



**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  
 Brandon Self, Ward III  
 Clint Gerlek, Ward IV

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd**  
**March 07, 2023 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 Pro Tem Eric Franklin at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present included Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Eric Gerke, Brandon Self, Jennifer Mitchell, Clint Gerlek, and Gerry Pool. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Deputy City Administrator Andrew Nelson, City Attorney Megan McCullough, BUILDS Administrator Karen Haynes, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Police Major Jamie Burks, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, Athletics Administrator Garrett Cline, Assistant BUILDS Administrator Garrett Brickner, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Police Chief Brian Sells, Finance Director Bob Ford, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Associate Planner Patrick Ruiz, and IT Director Chris Crosby.

**Opening Prayer**

Opening prayer was led by City Administrator David Cameron.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Eric Franklin.

**Citizen Participation**

Mayor Pro Tem Franklin opened citizen participation at 6:01 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Pro Tem Franklin closed citizen participation at 6:01 p.m.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Gerlek, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve February 21, 2023 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve Vendor List.
3. 23-R-12 A Resolution of the City Council Awarding The Bid for Water Tower Sand Blasting and Painting for 2023 to Hogan’s Inc.
4. 23-R-13 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the Purchase and Safety Equipment Outfitting of Three (3) New Police Department Vehicles.

**Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule**

Planning & Zoning Meeting	March 13, 2023
City Council Meeting	March 21, 2023
City Council Meeting	April 4, 2023
Board of Adjustment Meeting	April 6, 2023

**Old Business and Tabled Items**

5. **23-03 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri, Title IV “Government Code”, Chapter 405 “Zoning Regulations”, Article 405-I “In**



**General” and Article 405-III “Zoning Districts – Use And Regulations”, Section 405.020 “Definitions”, Section 405.150 “C-1 Local Commercial District Regulations”, Section 405.165 “C-3 General Commercial District”, Section 405.170 “M-1 Light Industrial District Regulations”, And Section 405.180 “M-2 Heavy Industrial District Regulations.”**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the second reading of Bill 23-03 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available for questions from Council. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 23-03. Council Member Pool seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

6. **23-04 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri by Amending Title VI “Business And Occupation”, Chapter 635 “Medical Marijuana Facilities”, Sections 635.010 “Definitions”, 635.020 “Compliance With Law”, 635.030 “Licensing”, 635.040 “Distance Requirements From Schools”, 635.050 “Distance Requirements From Churches”, 635.060 “Distance Requirements From Daycares”, 635.070 “Measurements”, 635.080 “Hours Of Operation”, and 635.090 “Medical Marijuana Facility Requirements.”**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the second reading of Bill 23-04 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor updated Council on proposed changes to the bill. Council Member Pool motioned to amend Bill 23-04 as set forth in the City Attorney’s memorandum dated March 7, 2023. Council Member Mitchell seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 23-04. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

7. **23-05 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri, Title II “Public Health, Safety And Welfare”, Article 215-XI “Offenses Concerning Drugs and Alcohol”, Chapter 215 “Offenses”, by Amending Section 215.1800 “Possession Or Control Of A Controlled Substance”, by Repealing Section 215.1801 “Failure To Produce Medical Marijuana Identification” and Section 215.1804 “Medical Marijuana Cultivation”, and by Adding New Section 215.1805 “Marijuana Cultivation.”**

Motion was made by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Self to have the second reading of Bill 23-05 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Megan McCullough was available for questions from Council. Council Member Mitchell motioned for the passage of Bill 23-05. Council Member Gerke seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

8. **23-06 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri by Amending Title V “Building And Construction”, Chapter 520 “Fences And Walls”, Section 520.020 “Applicability”, Section 520.030 “Definitions”, and Section 520.040 “Fences And Walls.”**

Motion was made by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Self to have the second reading of Bill 23-06 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz was available for questions from

Council. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 23-06. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

9. **23-07 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri by Amending Title IV, Government Code, Chapter 405 “Zoning Regulations”, Article 405-I “In General” and Article 405-VII “Additional District Provisions”, Section 405.020 “Definitions” and Section 405.640 “Accessory Structures”, and by Adding New Section 405.643 “Decks” and New Section 405.648 “Accessory Dwelling Units.”**

Motion was made by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the second reading of Bill 23-07 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz was available for questions from Council. Council Member Pool motioned for the passage of Bill 23-07. Council Member Self seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

10. **23-08 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately 10,550 Square Feet of Right-of-Way Along North Turner Avenue.**

Motion was made by Council Member Gerke and seconded by Council Member Pool to have the second reading of Bill 23-08 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, and Wilson. 0 Nay. 1 Abstain-Self. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available for questions from Council. Council Member Pool motioned for the passage of Bill 23-08. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, and Wilson. 0 Nay. 1 Abstain-Self. Motion Carried.

11. **23-09 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Execution of a Developer Agreement with Republic R-III School District for the Construction of a Queuing Road for the Republic Schools Located at North Main Street And West State Highway 174.**

Motion was made by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Gerke to have the second reading of Bill 23-09 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions from Council. Council Member Mitchell motioned for the passage of Bill 23-09. Council Member Gerke seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

12. **23-10 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of Special Obligation Bonds, Series 2023, of the City of Republic, Missouri; Approving Certain Documents and Authorizing Certain Other Actions in Connection Therewith.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the second reading of Bill 23-10 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Jared Keeling provided an update to Council. Martin Ghafoori with Stifel updated Council on the bond orders. Council Member Mitchell motioned to amend Bill 23-10 by incorporating the revisions shown in the redline version of Bill 23-10 as provided to Council. Council Member Gerke seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Council Member Gerke motioned for the passage of Bill 23-10. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

### **New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)**

- 13.23-11 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri by Amending Title II Public Health, Safety And Welfare, Chapter 212 “Special Events” Sections 212.001 “Permit Required”, 212.003 “Definitions”, 212.005 “Submission Of Special Events Application”, 212.007 “Plan Review Meeting Notification To Applicant”, and 212.009 “Terms And Conditions.”**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Pool to have the first reading of Bill 23-11 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Pro Tem Franklin reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

### **Other Business (Resolutions)**

- 14.23-R-14 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the Final Expenditure of an Emergency Repair of Well #6.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to approve Resolution 23-R-14. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 15.23-R-15 A Resolution of The City Council Authorizing the BUILDS Department to Purchase A Crack Sealing Machine for Roadway Repair.**

Motion was made by Council Member Self and seconded by Council Member Pool to approve Resolution 23-R-15. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 16.23-R-16 A Resolution of The City Council Authorizing the BUILDS Department to Purchase Two Pumps to Replace Pumps #2 and #3 for Shuyler Creek Lift Station.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to approve Resolution 23-R-16. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 17.23-R-17 A Resolution of the City Council Approving Revel Advertising as an On-Call Consultant for Marketing Services.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to approve Resolution 23-R-17. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 18.23-R-18 A Resolution of the City Council Appointing Authorized Signers for the General Operating Account and Bond Proceeds Account with Arvest Bank.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Self to approve Resolution 23-R-18. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 19.23-R-19 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with The University Of Missouri Extension for Assistance with Increasing Community Engagement in Republic.**

Motion was made by Council Member Self and seconded by Council Member Pool to approve Resolution 23-R-19. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. David Burton presented the agreement to Council and answered questions. The vote was 6 Aye-Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, and Wilson. 1 Nay-Franklin. Motion Carried.

### **Reports from Staff**

City Administrator David Cameron reported he appreciated the discussion, adding we went through 11-12 ordinances, most of which had no changes to report. Mr. Cameron noted we have had workshops with Council and the community engagement component is a challenge to address. Mr. Cameron pointed out this agenda had recreational marijuana but there was not a lot of feedback, so we assume nobody is talking about it. Mr. Cameron added he agreed with many points made during the discussion and reminded Council that staff asked at the workshop what the best form of communication would be. Mr. Cameron acknowledged we need to hear more information, and everyone needs to know what is going on, so we are thinking outside the box. Mr. Cameron thanked Mr. Burton for stepping up, adding what he is doing in our community is what our country needs more of. Mr. Cameron admitted he is not as neighborly as he should be.

City Administrator David Cameron acknowledged these packets are thick and thanked Megan McCullough, Laura Burbridge, and everyone that worked on this packet, the Administrator's Report, and bond. Mr. Cameron added it is important to find a way to share this information in a positive way and get real feedback as we move forward. He noted we don't want to lose our sense of community and good dissent is worth our time.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Jared Keeling, Jennafer Mayfield, Martin Ghafoori, and staff involved in the bond work. Mr. Cameron acknowledged we had favorable results, and the Lord was good to us today.

City Administrator David Cameron welcomed Bob Ford as our new Finance Director. Mr. Cameron shared Mr. Ford grew up near here and returned to the area to be with his family. Mr. Cameron added we had a long search for that position, but we are confident he will help lead us and take us to another level. Mr. Cameron acknowledged Larry Brown, who was not at the meeting but has been a stable force for us. Mr. Cameron also thanked Andrew Nelson and Jared Keeling for stepping up in the interim.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Council for letting him miss the last meeting to go to Jefferson City. Mr. Cameron also thanked Mayor Russell for taking time off for the trip and acknowledged Mayor Russell for doing a great job in the capitol. Mr. Cameron noted he wouldn't wish having to ask for \$25 million on anyone, but we have had a lot of success. Mr. Cameron reported we did receive the \$5 million from the omnibus bill for the water tower. We are doing everything we can to minimize the impact to rate payers. Mr. Cameron acknowledged our residents are seeing these costs in their bills beginning this week, but we are actively working on minimizing future impact. Mr. Cameron added that a result of this advocacy work and travel is that things do suffer, such as communication.

City Administrator David Cameron acknowledged Garrett Brickner, noting he seems to be growing up right in front of his eyes. He did great research and went above and beyond to demonstrate to the auditor due diligence to stand behind the product and make the best decision. Mr. Cameron commended Mr. Brickner on his work. Mr. Cameron also acknowledged Chris Tabor, adding he has shown tremendous growth as well. Mr. Cameron shared he enjoys watching the growth in our staff.

City Administrator David Cameron reported he is proud to be in Republic, to lead this community, and is thankful for everyone that showed up to the meeting.



Council Member Gerke added he is excited about the bond and hearing about so many investors wanting to support Republic. Mr. Gerke also thanked everyone for the behind the scenes work on the recent workshop.

Council Member Gerlek shared it was a great workshop last week and he had fun attending. Mr. Gerlek added it was informative and great to be with staff. Mr. Gerlek announced tomorrow is international women's day. Mr. Gerlek noted he and Megan have never had to have a conversation and that is great. He added that it is evident that the women who work for the city are special.

Council Member Mitchell echoed Mr. Gerlek, adding Karen Haynes knows her stuff. Mrs. Mitchell thanked Mr. Burton and said she knows he will do great, knowing his record and history with Republic. Mrs. Mitchell acknowledged the great partnerships within the city with organizations such as the Chamber and schools, noting there is cohesiveness in the city and adding this program will provide great momentum.

Council Member Pool requested Council consider the sale of a property owned by the city. Mr. Cameron acknowledged we own a parcel of land due to a fire that took place where we took land in lieu of payment. Mr. Cameron noted it would take action by Council in Executive Session to initiate the sale of the property. Mr. Cameron added we need Council consent and could discuss it further in a future meeting. The property is at 325 Mill St. where the house was debilitated by fire. Mr. Cameron added we do not need to be owners of residential property.

Mayor Pro Tem Franklin thanked Mr. Burton for coming, as well as Mr. Ghafoori from Stifel. Mayor Pro Tem Franklin added he enjoyed the supervisor's meeting and looks forward to continuing the discussions, thanking Mayor Russell for engaging Council in the discussion of the surveys. Mayor Pro Tem Franklin thanked Ms. McCullough for the great job presenting at the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Franklin thanked staff for their work, acknowledging the agenda was over 600 pages, adding he appreciates the way it was laid out to help Council make good decisions. Mayor Pro Tem Franklin thanked Council, staff, and the citizens.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Pro Tem Franklin adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

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Matt Russell, Mayor