



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

MINUTES
City Council Regular Session
BUILDS Building, 4221 S. Wilson's Creek Blvd.
July 15, 2025 at 6:00 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 Eric Franklin at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present included Justin Neal, Garry Wilson, Chris Updike, Eric Gerke, Brian Fields, Darran Campbell, Daniel Harter, and Justin Shaw. Others in attendance were: Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington, City Attorney Megan McCullough, Fire Chief Duane Compton, IT Manager Michael Sallee, Police Major Jamie Burks, Police Lieutenant Zach Richards, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford, Engineer (E.I.) Angel Falig, Associate Planner Patrick Ruiz, Community Development Director Karen Haynes, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, 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.

Mayor's Announcements

- 1. Appoint Chris Crosby to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a Four-Year Term.**

Mayor Franklin announced the appointment of Chris Crosby to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Franklin opened citizen participation at 6:01 p.m. Mark Stiles, 207 E Wilson St., spoke about concerns of tall grass on two properties. Mayor Franklin closed citizen participation at 6:03 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.

2. Approve the June 17, 2025 City Council Minutes.
3. Approve the Vendor List.
4. 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

City Council Meeting	August 5, 2025
Board of Adjustment Meeting	August 7, 2025
Planning & Zoning Meeting	August 11, 2025
City Council Work Session	August 26, 2025
City Council Meeting	August 26, 2025



Old Business and Tabled Items-None

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

5. **25-22 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately Six Thousand Thirty-Five (6,035) Square Feet of Right-Of-Way Located Between the Common Area and Lot 1 of Mason Ridge Phase I (VACA 25-007).**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 25-22 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 announced that pursuant to 3.10 (f) of the Charter, staff requested the second reading of this ordinance during this meeting. Council Member Neal motioned to hold the second reading during this meeting. Council Member Shaw seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

6. **25-23 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately One Thousand One Hundred (1,100) Square Feet of Utility Easement on Lot 1 of Mason Ridge Phase I (VACA 25-008).**

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 25-23 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 announced that pursuant to 3.10 (f) of the Charter, staff requested the second reading of this ordinance during this meeting. Council Member Updike motioned to hold the second reading during this meeting. Council Member Harter seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

7. **25-24 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 18.49 Acres, Located at the 900 Block of Colorado Avenue, from Frisco Square Planned Development District (PDD) to Amended Frisco Square Planned Development District (PDD 25-001).**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Shaw to have the first reading of Bill 25-24 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill. Chris Wynn with CJW, 5051 S. National, spoke in favor of the bill representing the developer. Mayor Franklin reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

8. **25-25 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title I (“Government Code”), Chapter 130 (“Municipal Court”), Article 130-I (“Municipal Court General Provisions”), Sections 130.030 (“Selection Of Judge”), 130.040 (“Term Of Office”) and 130.050 (“Vacation Of Office”), of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 25-25 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Megan McCullough gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

New Business (Second Reading of Ordinances)

9. **25-22 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately Six Thousand Thirty-Five (6,035) Square Feet of Right-Of-Way Located Between the Common Area and Lot 1 of Mason Ridge Phase I (VACA 25-007).**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 25-22 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 Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 25-22. Council Member Neal 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.

10. **25-23 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately One Thousand One Hundred (1,100) Square Feet of Utility Easement on Lot 1 of Mason Ridge Phase I (VACA 25-008).**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 25-23 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 Harter motioned for the passage of Bill 25-23. Council Member Neal 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.

Other Business (Resolutions)

11. **25-R-26 A Resolution of the City Council Appointing New Authorized Signers for the City's Municipal Court Account with Arvest Bank and Modifying the Process by Which the City is to Provide Notice of any Personnel Changes Affecting Such Authorized Signers.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Shaw to take up Resolution 25-R-26. Bob Ford 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.

12. **25-R-27 A Resolution of the City Council Appointing New Authorized Signers for the City's General Operating Account and Bond Proceeds Account with Arvest Bank.**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to take up Resolution 25-R-27. Bob Ford 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.

13. **25-R-28 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Expenditures for the Information Technology Infrastructure of the New Administration Building.**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike to take up Resolution 25-R-28. Michael Sallee and Bob Ford 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.

Reports from Staff

Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington hoped everyone had enjoyed the Fourth of July. She reported that approximately 20,000 people attended Have-A-Blast, which was a decrease from the previous year's attendance. She commended the Parks Department for their excellent work and expressed appreciation to the volunteers, Fire Department, and Police Department for their support. She also announced that the gotMud? Run was scheduled for August 23.

Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington provided an update on project status reporting, stating that the system to track large city projects would be available online. She noted that the Council would receive a link to view updates weekly.

Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington reported that paving and overlay work was ongoing, with completion expected by the end of the week. She stated that striping work would extend into the following week. She added that the Commercial Avenue street widening project was expected to be completed that day, with only a few tasks remaining. She further reported that paving on Iron Grain Lane had been completed and acknowledged that staff was aware of damage to the Shuyler Creek Trail from recent rainfall.

Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington expressed appreciation for City Attorney Megan McCullough's service and stated that she would be missed. Mrs. Addington also announced that the process for hiring a new City Administrator would begin with screening in two weeks, after which interviews would be scheduled with the top candidates.

Council Member Justin Neal announced that the Republic Historical Society would be holding a fundraiser at the high school and encouraged Council Members to attend.

Mayor Eric Franklin thanked everyone involved with Have-A-Blast, noting that it was a lot of fun and that city staff had done a wonderful job. He extended special thanks to the Parks and Recreation Department and first responders, as well as the volunteers who supported the event. He reported attending the Greene County Mayor's Association meeting the previous week, where several new members were present, and described it as a great opportunity to reconnect. He also reported attending the Chamber of Commerce meeting last week, during which Dr. Pearce praised the city's work on the school's behalf, particularly recognizing Karen Haynes. He noted that the Ozarks Transportation Organization Board of Directors meeting would be held Thursday at noon and stated that he also planned to attend the Republic Historical Society fundraiser.

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. 610.021.*

1. RSMo 610.021.3 Hiring, firing, promotion, or disciplining personnel. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.
2. RSMo 610.021.12 Documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed, or all proposals are rejected. Closed Session. Closed Vote. Closed Record.
3. RSMo 610.021.13 Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants or employment. Closed Session. Closed Vote. Closed Record.

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Shaw at 6:50 p.m. to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.3 Hiring, firing, promotion, or disciplining personnel. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. RSMo 610.021.12 Documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed, or all proposals are rejected. Closed Session. Closed Vote. Closed Record. And RSMo

610.021.13 Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants or employment. Closed Session. Closed Vote. Closed Record. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Fields, Shaw, Gerke, Updike, Campbell, Neal, Harter, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Harter to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 7:13 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Gerke, Fields, Campbell, Wilson, Shaw, Harter, Updike, and Neal. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Adjournment

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Eric Franklin, Mayor

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