



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.
December 09, 2025 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 Eric Gerke, Justin Neal, Dan Harter, Garry Wilson, Darran Campbell, and Justin Shaw. Others in attendance were: City Administrator Colten Harris, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, Interim City Attorney Damon Phillips, Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford, Engineer Angel Falig, Fire Chief Duane Compton, IT Manager Michael Sallee, Police Chief Brian Sells, Police Major Jamie Burks, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Community Development Director Karen Haynes, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, and Parks and Recreation Director Kris Parks.

Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Mayor Franklin.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Franklin.

Swearing in of City Administrator

City Administrator Colten Harris was sworn in by City Clerk Laura Burbridge.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Franklin opened citizen participation at 6:02 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Franklin closed citizen participation at 6:02 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Shaw to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve the November 18, 2025 City Council Work Session Minutes.
2. Approve the November 18, 2025 City Council Minutes.
3. Approve the Vendor List.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Board of Adjustment Meeting	January 8, 2026
Planning and Zoning Meeting	January 12, 2026
City Council Meeting	January 20, 2026
City Council Meeting	February 3, 2026

Old Business and Tabled Items

4. **25-41 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Annexation of Approximately 105 Acres of Property Located at 5740 W Republic Road and Adjacent Right-of-Way.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Shaw to have the second reading of Bill 25-41 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available for questions of



Council. Council Member Campbell motioned for the passage of Bill 25-41. Council Member Shaw seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

5. **25-42 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of Prairie Ridge Phase I Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 25-42 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin announced that pursuant to 3.10 (f) of the Charter, staff requested the second reading of this ordinance during this meeting. Council Member Campbell motioned to hold the second reading during this meeting. Council Member Neal seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (Second Reading of Ordinances)

6. **25-42 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of Prairie Ridge Phase I Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 25-42 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available for questions of Council. Council Member Neal motioned for the passage of Bill 25-42. Council Member Shaw seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Other Business (Resolutions)

7. **25-R-45 A Resolution of the City Council Assigning Authorized Designated Officials and Signers for the City for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan.**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Shaw to take up Resolution 25-R-45. Bob Ford presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator Colten Harris thanked Council, the executive team, and the Mayor for the opportunity to serve, stating that he was grateful to be on board. He noted that he participated in two interviews on his first day, and a consistent question was the future direction of the city. He stated that it is an exciting time, with a new budget solution underway, software conversions in progress for payroll, and the new City Hall nearing completion. He expressed appreciation to staff for their hard work throughout 2025. He remarked that while there was much on the horizon, there was already much to be thankful for.

City Administrator Colten Harris provided an update on Utility Billing, reporting that the software change was underway and that a mailer would be sent to customers the following day. He stated that the system would go live on February 1st. He added that the Annual Report was in progress and targeted for release in early February. He further noted that City Hall was nearing completion, that the facility looked excellent, and that staff hoped to move in later in the week. He added that an open house would be held in early spring. Mr. Harris also reported that candidacy filing began earlier that day for four-year terms and would close on December 30th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Eric Franklin welcomed Mr. Harris to the City of Republic.

Council Member Darran Campbell also welcomed Mr. Harris, stating that it would be an honor to serve alongside him.

Mayor Eric Franklin reported that he arrived early to tour the new City Hall and commended staff for their hard work in coordinating the furniture delivery earlier that day. He thanked staff for their efforts, thanked Chief of Staff Lisa Addington for her service in the interim role, and expressed appreciation to Bob Ford and Karen Haynes for their additional efforts in preparing to welcome Mr. Harris. He also thanked Main Street Events for hosting Christmas on Main, noting that the parade was excellent.

Mayor Eric Franklin stated that it continues to be an honor serving in his role. He reported that Saturday marked the final day of operations for the old library and expressed appreciation to the community for supporting the transition and assisting in moving books to the new facility. He also thanked the library staff for making the move possible. He announced that he had been invited to participate in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing Challenge on December 18th at the main entrance of Bass Pro and encouraged the public to attend and donate. He added that anyone interested in ringing the bell with him would be welcome to join.

Mayor Eric Franklin announced that the next Ozarks Transportation Organization board meeting would be held on January 15th, during which he would assume the role of Secretary for the year. He noted that the next Chamber meeting was scheduled for January 6th. Mayor Franklin stated that the most recent meeting was well attended and announced the Chamber was invited to a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Chick-fil-A for their new location. He concluded by expressing appreciation to Council for their dedication and time away from their families. Mayor Franklin noted that the past year has been excellent, and he anticipates a wonderful year ahead. Mayor Franklin wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Adjournment

Mayor Franklin adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Eric Franklin, Mayor