



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.
January 20, 2026 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 Darran Campbell, Chris Updike, Garry Wilson, Brian Fields, Justin Neal, Dan Harter, and Justin Shaw. Others in attendance were: City Administrator Colten Harris, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, Fire Chief Duane Compton, IT Manager Michael Sallee, Police Chief Brian Sells, Police Major Jamie Burks, Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Chief Technology Officer Josh Jones, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Community Development Director Karen Haynes, Interim City Attorney Damon Phillips, Recreation Superintendent Karsen Vaughan, Operations Manager Eric Brown, Code Compliance Official Kendall Jones, and Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Brad Stulce.

Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Mayor Franklin.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Franklin.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Franklin opened citizen participation at 6:01 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Franklin closed citizen participation at 6:01 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 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve the December 9, 2025 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

City Council Work Session	January 27, 2026
City Council Meeting	February 3, 2026
Board of Adjustment Meeting	February 5, 2026
Planning & Zoning Meeting	February 9, 2026
City Council Meeting	February 17, 2026

Public Hearings

3. **A Public Hearing of the City Council Regarding Approving the Annexation of Approximately 70.83 Acres of Property Located at 7275 West Farm Road 144 and Adjacent Right-of-Way.**



Mayor Franklin opened the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. Brock Stringer with Olsson, 550 E. St. Louis St. spoke in favor of the bill representing Convoy of Hope. Mayor Franklin closed citizen participation at 6:04 p.m.

4. A Public Hearing of the City Council Regarding Approving the Annexation of Approximately 9.85 Acres of Property Located at 7395 West Farm Road 144 and Adjacent Right-of-Way.

Mayor Franklin opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Franklin closed citizen participation at 6:04 p.m.

Old Business and Tabled Items-None

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

5. 26-01 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title IV ("Land Use"), Chapter 410 ("Subdivision Regulations"), Section 410.700 ("Sinkholes and Karst Features"), of the Municipal Code of the City or Republic, Missouri.

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Harter to have the first reading of Bill 26-01 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

6. 26-02 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Annexation of Approximately 70.83 Acres of Property Located at 7275 West Farm Road 144 and Adjacent Right-of-Way.

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Shaw to have the first reading of Bill 26-02 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

7. 26-03 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Annexation of Approximately 9.85 Acres of Property Located at 7395 West Farm Road 144 and Adjacent Right-of-Way.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 26-03 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

8. 26-04 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 0.33 Acres of Real Property, Located at 641 North College Avenue, from Medium Density Single-Family Residential (R1-M) to Two-Family Residential (R-2).

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Fields to have the first reading of Bill 26-04 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

9. 26-05 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title IV ("Land Use"), Chapter 415 ("Sign Regulations"), Section 415.120 ("Commercial Sign Overlay Districts"), of the Municipal Code of the City or Republic, Missouri.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 26-05 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw,

Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

- 10.26-06 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title I, "Government Code", Chapter 110, "Administration Policies", Article VIII, "Authority To Enter Into Contracts Policy," Section 110.200, "Persons Authorized To Enter Into Contracts On Behalf Of City;" Article II, "Purchasing And Surplus Property Disposal," Section 110.020.01, "Purchasing Policy And Procedures;" and Chapter 120 "City Officers And Employees," Article V, "City Administrator," Section 120.090, "City Administrator-Duties", and Adopting a Revised Policy Entitled "City Of Republic's Purchasing Policy".**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Shaw to have the first reading of Bill 26-06 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Bob Ford gave an overview of the bill. Council Member Harter requested an amendment to the Purchasing Policy to include notification of Council of any emergency expenses in Tier 3 or 4. Mayor Franklin reminded Council to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

Other Business (Resolutions)

- 11.26-R-01 A Resolution of the City Council Approving a Preliminary Plat for Town East Crossing, a Commercial Subdivision Consisting of Approximately 8.97 Acres Located at 1193 North Oakwood Avenue.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Fields to take up Resolution 26-R-01. Chris Tabor presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 12.25-R-02 A Resolution of the City Council Awarding the Bid for Portable Restroom Services for the 2026 and 2027 Calendar Years for the Parks & Recreation Department to BWI Sanitation.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Neal to take up Resolution 26-R-02. Karsen Vaughan presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 6 Aye-Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. 1 Abstain-Campbell. Motion Carried.

- 13.26-R-03 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing an Agreement with D & B Construction Group for the Installation of Advanced Metering Infrastructure.**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Shaw to take up Resolution 26-R-03. Josh Jones presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator Colten Harris welcomed everyone and extended New Year's greetings, noting that it was the first meeting of the year and expressing hope that it would be the last meeting held in the current room.

City Administrator Colten Harris reported that he had attended meetings in Jefferson City the previous week with the Springfield Chamber Legislative Priorities Advocacy Group. He stated that the group was advocating for the MM Corridor project and that it was identified as the number one priority. He added that the group would return the following month.

City Administrator Colten Harris welcomed the new City Attorney, Justin Rogers, thanking him for attending the meeting and noting that Mr. Rogers would begin his duties on January 26.

City Administrator Colten Harris announced that the city would be hosting the Greene County Mayor's Association dinner the following week on January 29.

City Administrator Colten Harris reported that Council Member Gerke sent information from the Springfield Business Journal regarding the list of fastest-growing cities, noting that Republic ranked number one with a 14 percent increase since the last census.

Mayor Eric Franklin expressed appreciation to everyone in attendance, noting the strong turnout. He also thanked those who donated during the Mayor's bell-ringing challenge, stating that many individuals participated in person and others sent donations. He noted that the winner would be announced in February.

Mayor Eric Franklin reported that the Ozarks Transportation Organization meeting held the previous week resulted in the passage of a letter of support for the MM Corridor. He also reported that the Greene County Mayor's Association would meet the following Thursday, during which Karen Haynes would give a presentation followed by a tour of City Hall. He noted that Greene County Commissioners would also be in attendance.

Mayor Eric Franklin stated that the Chamber of Commerce meeting held the previous month was successful and noted that Darran Campbell, Lisa Addington, and Colten Harris were in attendance. He expressed appreciation on behalf of staff and Council for the work completed during the workshop and the workshop scheduled for the following week, which he hoped would be held in the new Council Chambers. He thanked both Council and staff for their time and efforts.

Adjournment

Mayor Franklin adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Eric Franklin, Mayor