Matt Russell, Mayor/Ward III
Brandon Self, Ward I
Garry Wilson, Ward II
Christopher Updike, Ward III
Jennifer Mitchell, Ward IV

Eric Franklin, Ward I
Gerry Pool, Ward II
Jim Deichman, Ward IV

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City Council Meeting
Community Center 711 E. Miller Rd.
August 18, 2020 at 6:30 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 6:32 p.m. at the Republic Community Center. Council Members in attendance were: Eric Franklin, Jim Deichman, Garry Wilson, Brandon Self, Christopher Updike, Matt Russell, Jennifer Mitchell, and Gerry Pool. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling, Assistant City Administrator Lisa Addington, Finance Director Debbie Parks, Lieutenant Jamie Burks, City Attorney Scott Ison, Public Information Officer Mike Landis, Principal Planner Karen Haynes, Public Works Director Andrew Nelson, and City Clerk Laura Burbridge.

Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by David Cameron.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Matt Russell.

Mayor's Announcements, Appointments, and Vote

1. Election of Acting Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Russell asked Mr. Ison to speak regarding an Acting Mayor Pro Tem. Scott Ison explained the need to elect an Acting Mayor Pro Tem in the event that Mayor Russell was unable to attend a meeting until the April municipal election. Mayor Russell agreed it would be a good idea. Mayor Russell opened it up for nominations. Mayor Russell acting as Council Member of Ward III nominated Council Member Franklin for the position. Council Member Deichman seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Pool, Russell, Self, Wilson, Updike, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Council Member Franklin abstained. Motion Carried.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Russell opened Citizen Participation at 6:36 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Russell closed Citizen Participation at 6:36 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Pool to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Russell, Pool, Franklin, Self, Wilson, Updike and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve City Council Regular Session Minutes of July 21, 2020
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.
3. Approve Vendor List.

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Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

City Council Meeting	August 25, 2020
Board of Adjustment Meeting	September 3, 2020
Planning & Zoning Meeting	September 14, 2020
City Council Meeting	September 15, 2020

Old Business and Tabled Items

4. **20-27 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, to Establish a Procedure for Disclosing Potential Conflicts of Interest and Substantial Interests for Certain Officials.**

   Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 20-27 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Pool, Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Updike, Wilson, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Scott Ison was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 20-27. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Russell, Updike, Franklin, Pool, Mitchell, Deichman, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

5. **20-28 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Annexation of Approximately 5.0 Acres of Land Located at 688 South Kansas Avenue and Adjacent Right-of-Way.**

   Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the second reading of Bill 20-28 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Pool, Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Updike, Wilson, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Deichman motioned for the passage of Bill 20-28. Council Member Pool seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Mitchell, Self, Deichman, Wilson, Franklin, Pool, Updike, and Russell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

6. **20-29 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending the Zoning Code and Official Map by Changing the Classification of Approximately 0.91 Acres, Located at 317 South Main Street, from Local Commercial (C-1) to General Commercial (C-2).**

   Council Member Mitchell motioned for the first reading of Bill 20-29 by title only. Council Member Franklin seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman, Russell, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill. Todd Wright spoke in favor of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with Ms. Haynes with any questions prior to the next meeting.

7. **20-30 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Vacating Right-Of-Way at 1700 South Empire Avenue.**

   Council Member Franklin motioned for the first reading of Bill 20-30 by title only. Council Member Pool seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman, Russell, Mitchell, and Updike. 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 Ms. Haynes with any questions prior to the next meeting.

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8. **20-31 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Vacating a Portion of West Carnahan Street.**

   Council Member Mitchell motioned for the first reading of Bill 20-31 by title only. Council Member Franklin seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman, Russell, Mitchell, and Updike. 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 Ms. Haynes with any questions prior to the next meeting.

9. **20-32 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into an Infrastructure Development Agreement with Shuyler Ridge, LLC, for Infrastructure for Phase 3 of the Lakes at Shuyler Ridge Residential Subdivision.**

   Council Member Deichman motioned for the first reading of Bill 20-32 by title only. Council Member Pool seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman, Russell, Mitchell, and Updike. 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 Ms. Haynes with any questions prior to the next meeting.

10. **20-33 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Final Plat of the Monte Cristo Phase Nine Subdivision.**

    Council Member Pool motioned for the first reading of Bill 20-33 by title only. Council Member Updike seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman, Russell, Mitchell, and Updike. 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 Ms. Haynes with any questions prior to the next meeting.

11. **20-34 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Setting the 2020 Property Tax Levies for the City of Republic, Missouri.**

    Council Member Deichman motioned for the first reading of Bill 20-34 by title only. Council Member Pool seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman, Russell, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Debbie Parks provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with Ms. Parks with any questions prior to the next meeting.

12. **20-35 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 III, "Traffic Code," Chapter 380, "Vehicle Equipment," Article II, "Other Equipment, by repealing Section 380.190, "Headgear Required – Motorcycles or Motortricycles."**

    Council Member Mitchell motioned for the first reading of Bill 20-35 by title only. Council Member Updike seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman, Russell, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Scott Ison provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with Mr. Ison with any questions prior to the next meeting.

13. **20-36 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into a Development Agreement with Rankin Development, LLC and Drury University for Public Improvements to the Garton Business Park.**

    Council Member Franklin motioned for the first reading of Bill 20-36 by title only. Council Member Updike seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman,

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Russell, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. David Cameron provided an overview of the bill. Andrew Nelson and Scott Ison also provided information to Council regarding this bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with Mr. Cameron with any questions prior to the next meeting.

Other Business (Resolutions)

14. **20-R-25 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving a Preliminary Plat for Oakwood Heights 1st Addition, A Residential Subdivision Consisting of Approximately 4.30 Acres Located in the 2000 Block of East Hines Street.**

    Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Pool to approve Resolution 20-R-25. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman, Russell, Updike, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

15. **20-R-26 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the Purchase of One Police Vehicle.**

    Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to approve Resolution 20-R-26. Jamie Burks provided an overview of the Resolution. David Cameron notified Council that this was not a budgeted item; however due to the savings this year in salaries of vacant positions, the expense will not exceed the budget. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman, Russell, Updike, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

16. **20-R-27 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the Purchase of Waterline Material for the Garton Business Park Extension.**

    Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Deichman to approve Resolution 20-R-27. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman, Russell, Updike, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

Report from City Administrator:

City Administrator David Cameron shared that development agreements are a good thing and it makes him smile knowing things are moving in a positive direction. Mr. Cameron stated we will have more agreements presented to Council soon. Mr. Cameron shared he appreciates the staff's growth mindset and that we are growing the right way, not just for the sake of growing. Mr. Cameron expressed his appreciation to the development community for partnering with us. Mr. Cameron said he hears regularly how refreshing it is to work and partner with us. Mr. Cameron shared he appreciates Scott's work on drafting the agreements and cleaning them up. He stated he appreciates the relationships developed through these agreements and anticipates a developer's agreement with Convoy of Hope soon.

City Administrator David Cameron stated MoDOT has been a great partner to our community lately. He spoke about the milling and overlay they did on US 60 Highway at night and commended them for re-striping. Mr. Cameron stated he looks forward to the 60 Highway/Highway 174 improvements. Mr. Cameron said it is a nice-looking highway that benefits us all.

City Administrator David Cameron spoke about the budget and notified Council the finance report will be next week. Mr. Cameron reported the sales tax numbers are in for August and we are up 36% from

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last year at the same time. Mr. Cameron reminded Council we had projected a 40% decrease. Mr. Cameron stated we are not going to just open the checkbook to start spending not knowing the 2021 economic outlook. Mr. Cameron reported we are bringing back some of the vacant positions and moving forward with positions originally expected to be filled in 2021.

City Administrator David Cameron gave kudos to Mike Landis for his work on the new website.

City Administrator David Cameron notified Council he has authorized work to resume on the Council Chambers at Municipal Court and with our nice new equipment, we will be able to see the maps on the screens. Mr. Cameron reported our financial position is strong enough to sustain the city even if there is a decline. He reminded Council we cut spending, didn't fill positions, and staff did double duty. Mr. Cameron stated he appreciated the work done by staff.

City Administrator David Cameron asked Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling to update Council on some current projects.

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling announced the gotMud? Run is this Saturday. Mr. Keeling reported last year's attendance was over 1200 participants. Mr. Keeling explained there are COVID-19 precautions in place. Mr. Keeling thanked the sponsors: Flat Creek, Brandon Self Agency, and Smile Zone for their contributions. Next Saturday will be the adult only gotMud? Run.

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling provided an update on Have-A-Blast, now scheduled for September 5 after being postponed from June. Mr. Keeling stated it will be bigger and better than ever and we are creating more space for social distancing. Mr. Keeling referenced a map of the event and showed the cleared-out orange space that will not have inflatables or tents/booths this year. This will allow for spectator seating across approximately 12 acres to allow for social distancing. The school granted use of the old Junior High football field. Mr. Keeling reported vendors will have cues for distancing or people can bring their own coolers. Mr. Keeling reported there will be plenty of room to come enjoy the evening. Alternately, if you do not want to come on site, there is street parking available for tailgating, all of 60 Highway will have visibility, as well as Hines Street and Hampton Street will have good views. This year will feature only high-flying pyrotechnics to make it more visible from afar. The event begins at 6 p.m. with members only performing at 6:30 p.m. The pyrotechnics will begin at 9:45 p.m. Mr. Keeling stated we will advertise that people are welcome to stay in their cars and watch if they are more comfortable with it and we will promote the safe areas with the best viewing. Locations will include school parking lots and Orscheln, and we are trying to get the music on a local radio station for those viewing from their car.

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling provided a virtual tour of the new Animal Control facility. Mr. Keeling reported it is a city campus with approximately 5 acres including an additional building as well as a small park space. The opening is anticipated to be in September. Public Works staff put in privacy fence, cleared brush, and paving began today. Mr. Keeling reported there are 20 dog runs and each has a door to the outside.

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling provided an update and final design of the future gateway sign. We have been working on this for a long time and the location has been the delay. We are currently working on securing land from City Utilities. Andrew Nelson shared there are a lot of state laws on outdoor advertising with MoDOT that we have to navigate. Mr. Keeling reported the City will maintain the land and make the 3 acres something special with a roadside park. Mr. Keeling reported we have had the tiger out and about and it has created a big stir. We will have it at the gotMud? Run. The gateway sign measures 27 feet tall and 30 feet wide. This sign is not the same as other cities welcome signs and will include a place to park and take pictures. We will have security cameras to monitor activity.

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Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling presented the renderings of the Council Chambers/Municipal Court renovations. Court is only in session one day a week so it will become a dual function space. Council Member seating will be elevated to see citizens and the cords will be hidden. Audio/visual presentations will allow for cues of maps and pictures. Mr. Keeling reported the renovation cost will be below prevailing wage.

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling asked Mike Landis to provide an update on the new website. Mr. Landis shared the website is the other gateway to learn about Republic. He reported it is an up to date and fresh look. Mr. Landis shared there are drone shots and a variety of images that appear when you enter the site. There is a lot of great information on the website and the most visited pages on the website are prominent for easy access. The color palate is easier on the eyes. Mr. Landis shared our social media pages are linked on the website with prominent features to display the frequent updates from our Facebook feed for those not on Facebook. The website is easier to navigate and ADA compliant featuring easier readability, font, and color for those with vision disabilities. This will complete the first phase. We will begin the second phase with a special site for economic development with more in-depth information for the development community to access.

Report from Council:

Council Member Franklin said everyone did a great job this evening. Mr. Franklin said he is excited about the website, Have-A-Blast, and the gotMud? Run. Mr. Franklin shared he is excited for our community. Mr. Franklin said he appreciates Council putting their trust in him as Acting Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Pool stated she appreciates the leadership of David. Mrs. Pool said she is thankful Mayor Russell was willing to take on the position as Mayor. Mrs. Pool shared that Scott has to put up with a lot and said Laura does a great job. Mrs. Pool said she appreciates every one of you.

Report from Mayor:

Mayor Matt Russell thanked everyone for putting up with him tonight. Mayor Russell shared he is not Jeff and will remain himself. He said he likes to be lighter and laugh at himself. Mayor Russell said he will continue doing that. Mayor Russell stated if he does something wrong, just throw something at him.

Adjournment

Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk Matt Russell, Mayor

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