, Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Russell, Updike, and

Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with staff with any questions prior to the next meeting.

Other Business (Resolutions)

10.21-R-21 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the Purchase of Three Police Vehicles.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 21-R-21. Lieutenant Jamie Burks provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Grooms, Pool, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

11.21-R-22 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Awarding the Bid for the Remodeling of City Hall to Add a Conference Room and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement for the Same.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Deichman to approve Resolution 21-R-22. Jared Keeling provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Grooms, Pool, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

12.21-R-23 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Adopting the Comprehensive Plan for the City.

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to approve Resolution 21-R-23. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Grooms, Pool, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Karen and the BUILDS team for their fantastic job on the Comprehensive Plan. This was a tough project and the comprehensive plan is referenced at every meeting. Mr. Cameron shared his appreciation for the work done and thanked SMOG for their work, as well as staff's input and investment into it. Mr. Cameron reported this may be like the budget and would be shocked if it is not amended every 3-4 years due to changes in the community. Mr. Cameron reported if you locate one or two schools in the right spot, it creates transportation changes, which creates more development in that area. Mr. Cameron shared that even if we have the staff, we would likely still outsource some of the work to keep it moving. This was long overdue, 33 years after the last Comprehensive plan in 1988. Mr. Cameron shared it may be something we should establish by ordinance and add it to the charter, especially when it comes to our Council makeup and finding people to run for positions, and possibly add at large positions.

City Administrator David Cameron learned today Mike Landis' sister passed away in a car accident. Mr. Landis is still part of us even though he is not with us anymore. Mr. Cameron asked everyone to keep Mike in their prayers. Mr. Cameron shared we will be sending something on behalf of the City. Mr. Cameron shared his thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family.

City Administrator David Cameron shared his appreciation for Council's cooperation and assistance. We start the 2022 budget this week and will start having the discussions to prepare for next year. The ballot coming up impacts what we would do in the actual budget when we adopt the budget in October. We will be bringing up Task Order 13 with Burns and McDonnell for the sewer plant to move a lift station, freeing up property worth \$500,000.00. We can move it for \$200,000.00, but we can't go out and spend it without Council approval. We aren't going to wait for the budget process to bring these items to

you. Mr. Cameron shared we will go in and amend the budget or make changes to it in order to facilitate that growth and development. We may bring another budget amendment to Council in August to bring to Council's attention what we need to work on. Mr. Cameron shared he wished we could do one budget and change it twice a year, but is glad people are coming in to invest in our community.

City Administrator David Cameron reported we had a broadband discussion today. Mr. Cameron emphasized he wanted it to be clear to the community that we hear their concerns. It was not included in the Citizen Survey where 3,000 surveys were sent out and 500+ have been received. Mr. Cameron reported we want as many responses as we can get. Mr. Cameron added you can write in broadband opinions on it. Mr. Cameron reported we met with consultants today about broadband and we hear concerns about broadband regularly at City Hall. Mr. Cameron reminded Council we aren't in private enterprise and are not an electric entity, but citizens still look to us to make it better. Mr. Cameron emphasized we can't force a market, but can evaluate ways to bring different opportunities to the table. We hope to enter into an agreement with them to evaluate partnerships, utilization of right-of-ways, and other ways we can participate to make improvements. Mr. Cameron reported our right-of-ways are a bargaining chip and this plan may not fix the problem, but we will be aggressively progressive in looking at ways to bring partners to the table. We can't grow business without a reliable broadband service to service them. Mr. Cameron shared we will lead in leadership, planning, and communication. Mr. Cameron reported he has met with different providers over the years with no success. Mr. Cameron shared he will be more aggressive in finding alternatives for the community to consider. We will bring this to you in the future. Mr. Cameron reminded everyone we are not suggesting we are getting in the market, but instead we are evaluating a way to partner for the community.

Council Member Franklin shared his prayers go out to the Landis family. Mr. Franklin shared it was great work on the Comprehensive Plan and thanked staff. Mr. Franklin shared he has heard about it since starting Council. Mr. Franklin thanked Mr. Self for his service on Council. Mr. Franklin said Mr. Self was the first person he ever lost an election to and appreciates everything he brought to Council. Mr. Franklin shared he feels equal about all our members.

Council Member Pool thanked Karen for all the work on the Comprehensive Plan. Mrs. Pool shared she was Mayor when the Comprehensive Plan was completed and may even have a copy of the old Comprehensive Plan at home. Mrs. Pool shared she knows Karen had to do a lot of work to get that accomplished.

Mayor Russell reminded everyone he will not be at the next meeting and Mr. Deichman will be filling in for him.

Adjournment

Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Matt Russell, Mayor