



MINUTES

City Council Regular Session BUILDS Building, 4221 S. Wilson's Creek Blvd. January 07, 2025 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 Neal, Darran Campbell, Garry Wilson, 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, Police Major Jamie Burks, Police Lieutenant Zach Richards, 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 Updike to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve the December 10, 2024 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve the Vendor List.
3. 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.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Planning and Zoning Meeting January 13, 2025
City Council Meeting January 21, 2025
City Council Meeting February 4, 2025
Board of Adjustment Meeting February 6, 2025 Cancelled

Old Business and Tabled Items

4. **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 Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 24-73 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. David Cameron was available for questions of Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 24-73. Council Member Harter seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

5. **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 Updike and seconded by Council Member Harter to have the second reading of Bill 24-74 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz was available for questions of Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 24-74. Council Member Neal seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

6. **25-01 An Ordinance of the City Council Repealing Bill No. 24-75 and Approving the Corrected 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 first reading of Bill 25-01 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor 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 Campbell motioned to hold the second reading during the meeting. Council Member Updike seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

7. **25-02 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of Harper Ridge Phase 2 Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 25-02 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor 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 Wilson motioned to hold the second reading during the meeting. Council Member Campbell seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (Second Reading of Ordinances)

8. **25-01 An Ordinance of the City Council Repealing Bill No. 24-75 and Approving the Corrected Final Plat of Boyce Hills, a Residential Subdivision Within the Boyce Mixed-Use Planned Development District.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 25-01 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available for questions of Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 25-01. Council Member Neal

seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

9. 25-02 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of Harper Ridge Phase 2 Subdivision.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 25-02 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available for questions of Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 25-02. Council Member Neal seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Other Business (Resolutions)

10. 25-R-01 A Resolution of the City Council Approving an Allowance Provision for Change Orders in Connection with Construction of the Shuyler Creek Trail.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Wilson to take up Resolution 25-R-01. Karen Haynes presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. Motion Carried.

11. 25-R-02 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City to Apply for Grant Funds through the USDA Rural Business Development Program for the J.R. Martin Park Farmers' Market Project.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to take up Resolution 25-R-02. Kris Parks presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. Motion Carried.

12. 25-R-03 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Execution of a Services Agreement with Aegis Digitalis for Ongoing Maintenance and Support of the Automated Programming Interface from Police Department Data Management Software to Prosecuting Attorney Management Software.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Wilson to take up Resolution 25-R-03. Megan McCullough presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron commended Megan McCullough for her work on the new software implementation, which was developed to meet the requirements of the court system. He noted that this process improvement significantly reduced redundancy in employee work.

City Administrator David Cameron extended New Year's greetings and expressed his gratitude to the Public Works staff as well as Police and Fire Departments for their work over the holidays.

City Administrator David Cameron congratulated the Republic Boys Basketball team for their recent tournament victory.

City Administrator David Cameron apologized for any issues during the evening's meeting and expressed his excitement with the new location for meetings. He shared that Crossland Construction has developed a plan for the new building, with draft plans provided to the City Council.

City Administrator David Cameron reported a letter will be sent to residents regarding future utility bills. He assured the public that the city would provide tools to help them understand and plan for future bills. He also explained that 27 miles of 2- to 4-inch water mains needed replacement and announced plans to hold a future work session to discuss consistent rate planning. Cameron emphasized that feedback would be solicited by Council on the ordinance before it is finalized.

City Administrator David Cameron informed the Council that he, along with Lisa and Karen, would be in Jefferson City from Monday through Wednesday to attend the inauguration and meet with representatives to request funding. He also mentioned a recent public meeting where a video was played highlighting the city's accomplishments, which would also be presented at the Capitol. The video reflects the city's successful efforts in securing \$50 million in funding.

City Administrator David Cameron reported that he had provided authorization for an archaeological study related to the MM Highway project, as it is a federal highway requirement. Details will be provided in the next Administrator's Report.

City Administrator David Cameron congratulated Major General Dean Thompson, noting that Thompson's promotion ceremony was held on Saturday. Thompson, a former City Administrator now employed at City Utilities, achieved this milestone while working full-time and remains actively in command.

City Administrator David Cameron announced the groundbreaking ceremony for the Library Expansion will be held on January 16th at 2:00. They received ARPA dollars and we are grateful for the work the library has done to invest in Republic.

Adjournment

Mayor Franklin adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Eric Franklin, Mayor