



MINUTES

City Council Regular Session
BUILDS Building, 4221 S. Wilson's Creek Blvd.
June 17, 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, 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 Chief Brian Sells, Police Major Jamie Burks, Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford, Engineer (E.I.) Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan, Operations Manger Eric Brown, 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.

Legislative Update

State Representative Bishop Davidson presented a legislative update.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Franklin opened citizen participation at 6:16 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Franklin closed citizen participation at 6:16 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 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve the June 3, 2025 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve the Vendor List.
3. 25-R-22 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing an Agreement with CBIZ Benefits & Insurance Services for Provision of the 2025 Wage Assessment.
4. 25-R-23 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Renewal of the City's Agreement with OpenEdge Payments LLC for Continued Credit Card Processing Services.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Board of Adjustment Meeting	July 3, 2025
Planning & Zoning Meeting	July 14, 2025
City Council Work Session	July 15, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting	July 15, 2025
City Council Meeting	August 5, 2025



Old Business and Tabled Items

- 5. 25-18 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for Maintenance of Specified Portions of the Trail Along Wilson’s Creek Boulevard.**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Harter to have the second reading of Bill 25-18 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Kris Parks was available for questions of Council. Council Member Neal motioned for the passage of Bill 25-18. 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.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

- 6. 25-16 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Greene County for Maintenance of Certain Portions of the Shuyler Creek Trail.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 25-16 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes 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 Wilson seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 7. 25-19 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Ordinance No. 24-63 to Reflect an Extension of the Term for the Farm Road 93 Community Improvement District (CID) from June 30, 2025 to December 31, 2025.**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Campbell to have the first reading of Bill 25-19 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes 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 Campbell 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.

- 8. 25-20 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately One Hundred (100) Square Feet of Unoccupied Drainage Easement Along West Farm Road 182 (VACA 25-006).**

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 25-20 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan 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 Campbell 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.

- 9. 25-21 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately Five Hundred Thirty-Eight (538) Square Feet of Access Easement Located at Lot 1 of the Town East Minor Subdivision (VACA 25-005).**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 25-21 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 Campbell 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.

New Business (Second Reading of Ordinances)

10.25-16 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Greene County for Maintenance of Certain Portions of the Shuyler Creek Trail.

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 25-16 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an update and was available for questions of Council. Council Member Neal motioned for the passage of Bill 25-16. Council Member Updike 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.

11.25-19 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Ordinance No. 24-63 to Reflect an Extension of the Term for the Farm Road 93 Community Improvement District (CID) from June 30, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 25-19 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an update and was available for questions of Council. Council Member Neal motioned for the passage of Bill 25-19. Council Member Shaw 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.

12.25-20 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately One Hundred (100) Square Feet of Unoccupied Drainage Easement Along West Farm Road 182 (VACA 25-006).

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 25-20 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan provided an update and was available for questions of Council. Council Member Neal motioned for the passage of Bill 25-20. Council Member Fields 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.

13.25-21 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately Five Hundred Thirty-Eight (538) Square Feet of Access Easement Located at Lot 1 of the Town East Minor Subdivision (VACA 25-005).

Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Shaw to have the second reading of Bill 25-21 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz provided an update and was available for questions of Council. Council Member Campbell motioned for the passage of Bill 25-21. Council Member Updike 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)

14.25-R-24 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into a Subagreement with the Southwest Missouri Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission for Reallocated Water Storage Space in Stockton Lake.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to take up Resolution 25-R-24. Karen Haynes 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.

15.25-R-25 A Resolution of the City Council Approving the Independent Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2024.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Neal to take up Resolution 25-R-25. Bob Ford introduced Sandra Barrera from KPM, who 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 reminded the Council that Have-A-Blast would take place a week from Friday. She commended Bob Ford and his staff for their excellent work on the audit, noting that the audit process was so seamless you barely noticed it was taking place.

Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington announced that Laura Burbridge has obtained her Missouri Professional City Clerk Certification, which she had been working on since June 2021.

Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington announced that city offices would be closed on Thursday, June 19th. She noted that a workshop is scheduled for July 15th at 5:00 p.m. She also expressed appreciation for the Council's approval of the wage analysis on the consent agenda, stating that it was a requirement of the City Charter and noting that the results would be presented in the fall.

Council Member Eric Gerke commended staff on their performance during the audit, noting that it was uncommon to receive such positive feedback from auditors.

Council Member Darran Campbell shared that the Parks and Recreation Department recently held Big Rig Night, which he attended for the first time. He remarked on the large turnout of both children and adults. He also spoke with representatives from Liberty, who were displaying their equipment. They stated that of all the communities they serve, Republic was the most appreciative and supportive, despite having experienced several recent outages.

Mayor Eric Franklin reported that he had the opportunity to attend an event hosted by Brigadier General Kelly Higenback, during which Army Reserve members conducted drills. He noted that several participants were from Republic and that one of the Council Members had received praise as a member. He thanked Gary Combes for the invitation to attend. He reminded everyone that Have-A-Blast was approaching quickly and encouraged attendance. He also announced that the Planning and Zoning Commission was seeking a candidate from Ward IV to serve. Mayor Franklin expressed gratitude to the city staff for their support over the past few weeks.

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 610.021.13 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 Updike and seconded by Council Member Neal at 7:07 p.m. to go into Executive Session under 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 or applicants or employment. Closed Session. Closed Vote. Closed Record. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Gerke, Neal, Updike, Campbell, Wilson, Harter, Shaw, Fields. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Updike to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 7:51 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Gerke, Neal, Updike, Campbell, Wilson, Harter, Shaw, and Fields. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Eric Franklin, Mayor