



**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 Meeting**  
**Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd**  
**May 21, 2024 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 Justin Shaw, Garry Wilson, Brian Fields, Justin Neal, Eric Gerke, Darran Campbell, Chris Updike, and Daniel Harter. Others in attendance were: 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, Recreation Superintendent Garrett Cline, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Planning Manager Karen Haynes, Office Manager Steffi Weaver, and IT Director Chris Crosby.

**Opening Prayer**

Opening prayer was led by Mayor Eric Franklin.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Brian Fields.

**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 Harter and seconded by Council Member Fields to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve the May 7, 2024 City Council Minutes.
2. 24-R-23 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Midwest Public Risk for Property and Liability Insurance for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.
3. 24-R-24 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City to Accept \$50,000,000 from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Via the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) Program for Required Capital Improvements to the Wastewater System.

**Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule**

City Council Meeting	June 4, 2024
City Council Workshop	June 5, 2024 10:00 a.m.
Board of Adjustment Meeting	June 6, 2024 (Cancelled)
Planning & Zoning Meeting	June 10, 2024
City Council Meeting	June 18, 2024



## Old Business and Tabled Items

- 4. 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 Wilson and seconded by Council Member Fields to have the second reading of Bill 24-25 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Laura Burbridge was available for questions of Council. Council Member Fields motioned for the passage of Bill 24-25. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. Motion Carried.

- 5. 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 Harter and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 24-26 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Laura Burbridge was available for questions of Council. Council Member Harter motioned for the passage of Bill 24-26. Council Member Wilson seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. Motion Carried.

- 6. 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 Updike and seconded by Council Member Harter to have the second reading of Bill 24-27 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Duane Compton was available for questions of Council. Council Member Fields motioned for the passage of Bill 24-27. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. Motion Carried.

- 7. 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 Campbell to have the second reading of Bill 24-28 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available for questions of Council. Council Member Neal motioned for the passage of Bill 24-28. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. Motion Carried.

- 8. 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 Updike to have the second reading of Bill 24-29 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Laura Burbridge was available for questions of Council. Council Member Harter motioned for the passage of Bill 24-29. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. Motion Carried.

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

9. **24-30 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 0.23 Acres of Real Property Located at 935-937 North Main Street, from Light Industrial (M-1) to Two-Family Residential (R-2).**

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 24-30 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 reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

10. **24-31 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 0.23 Acres of Real Property Located at 936-938 North Walnut Avenue, from Light Industrial (M-1) to Two-Family Residential (R-2).**

Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Fields to have the first reading of Bill 24-31 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 reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

11. **24-32 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 0.23 Acres of Real Property Located at 918 North Walnut Avenue, from Light Industrial (M-1) to Medium Density Single-Family Residential (R1-M).**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 24-32 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 reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

12. **24-33 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 0.23 Acres of Real Property Located at 916 North Walnut Avenue, from Light Industrial (M-1) to Medium Density Single-Family Residential (R1-M).**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 24-33 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 reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

13. **24-34 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 0.23 Acres of Real Property Located at 914 North Walnut Avenue, from Light Industrial (M-1) to Medium Density Single-Family Residential (R1-M).**

Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 24-34 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 reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

**14.24-35 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of 0.24 Acres of Real Property Located at 480 East US Highway 60, from Two-Family Residential (R-2) to Local Commercial (C-1).**

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 24-35 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 reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

**15.24-36 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 40 Acres of Real Property Located at the Intersection of South Farm Road 101 and West Farm Road 170 from Boyce Mixed-Use Planned Development District (PDD) to Amended Boyce Mixed-Use Planned Development District (PDD).**

Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 24-36 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 reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

**16.24-37 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title VIII (“Fees”), Chapter 805 (“Fee Schedule”), Section 805.050 (“Buildings And Zoning”), 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 24-37 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan 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.

**17.24-38 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title VII (“Utilities”), Chapter 715 (“Sewers And Sewage Disposal”), Article 715-II (“Use Of The Publicly-Owned Treatment Works”), Section 715.190 (“Fats, Oils, Grease And Sand”), of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Harter to have the first reading of Bill 24-38 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan 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)**

**18.24-R-25 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Loomis Armored US, LLC for the Purpose of Safekeeping its Currency and Increasing the Level of Safety for City Employees.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to take up Resolution 24-R-25. Bob Ford presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 1 Nay-Gerke. Motion Carried.

**19. 24-R-26 A Resolution of the City Council Approving the Independent Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Fields to take up Resolution 24-R-26. Jon Cummings from KPM 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.

**20. 24-R-27 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the Issuance of a Full Notice to Proceed Pursuant to Amendment 1 to the Phase 2 Contract Price Amendment for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion Project.**

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Updike to take up Resolution 24-R-27. Alison White with Burns & McDonnell 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**

Chief of Staff Lisa Addington sent David Cameron well wishes, noting he will return next week. Mrs. Addington added that The Rush opens this weekend.

Chief of Staff Lisa Addington announced the fourth annual Wellness Fair was scheduled for Thursday and encouraged everyone to attend.

Chief of Staff Lisa Addington encouraged everyone to review the Administrator's Report, commending Laura for the work on it as it is packed full with information and projects, the 2024 overlay listing, and downtown revitalization report is linked for review.

Chief of Staff Lisa Addington reminded everyone of the workshop coming up, noting there are several projects being shared at the workshop.

Chief of Staff Lisa Addington noted Memorial day weekend is coming up and encouraged everyone to take a moment to think of the sacrifices made by our military personnel.

Council Member Gerke congratulated staff on the great work leading to a successful audit, adding Bob and his crew did a lot of work.

Mayor Franklin shared he looked forward to Thursday at The Rush. Mayor Franklin noted David's Administrator's Report has so much information with links, OTO information, etc. Mayor Franklin reminded Council that David's evaluation must be completed by June 5th. Mayor Franklin thanked staff for the P & Z 101 on non-conforming uses. Mayor Franklin reminded everyone to have a safe Memorial Day weekend.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Franklin adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

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Eric Franklin, Mayor

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