



# MINUTES

## City Council Meeting Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd May 07, 2024 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 Shaw, Garry Wilson, Brian Fields, Justin Neal, Chris Updike, and Daniel Harter. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, City Attorney Megan McCullough, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Police Chief Brian Sells, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Finance Director Bob Ford, Major Jamie Burks, Recreation Superintendent Garrett Cline, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, Associate Planner Patrick Ruiz, Engineer Angel Falig, Data and Security Supervisor Michael Sallee, Planning Manager Karen Haynes, Office Manager Steffi Weaver, Operations Manager Eric Brown, and IT Director Chris Crosby.

### Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by Council Member Darran Campbell.

### Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Eric Franklin.

### Pledge of Allegiance

City Clerk Laura Burbridge swore in Council Member Darran Campbell.

### Proclamations

1. Employee Appreciation Week

Mayor Eric Franklin presented the proclamation to Chief of Staff Lisa Addington.

### Citizen Participation

Mayor Franklin opened citizen participation at 6:05 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Franklin closed citizen participation at 6:05 p.m.

### Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Fields to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

2. Approve the April 16, 2024 City Council Minutes.
3. Approve the Vendor List.

### Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

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| Planning & Zoning Meeting   | May 13, 2024 |
| City Council Meeting        | May 21, 2024 |
| City Council Meeting        | June 4, 2024 |
| Board of Adjustment Meeting | June 6, 2024 |



## Old Business and Tabled Items

4. **24-21 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title VII (“Utilities”) of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri, by Adding New Chapter 720 (“Illicit Discharge Into Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System”).**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 24-21 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Angel Falig was available for any questions from the Council. Council Member Fields motioned for the passage of Bill 24-21. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

5. **24-22 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 0.40 Acres of Real Property Located at the 300 Block of West Broad Street, from Medium Density Single-Family Residential (R1-M) to Two-Family Residential (R-2).**

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 24-22 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz was available for any questions from the Council. Council Member Neal motioned for the passage of Bill 24-22. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 1 Nay-Harter. Motion Carried.

6. **24-23 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately Five Acres of Real Property Located near the 1100 Block of North Main Street, from Medium Density Single-Family Residential (R1-M) to High Density Single-Family Residential (R1-H).**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Fields to have the second reading of Bill 24-23 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor announced we received enough protest petitions to require a supermajority vote. Council Member Harter motioned for the passage of Bill 24-23. Council Member Campbell seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 1 Aye-Campbell. 6 Nay-Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. Motion Carried.

7. **24-24 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately Twenty-Five Acres of Real Property Located near the 1100 Block of North Main Street, from Agricultural (AG) to High Density Single-Family Residential (R1-H).**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 24-24 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor announced we received enough protest petitions to require a supermajority vote. Council Member Fields motioned for the passage of Bill 24-24. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 1 Aye-Campbell. 6 Nay-Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. Motion Carried.

## New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

8. **24-25 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri by Amending Title I (“Government Code”), Chapter 115 (“Mayor And City Council”), Article 115-II (“City Council Meetings”), by Adding New Section 115.070 (“Consent Agenda”).**

Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 24-25 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Laura Burbridge gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

9. **24-26 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title I (“Government Code”), Chapter 115 (“Mayor And City Council”), Article 115-II (“City Council Meetings”), Section 115.040 (“Duty To Attend Meetings”), of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Shaw to have the first reading of Bill 24-26 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Laura Burbridge gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

10. **24-27 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title II (“Public Health, Safety And Welfare”), Chapter 205 (“Fire Prevention And Protection”), Article 205-III (“Fireworks”), Section 205.070 (“Fireworks”), of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Campbell to have the first reading of Bill 24-27 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Duane Compton gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

11. **24-28 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of Olde Savannah Phase 3C Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Shaw to have the first reading of Bill 24-28 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. Chris Wynn was available representing the developer for questions. Mayor Franklin reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

12. **24-29 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title I (“Government Code”), Chapter 115 (“Mayor And City Council”), Article 115-I (“Mayor And City Council – Generally”), Section 115.035 (“Introduction And Adoption Procedures For Ordinances”), of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Harter to have the first reading of Bill 24-29 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Laura Burbridge gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

## Other Business (Resolutions)

### 13. **24-R-20 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the Builds Department to Purchase Itron, Inc. Radio Endpoints for Residential and Commercial Water Meters from United Systems & Software.**

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Updike to take up Resolution 24-R-20. Eric Brown 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.

### 14. **24-R-21 A Resolution of the City Council Awarding the Bid for Water Main Materials for Iron Grain District Phase 2 to Springfield Winwater Works.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Campbell to take up Resolution 24-R-21. Eric Brown 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.

### 15. **24-R-22 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Republic R-III School District for the City's Use of a District Bus to Accommodate Parks and Recreation Summer Events and Programs.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Shaw to take up Resolution 24-R-22. Jennafer Mayfield 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.

### 16. **Discussion on Proposed Garage Sale Ordinance-Council Member Updike.**

CM Updike presented his proposed ordinance. David Cameron noted we will bring this topic to a future workshop for further discussion.

### 17. **Discussion on Engaged Neighbor Program Results-David Burton.**

David Burton presented the 2023-2024 Engaged Neighbor Program Results and proposed a 2024-2025 Engaged Neighbor Program re-engagement agreement. David Cameron reported this will be presented as a Resolution for approval at a future meeting.

## Finance Report

Bob Ford presented the Quarterly Financial Report.

## Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Bob Ford, noting it was a lot of information, but he appreciated the coverage of the history of it. Mr. Cameron noted Bob has utilized his background and expertise to see improvements and he commended the work.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked the employees for Employee Appreciation Week, noting the work on a water main break at 0 degrees, tall grass, flooding, packets, and Chris Crosby keeping us from clicking on the wrong stuff. Mr. Cameron reminded everyone of the Employee Appreciation Picnic on Friday.

City Administrator David Cameron noted we have a work session coming up. He also reported back on the table top exercise with the school district for emergency preparedness, adding they did a train

derailment scenario and will do a tornado event next. Mr. Cameron noted we continue to work through what we would need to do for different disasters, adding it was 4 hours for the first session but provides good processing and training. Mr. Cameron assured the community we are being proactive in the event of these disasters. This was a 50/50 cost share with the school district. We will bring a report to Council when it is completed.

City Administrator David Cameron noted at the last meeting there was conversation regarding broadband. Mr. Cameron noted we have been working with different grants, including a call with AT&T regarding the BEAD grant. Mr. Cameron noted it was posted on Facebook, and we had some challenging results regarding underserved areas of the community. Mr. Cameron shared his appreciation for the call with AT&T and staff for working proactively with them.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked staff for the great job tonight, noting we need to work on the post-covid purchasing as Eric's item was only \$2,000 over our purchasing authority.

Council Member Neal noted he looks forward to the Drury revitalization summary, adding it was neat to see what they came up with. Mr. Neal noted we need to come together to find a way to make nuisance violations a priority as we have no dedicated staff to address it. There have been ongoing issues at some properties for years and we need to make it more of a priority.

Mayor Franklin noted our staff makes this job possible. Mayor Franklin shared his appreciation for all the work of staff and noted he enjoys highlighting the work staff does. Mayor Franklin noted he and Council Member Fields got to attend the Lauber training, adding it was great information and he was thankful for that opportunity.

**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. 610.02.*

1. Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. Closed Session. Closed Vote. Closed Record.

Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Updike at 7:40 p.m. to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.13 Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye – Wilson, Harter, Campbell, Neal, Updike, Fields, and Shaw. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Updike to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 8:11 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye – Campbell, Harter, Updike, Neal, Shaw, Fields, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

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Eric Franklin, Mayor