



## MINUTES

### City Council Regular Session BUILDS Building, 4221 S. Wilson's Creek Blvd. March 04, 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, Darran Campbell, Garry Wilson, Chris Updike, Brian Fields, Eric Gerke, Justin Shaw, and Daniel Harter. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, City Attorney Megan McCullough, Fire Chief Duane Compton, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Data and Security Supervisor Michael Sallee, Police Chief Brian Sells, Police Major Jamie Burks, Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, Community Development Director Karen Haynes, Engineer Angel Falig, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Associate Planner Patrick Ruiz, and Parks and Recreation Director Kris Parks.

#### Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by Council Member Darran Campbell.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Franklin.

#### Mayor's Announcements

1. Appoint Robert Mitchell to the Housing Authority for a Four-Year Term.

Mayor Franklin announced the appointment of Robert Mitchell to the Housing Authority.

#### 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 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

2. Approve the February 4, 2025 City Council Minutes.
3. Approve the February 11, 2025 City Council Work Session Minutes.
4. Approve the Vendor List.
5. 25-R-09 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Payment to Missouri Rural Services Workers' Compensation Insurance Trust for Coverage for 2025-2026.

#### Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Board of Adjustment Meeting	March 6, 2025
Planning & Zoning Meeting	March 10, 2025
City Council Work Session	March 11, 2025
City Council Meeting	March 18, 2025
City Council Meeting	April 1, 2025

#### Old Business and Tabled Items-None



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

6. **25-07 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately Ten Point Four-Four (10.44) Acres, Located at 688 South Kansas Avenue, from Agricultural (AG) and Medium Density Single-Family Residential (R1-M) to Medium Density Single-Family Residential (R1-M).**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 25-07 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 this is a first read and to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

7. **25-08 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Ordinance 24-58 Vacating Approximately One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty (1,920) Square Feet of Right-Of-Way Along East Greentree Street (VACA 24-002) to Correct a Scrivener's Error.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 25-08 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin announced that this is a first read and to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

8. **25-09 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Ordinance 24-59 Vacating Approximately Three Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Six (3,586) Square Feet of Right-Of-Way Along East Greentree Street (VACA 24-003) to Correct a Scrivener's Error.**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 25-09 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin announced that this is a first read and to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

9. **25-10 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title II ("Public Health, Safety And Welfare"), Chapter 205 ("Fire Prevention And Protection"), Article 205-II ("Fire Prevention --General Regulations"), by Adding Section 205.067 ("Emergency On-Site Fire Monitoring") to the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 25-10 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Duane Compton gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin announced that this is a first read and to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

10. **25-11 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title V ("Building And Construction"), Chapter 515 ("Rights-of-Way Management") Section 515.020 ("Definitions") of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri and Adding New Section 515.130 ("Utility Damage Prevention").**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 25-11 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Duane Compton gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin announced that this is a first read and to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

## Other Business (Resolutions)

### **11.25-R-08 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Engage Storcom Inc. for the Provision of Storage Area Network (SAN) Solutions Upgrades and Ongoing SAN Support.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Neal to take up Resolution 25-R-08. Michael Sallee 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.

### **12.25-R-10 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Negotiate and Execute Agreements with Kerr Consulting, Sage Intacct, Continental Utility Solutions, Inc., and ADP, to Provide the City's New Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Software.**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Updike to take up Resolution 25-R-10. Bob Ford and Jim Holman 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

City Administrator David Cameron welcomed Mr. Holman and expressed appreciation for his kind words regarding the City and staff. He also extended gratitude to Cherry Bekaert for their leadership on Project Genesis, acknowledging their invaluable contributions. Additionally, he thanked Bob Ford for leading the project, noting that it was no small task. He commended the City Council for approving the necessary funding and recognized both companies for their partnership. Special thanks were given to the staff who contributed to the project.

City Administrator Cameron noted staff will be bringing a proposal for securing a Stockton Lake water allocation for consideration. He emphasized the value of having the allocation as part of the City's overall master plan. He informed the Council that costs had decreased significantly to \$123,000 per year and that further discussions would take place in July.

City Administrator Cameron provided a reminder that mailers regarding upcoming rate changes would be sent out on the following dates dependent upon the billing cycles: March 18, 2025, and April 3, 2025.

City Administrator Cameron announced that the next Council workshop is scheduled for March 11, 2025. Mr. Cameron announced the topics of the workshop. I&I Pilot Study: Addressing stormwater infiltration in the system within a residential neighborhood consisting of 32 homes that contribute significantly to the load. As this involves private property considerations, a workshop discussion will be held before moving forward. Street Overlay Projects: A review of planned street overlay initiatives. Quarterly Finance Report: A presentation of quarterly financial data.

City Administrator Cameron reported that 2,917 miles of roadway were treated during recent winter storms. He expressed gratitude to staff for their dedication and acknowledged Council for providing funding to equip crews for the job. He also noted a power outage that occurred simultaneously with the storm. He thanked the crews for their swift efforts in restoring power and recognized Chief Compton for ensuring the City's tornado siren system was brought back online.

City Administrator Cameron commended the Parks and Recreation Department for their efforts in hosting the Father-Daughter Dance, which saw 818 attendees. He expressed appreciation for their dedication in making the event a success.

City Administrator Cameron announced we will be presenting a policy regarding water and sewer rates. He informed the Council that a draft ordinance is currently in progress and will be circulated soon. Further discussions will take place at an upcoming workshop in April.

Council Member Campbell recognized the significance of the Father-Daughter Dance and shared that he had been attending the event for 20 years, starting when he brought his own daughter. He noted that other communities have since followed Republic's lead, but the City's dedication to providing this unique experience remains special. Over the years, he has attended with his daughters and several nieces. He extended his thanks to Parks Superintendent Kris Parks and the entire staff for their continued hard work in maintaining the tradition.

**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 610.021.2 Real estate acquisition. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike at 6:52 p.m. to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.2 Real Estate Acquisition. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Shaw, Gerke, Updike, Wilson, Harter, Neal, Campbell, and Fields. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Harter to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 8:03 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Wilson, Fields, Gerke, Campbell, Harter, Updike, Neal, and Shaw. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

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Eric Franklin, Mayor