



## MINUTES

### City Council Workshop Community Center, 711 E. Miller Road January 12, 2021 at 5:15 PM

**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

#### Call Meeting to Order

The City Council Workshop of the City Council of the City of Republic, Greene County, Missouri, was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Eric Franklin at 5:15 p.m. at the Republic Community Center. Council Members present include Christopher Updike, Jim Deichman, Gerry Pool, Brandon Self, Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson and Jennifer Mitchell. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Assistant City Administrator Lisa Addington, Finance Director Debbie Parks, Police Chief Brian Sells, City Attorney Scott Ison, Principal Planner Karen Haynes, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Assistant Public Works Director Garrett Brickner, Assistant City Administrator and Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, BUILDS Director Andrew Nelson, Public Information Officer Mike Landis, Information Systems Director Josh Jones, and City Clerk Laura Burbridge.

#### Presentations and Discussions

David Cameron gave an overview of the DNR compliance order.

Andrew Nelson provided the history of the compliance order and the plan to meet compliance including the timeline. Mr. Nelson explained the Administrative Order process and the city's desire to avoid having to come into a consent decree, which would give the Department of Natural Resources the ability to regulate everything including our rates and improvements made.

Mr. Nelson provided a timeline of the steps made towards compliance including meeting with the Department of Natural Resources, the rate study done by Burns and McDonnell, and the investments made to determine the improvements needed. Mr. Nelson reminded Council of the past presentations regarding these needs including the City Council Retreat on February 12th and the study session held via Zoom on May 18th. The Master Plan was adopted on May 19th.

The improvements planned would account for the capacity increase to ensure the investment lived beyond the life of the debt. Compliance will be met through expansion of the facility and addressing inflow and infiltration issues with storm water. Funding options were provided to Council with details regarding interest rates and benefits of each option.

City Administrator David Cameron spoke regarding the issues with presenting an SRF (State Revolving Loan) bond on the ballot including voter fatigue due to other future ballot initiatives planned as well as the school district having a ballot initiative on the April ballot.

Andrew Nelson provided information regarding the Certificate of Participation benefits and spoke regarding the actions by DNR if we do not meet compliance including fines of up to five hundred dollars per day. Mr. Nelson also spoke about the history of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and decisions made by the voters in the past.

Council Member Self arrived at 5:44 p.m.

City Administrator David Cameron shared that McElhaney Lift Station was never built to handle the usage from the former Brookline area and a new line from the former Brookline area needs to run directly to the treatment plant to resolve a lot of issues. While consolidating Brookline has turned out to be a great investment, it is necessary to create that line, which will cost approximately 12 million dollars. Four million dollars would be needed for the reduction and prevention of inflow and infiltration. The

wastewater treatment plant would require 20 million dollars of improvements. The last 16 million will be covered by the money saved by paying off the treatment plant early. It will be a concerted effort to educate citizens regarding inflow and infiltration. Mr. Cameron shared that we did not want to make this decision without Council but recommend the Certificate of Participation as the best option.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Pro Tem Eric Franklin adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

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Matt Russell, Mayor