

MINUTES

City Council Meeting
Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd
May 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Matt Russell, Mayor
Eric Gerke, Ward I
Garry Wilson, Ward II
Christopher Updike, Ward III

Eric Franklin, Ward I
Gerry Pool, Ward II
Brandon Self, Ward III
Clint Gerlek, 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 6:00 p.m. Council Members present included Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Eric Gerke, Chris Updike, Brandon Self, Clint Gerlek, and Gerry Pool. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, City Attorney Megan McCullough, BUILDS Administrator Karen Haynes, Police Chief Brian Sells, Police Major Jamie Burks, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, Athletics Administrator Garrett Cline, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Security and Systems Administrator Michael Sallee, Executive Assistant Jordan Furnas, GIS Manager Josh Jones, Fire Captain Tim King, Firefighter Nolan McCain, Firefighter Thomas Hall, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Finance Director Bob Ford, and IT Director Chris Crosby.

Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by City Administrator David Cameron.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Matt Russell.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Russell opened citizen participation at 6:01 p.m. Audrey Meads, 441 N Kyle Ave. expressed concern about the upcoming detour through Logan and Kyle for the roundabout at Hines and Lynn. Ms. Meads requested speed bumps and other efforts to slow drivers down to protect the children playing in the neighborhood. Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:04 p.m.

Mayor's Announcements

1. Recognition of Sue Carter's National Award for her Work Along the MM Corridor.

David Cameron spoke about the commercial property secured by Ms. Carter for Mr. Lipscomb for future school facilities, a potential library, and potential City Hall land. Ms. Carter acknowledged Greg O'Neal for securing the listings, noting her client acquired the land.

2. Appoint Jeremy Mathis to the Board of Adjustment for a five-year term.

Mayor Russell presented the appointment certificate to Jeremy Mathis.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

3. Approve April 11, 2023 City Council Minutes.

4. Approve May 2, 2023 City Council Workshop Minutes.

5. Approve Vendor List.

6. **23-R-29 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute Change Orders to an Agreement with Kenton Brothers Locksmiths, Incorporated for Installation and Integration of the Gallagher Access Control System.**

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

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| Board of Adjustment Meeting | June 1, 2023 |
| City Council Meeting | June 6, 2023 |
| Planning & Zoning Meeting | June 12, 2023 |
| City Council Meeting | June 20, 2023 |

Old Business and Tabled Items

7. **23-14 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Forty-Three (8,443) Square Feet of Unoccupied Utility Easements at the 3000 Block of East Sawyer Road (VACA-003).**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 23-14 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available to answer questions. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 23-14. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

8. **23-15 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately Five Hundred Thirty Seven (537) Square Feet of Utility Easement Owned by Republic 63, LLC at the 3000 Block of East Sawyer Road (VACA-004).**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 23-15 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available to answer questions. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 23-15. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

9. **23-16 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately One Point Two Eight (1.28) Acres of Real Property Located at 1358 E. U.S. Highway 60, from Local Commercial District (C-1) and General Commercial District (C-2) to General Commercial District (C-2).**

Motion was made by Council Member Self and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 23-16 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

Other Business (Resolutions)

10. **23-R-30 A Resolution of the City Council Approving a Preliminary Plat for Greenfield Estates, a Residential Subdivision Consisting of Approximately 23.48 Acres Located near 7628 West Farm Road 174 in Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 23-R-30. Chris Tabor provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 1 Nay-Pool. Motion Carried.

11. 23-R-31 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Disposal of Approximately 0.3 Acres of City-Owned Real Property Located at 325 West Mill Street and Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute the Necessary Documentation to Effect Sale of the Property to the Highest Bidder Danny Lambert.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve Resolution 23-R-31. Laura Burbridge provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

12. 23-R-32 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City's Purchase of Approximately 9.9 Acres and Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute the Real Estate Sale Agreement and Other Necessary Documents to Complete Such Purchase.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve Resolution 23-R-32. Duane Compton provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Finance Report

Bob Ford presented the May Finance Report.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron reported the construction at Lynn and Hines starts May 30th, after school is out. Mr. Cameron noted Hines Street will also have additional sidewalks in the future as promised as part of the 2017 Capital Improvement Sales Tax. Mr. Cameron noted when we did Oakwood and Hines, it was 2-1 with people complaining more about the speedbumps than the increased neighborhood traffic.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Representative Bishop Davidson for attending the meeting. Mr. Cameron announced he heard from Senator Trent today that the \$25 million allocation has been included in the budget and is currently on the Governor's desk. Representative Davidson collaborated closely with Senator Trent on this as well as Senator Hough, Representative Cody Smith, and Representative Dirk Deacon. Mr. Cameron cautioned it is still subject to the Governor's signature to obtain the funding for the sewer improvements. Mr. Cameron added we have leaned on Representative Davidson for wisdom when visiting the Capitol, adding he looks forward to seeing that in June.

City Administrator David Cameron reported Governor Parson was in town last week touring the Convoy of Hope site. Mr. Cameron added Convoy of Hope is excited about us participating with them and offered tours for the city staff. Mr. Cameron acknowledged they were looking at multiple potential sites for their headquarters, but they appreciate being in Republic. Mr. Cameron announced the Convoy of Hope groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for October 5th, with all city staff invited. Mr. Cameron commended staff for the work done on that development, adding during the discussion with the Governor, the Convoy of Hope staff mentioned how much the city participated and assisted throughout the process.

City Administrator David Cameron noted that tonight's Administrator's Report included a sustainability initiative developed by Council Member Updike and encouraged everyone to read his report. Mr. Cameron noted this goes back to engaging the Mayor and Council to get ideas and feedback. Mr. Cameron noted his appreciation for Mr. Updike taking a different look at things.

City Administrator David Cameron asked members of the Leadership Advisory Board (LAB) to raise their hands for Council to identify them. Mr. Cameron thanked them for attending Council. Mr. Cameron reported they have discussed the Charter, finances, city priorities, and are working on a Main Street initiative.

City Administrator David Cameron updated Council on the Premier Site located north on MM, noting we worked with the State for the site with the legacy owners, Garrett property. Mr. Cameron noted Representative Davidson participated and Karen Haynes did a fantastic job working with the state to get the property listed as a Premiere Site. Mr. Cameron noted there are non-disclosure agreements with the property owners for potential businesses, but we are not involved in those. Mr. Cameron added we will continue to work with the State for infrastructure to support it.

City Administrator David Cameron welcomed Curt Cook, a resident active in the Chamber and region, who created a video for us in collaboration with Jennafer Mayfield and Jared Keeling. The video was played for Council as a premier. Mr. Cameron thanked Mr. Cook for the great work.

City Administrator David Cameron turned to Council Member Updike to present his initiative as attached in the Administrator's Report. Mr. Updike encouraged everyone to read the initiative, which was inspired by his trainings through the Missouri Municipal League.

Council Member Franklin congratulated Ms. Carter and thanked Jeremy Mathis for serving on the Board of Adjustment. Mr. Franklin noted he loves seeing involvement and appreciated them coming, adding he appreciated the citizen speaking on the roundabout. Mr. Franklin thanked staff for the sign on Oakwood and Hines letting people know the roundabout was coming.

Mayor Russell noted it is easy to get caught up in Bob Ford's numbers in the Finance Report. Mayor Russell added it is understandable to hear from citizens on the roundabout, adding he got an email from a citizen with a car parked in front of her home for weeks and she was mad. He got with Karen and staff were able to get it moved within hours. As we hear about these big things, it is important to remember we are doing little things that are incredibly big in people's lives. Mayor Russell expressed his appreciation for the staff's work to help him resolve these issues, adding staff are on the ball and respond right away.

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. 610.02.*

1. RSMo 610.021.1 Pending and/or potential litigation. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.
2. RSMo 610.021.12 Any documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.
3. RSMo 610.021.3 Hiring, firing, promotion, or disciplining personnel. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.
4. RSMo 610.021.13 Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike at 7:10 p.m. to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.1 Pending and/or potential litigation. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record, RSMo 610.021.12 Any documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record, RSMo 610.021.3 Hiring, firing, promotion, or disciplining personnel. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record and RSMo 610.021.13 Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees.

Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye – Wilson, Updike, Gerlek, Self, Franklin, Gerke, and Pool. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 7:26 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye – Franklin, Updike, Self, Wilson, Pool, Gerke, and Gerlek. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Matt Russell, Mayor

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