



MINUTES

City Council Meeting Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd November 30, 2021 at 6:00 PM

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

Eric Franklin, Ward I
Gerry Pool, Ward II
Shane Grooms, Ward III
Jim Deichman, 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 Jim Deichman, Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Gerry Pool, Eric Gerke, and Jennifer Mitchell. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Interim City Attorney Damon Phillips, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, Information Systems Director Chris Crosby, Police Chief Brian Sells, Lieutenant Jamie Burks, Finance Director Meghin Cook, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, BUILDS Administrator Andrew Nelson, Public Information Officer Allyssa Dudley, Assistant BUILDS Administrator Karen Haynes, Engineering Manager Garrett Brickner, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, Executive Assistant Rachel Veatch, and City Clerk Laura Burbridge.

Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by City Administrator David Cameron.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Matt Russell.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Matt Russell opened citizen participation at 6:00 p.m.

Michael Lacobee, 7052 W. Farm Rd. 182 spoke regarding his concerns of Shuyler Trail going through his property and the amount of front yard his neighbors were going to lose from it. Mr. Lacobee requested the trail not happen or be diverted.

Lisa Roller, 6618 W. Farm Rd. 182 spoke regarding her concerns of Shuyler Trail going through the front yard of her family-owned farm. Ms. Roller referenced state laws preventing easements for recreation and expressed there are trees in her yard that would also be protected from being removed.

Mary Kromrey with Ozark Greenway, 650 N Boonville spoke in favor of Shuyler Trail emphasizing the safety it provides to those using it, increased eyes in the area are reported to decrease crime, and the regional benefit of connecting all the trail systems.

Bobby Dimray, 101 N. Mattison Ave. spoke against Shuyler Trail requesting a compromise be found to reduce the impact to the landowners as the most recent drawing impacts homeowners more than the initial drawing.

Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:21 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Pool, Wilson, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve November 16, 2021 City Council Minutes.

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.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Board of Adjustment Meeting	December 2, 2021
Planning & Zoning Meeting	December 6, 2021
City Council Meeting	December 14, 2021
City Council Meeting	January 4, 2022

Old Business and Tabled Items

3. **21-70 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 3 Acres from Agricultural (AG) to Multi-Family Residential (R-3), Located At 602 North Oakwood Avenue.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Pool to have the second reading of Bill 21-70 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Pool, Wilson, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Mitchell motioned for the passage of Bill 21-70. Council Member Deichman seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Wilson, and Gerke. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

4. **21-71 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into a Public Donation Agreement with United Pentecostal Church Republic, Formerly, Apostolic Life Center, Inc., (UPCR) for Donation of Land to the City.**

Motion was made by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 21-71 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Pool, Wilson, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Deichman motioned for the passage of Bill 21-71. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Wilson, and Gerke. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

5. **21-72 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving Budget Amendment No. 3 to the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2021.**

Motion was made by Council Member Gerke and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the second reading of Bill 21-72 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Pool, Wilson, Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Meghan Cook provided an update to Council. Council Member Deichman motioned to amend Bill 21-72 by increasing the total expenditures in the General Fund to \$8,870,085.00, all as set forth in the amended Bill 21-72. Council Member Wilson seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Council Member Deichman motioned for the passage of Bill 21-72. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Wilson, and Gerke. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

6. **A Public Hearing of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Regarding Appropriating from the Revenue of the City of Republic, Missouri, Expenditures in Accordance with the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget of the City of Republic, Missouri, and Providing for Adjustments Thereto.**

Mayor Russell opened the public hearing at 6:29 p.m. Mayor Russell closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

7. **21-73 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Appropriating from the Revenue of the City of Republic, Missouri, Expenditures in Accordance with the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget of the City of Republic, Missouri, and Providing for Adjustments Thereto.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Pool to have the second reading of Bill 21-73 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Pool, Wilson, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Meghan Cook provided an update to Council. Council Member Deichman motioned to amend Bill 21-73 by changing the budget to \$42,399,257.00, all as set forth in the amended Bill 21-73. Council Member Wilson seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Council Member Deichman motioned for the passage of Bill 21-73. Council Member Wilson seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Pool, Wilson, and Gerke. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

8. **21-74 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending Title VIII, Fees, Chapter 805, Fee Schedule.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 21-74 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Pool, Wilson, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Meghan Cook provided an update to Council. Council Member Franklin motioned to table the bill until the December 14, 2021 meeting. Council Member Deichman seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, and Wilson.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

9. **A Public Hearing of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Regarding Approving the Annexation of Approximately 2 Acres Located on South Farm Road 101 Between East US Highway 60 and West Republic Road and Adjacent Right-of-Way.**

Mayor Russell opened the public hearing at 6:40 p.m. Mayor Russell closed the public hearing at 6:40 p.m.

10. **21-75 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Regarding Approving the Annexation of Approximately 2 Acres Located on South Farm Road 101 Between East US Highway 60 and West Republic Road and Adjacent Right-of-Way.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Pool to have the first reading of Bill 21-75 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

11. **A Public Hearing of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Regarding Approving the Annexation of Approximately 10.20 Acres Located at 7294 West Farm Road 144 and Adjacent Right-of-Way.**

Mayor Russell opened the public hearing at 6:42 p.m. Ricky Haase with Olsson Engineering, 550 E St. Louis St. spoke in favor of the bill. Mayor Russell closed the public hearing at 6:43 p.m.

12. **21-76 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Annexation of Approximately 10.20 Acres Located at 7294 West Farm Road 144 and Adjacent Right-of-Way.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Deichman to

have the first reading of Bill 21-76 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

13.21-77 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending the Employee Handbook.

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 21-77 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Lisa Addington provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

Other Business (Resolutions)

14.21-R-58 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, to Review, Amend, and Approve the Five-Year Capital Program.

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Deichman to approve Resolution 21-R-58. Meghan Cook provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Wilson, Pool, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

15.21-R-59 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into a Contract With Redec, LLC For Consulting Services.

Motion was made by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Deichman to approve Resolution 21-R-59. David Cameron provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Wilson, Pool, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

16.21-R-60 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Execution of an Amended Agreement for Attorney Services.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve Resolution 21-R-60. David Cameron provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Wilson, Pool, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron reported to Council that the S and P and due diligence calls are scheduled for January 12th. Mr. Cameron invited any Council Member that are interested to listen or participate. Mr. Cameron reported we are moving relatively fast on the underwriting and met with Stifel by phone to get things started. Mr. Cameron reminded council we must work hard to find additional funding to fill the gap but will proceed with the first \$45 million.

City Administrator David Cameron welcomed Rachel Veatch to the City. Mr. Cameron shared that every space in City Hall is now filled.

City Administrator David Cameron praised the excellent job staff did on the budget. Mr. Cameron shared he watches the meetings of other cities whose budget meetings last 3-4 days with 18-24 hours of discussion. Mr. Cameron expressed his gratitude for the trust of Council and hard work done by Jared and Meghan to make our process special. Mr. Cameron spoke of the tremendous latitude in spending Council gives staff in order to do the right thing with the taxpayer's money. There was a lot of work that started in July to get there. Mr. Cameron gave credit to staff and Council for that work and process and shared it makes us look better and stronger.

City Administrator David Cameron shared that when he started with the City of Republic, the Employee Handbook was in red line revision and was a mess. Mr. Cameron expressed he cannot tell Lisa enough how much this document is a guiding principle for staff. It is well written and drafted and he appreciates Lisa updating it and bringing it to Council. These processes are rarely modified but to see it fresh and relevant is excellent.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Mayor Russell for how he handled citizen participation and listened to the people regarding the trail. Mr. Cameron made a correction to the Administrator's Report clarifying that the Ward 1 seat will not be on a ballot because we do not have an April ballot and cannot open a special election without an official action taken by Council. We would have to pass an ordinance by December 7th to hold a special election for this seat, which is not feasible.

Council Member Franklin echoed what Mr. Cameron said on budget and thanked staff for their hard work. Mr. Franklin thanked the citizens who spoke to Council tonight and acknowledged that it is nerve wracking to sit up and talk to us, stating it can also be nerve wracking on this side as well. Mr. Franklin announced there is so much going on in Republic this weekend. If you are not volunteering or participating, there is a lot going on to get involved in.

Council Member Pool expressed her appreciation of Mr. Cameron and all he does. Mrs. Pool reported he has made great improvements since he has been here. Mrs. Pool said she has been here through almost every City Administrator that has worked for Republic, but David exceeds them all. Mrs. Pool also expressed her appreciation of Mrs. Burbridge's work and all the time she spends while having a family at home.

Council Member Deichman reminded Council that several months ago, a citizen spoke about starting Christmas on Main Street. Mr. Deichman shared it is unbelievable the amount of momentum, donations, and volunteers they have gained in a brief time. Mr. Deichman shared it will be great for the City and he appreciates their work on this event.

Mayor Matt Russell acknowledged it is scary talking to us and there are things we need to look into that were brought up such as the neighbors and government overreaching. Mayor Russell shared his appreciation of Michael, Lisa, and Bobby for coming to speak tonight. They should be proud of themselves.

Adjournment

Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Matt Russell, Mayor