



MINUTES

City Council Regular Session Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd December 10, 2024 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 Shaw, Justin Neal, Darran Campbell, Garry Wilson, Brian Fields, Chris Updike, Eric Gerke, and Daniel Harter. 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, Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, Community Development Director Karen Haynes, Associate Planner Patrick Ruiz, Engineer Angel Falig, 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 6:01 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 Harter to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve the November 19, 2024 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve the November 19, 2024 City Council Workshop Minutes.
3. Approve the Vendor List.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Board of Adjustment Meeting	January 2, 2025
City Council Meeting	January 7, 2025
Planning and Zoning Meeting	January 13, 2025
City Council Meeting	January 21, 2025

Old Business and Tabled Items

4. **24-63 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving a Petition for the Creation of a Community Improvement District; Establishing the Farm Road 93 Community Improvement District as a Political Subdivision of the State of Missouri; and Directing the City Clerk to Notify the Missouri Department of Economic Development of the Creation of the District.**

Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Wilson to renew Bill 24-63. Karen Haynes provided an update to Council. Council Member Neal motioned for final passage of Bill 24-63. Council Member Harter seconded. A roll call vote was taken

digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 1 Nay-Updike. Motion Carried.

5. **24-72 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title I (“Government Code”), Chapter 120 (“City Officers And Employees”), Article 120-I (“General Provisions”), Section 120.025 (“Mayor And Council Compensation”) of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 24-72 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Megan McCullough was available for questions of Council. Council Member Neal motioned to amend Bill 24-72 by amending paragraph (A), after the words “sum of” on the first line by striking the words “five hundred dollars (\$500.00)” and inserting in their place the words “eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) for each month of service during the term of office, plus one hundred dollars (\$100.00)” and paragraph (B), after the words “sum of” on the second line by striking the words “two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00)” and inserting in their place the words “four hundred dollars (\$400.00) for each month of service during the term of office, plus fifty dollars (\$50.00)”. Council Member Fields seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 1 Nay-Gerke. Motion Carried. Council Member Neal motioned for the passage of Bill 24-72. Council Member Harter seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 1 Nay-Gerke. 1 Abstain-Updike. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

6. **24-73 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title VIII (“Fees”), Chapter 805 (“Fee Schedule”), Section 805.100 (“Utility Administration”) of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Harter to have the first reading of Bill 24-73 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. David Cameron gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

7. **24-74 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title IV (“Land Use”), Chapter 415 (“Sign Regulation”), Section 415.120 (“Commercial Sign Overlay District”) of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 24-74 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

8. **24-75 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of Boyce Hills, a Residential Subdivision within the Boyce Mixed-Use Planned Development District.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 24-75 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz gave an overview of the bill. Caleb Freland was available for questions representing the developer. 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 Harter motioned to hold the second reading during this meeting. Council Member Neal seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

9. 24-76 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Amended Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Republic and Southern Missouri Professional Fire Fighters Local 152, Bargaining Unit of the Republic Fire Department.

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Harter to have the first reading of Bill 24-76 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Lisa Addington 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 the meeting. Council Member Neal motioned to hold the second reading during the meeting. Council Member Harter seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (Second Reading of Ordinances)

10. 24-75 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of Boyce Hills, a Residential Subdivision within the Boyce Mixed-Use Planned Development District.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Harter to have the second reading of Bill 24-75 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz was available for questions of Council. Council Member Neal motioned for the passage of Bill 24-75. Council Member Harter seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

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Other Business (Resolutions)

12. 24-R-56 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with Burns and McDonnell Engineering Co., Inc. for the Provision of Engineering Design Services on a New Elevated Water Tank and Well.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Harter to take up Resolution 24-R-56. David Cameron presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. Mr. Cameron noted there are still some minor contract negotiations, but no material changes would be made without Council approval. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

13. 24-R-57 A Resolution of the City Council Approving a Preliminary Plat for Legacy Estates, a Residential Subdivision Consisting of Approximately 29.94 Acres Located at the 1100 Block of North Main Street.

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Wilson to take up Resolution 24-R-57. Patrick Ruiz presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

14.24-R-58 A Resolution of the City Council Approving a Preliminary Plat for Tiger Creek, a Residential Subdivision Consisting of Approximately Forty (40.0) Acres Located at 3445 East Hines Street.

Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Neal to take up Resolution 24-R-58. Patrick Ruiz presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 1 Nay-Updike. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron announced that this would be the final meeting held in the current location as future meetings will move to the BUILDS building. Crossland Construction is currently working on the administrative building project, with anticipated completion in late 2025 or early 2026.

City Administrator David Cameron encouraged anyone with questions about water rates to reach out to him directly. He reminded staff and Council of the end-of-year meeting scheduled for Friday, where a new development video will be unveiled to staff.

City Administrator David Cameron expressed his gratitude to everyone who attended the MM Highway Stakeholder meeting. The meeting saw a large turnout to discuss the widening of MM Highway and the steps needed to advance the project.

City Administrator David Cameron announced election signups officially began today for the one-year term seats. Mr. Cameron noted that some candidates had already signed up.

City Administrator David Cameron highlighted the "Shop with a Hero" event taking place tonight at Walmart, describing it as a great opportunity to engage with the community and expressed his appreciation for staff involvement. He also announced MoDOT's public hearing for the MM Highway Widening Project, scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, at 4:30 p.m. at the BUILDS facility. The hearing will focus on the section of MM Highway from I-44 to James River. Mr. Cameron concluded his report by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He extended his gratitude to the staff, community, and Council for their efforts throughout the year, adding that the best is yet to come and predicting that 2025 will be another busy and productive year.

Mayor Eric Franklin thanked everyone for their contributions throughout the year. He reflected on the success of the Christmas parade held last weekend on Main Street, expressing appreciation to Main Street Events and the Kiwanis Club for their hard work in organizing the event. He also thanked Price Elementary for inviting him to their Leadership Day event, recognizing their efforts in fostering leadership among students. Mayor Franklin extended his gratitude to City Administrator David Cameron for organizing the MM Highway Stakeholder meeting and thanked the staff, Council, and the Planning and Zoning Commissioners for their dedication. He concluded by recognizing the leadership across all levels and expressed optimism for the year ahead.

Adjournment

Mayor Franklin adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Eric Franklin, Mayor

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