



MINUTES

**City Council Regular Session
BUILDS Building, 4221 S. Wilson's Creek Blvd.
November 18, 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 Eric Gerke, Justin Neal, Chris Updike, Dan Harter, Garry Wilson, Darran Campbell, Brian Fields, and Justin Shaw. Others in attendance were: Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington, Interim City Attorney Damon Phillips, Deputy Fire Chief Lynn Hollandworth, IT Manager Michael Sallee, Police Chief Brian Sells, Police Major Jamie Burks, Finance Manager Jake Jones, 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.

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.

1. Approve the November 4, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approve the Vendor List.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Planning & Zoning Meeting	December 1, 2025-Cancelled
Board of Adjustment Meeting	December 4, 2025-Cancelled
City Council Meeting	December 9, 2025
City Council Meeting	January 20, 2026

Old Business and Tabled Items

3. **25-38 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 5.08 Acres, Located at the 900 Block of Colorado Avenue, from Amended Frisco Square Planned Development District (PDD) to Amended Frisco Square Planned Development District Phase 2.**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Shaw to have the second reading of Bill 25-38 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor presented proposed Substitute Bill 25-38a, noting the editorial changes and answered questions of Council. Council Member Campbell motioned to replace Bill 25-38 with Substitute Bill 25-38a. Council Member



Updike seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Council Member Shaw motioned for the passage of Bill 25-38 as amended. Council Member Neal seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

4. **25-39 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Ordinance No. 24-63 to Reflect a Change in the Terms for the Farm Road 93 Community Improvement District (CID).**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 25-39 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions of Council. Council Member Neal motioned for the passage of Bill 25-39. Council Member Harter seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

5. **25-40 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Execution of a Developer Agreement with MM Land Holdings, LLC for Commercial Use of the Property Located at 1192 S State Highway MM Utilizing Existing Well and Septic Pending Municipal Water and Sewer Connection Availability.**

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 25-40 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions of Council. Council Member Harter motioned for the passage of Bill 25-40. Council Member Neal seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

6. **A Public Hearing of the City Council Regarding Approving the Annexation of Approximately 105 Acres of Property Located at 5740 W Republic Road and Adjacent Right-of-Way.**

Mayor Franklin opened the public hearing at 6:08 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Franklin closed the public hearing at 6:08 p.m.

7. **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 Shaw and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 25-41 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 before the next meeting with any questions.

Other Business (Resolutions)-None

Reports from Staff

Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington reported that construction of the new City Hall continued to make excellent progress. She stated that she toured the facility on Monday and observed that carpet installation and painting were underway. She announced that staff planned to move into the building on December 8th and that a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony would be scheduled for early spring. She further noted that planning for the 2026 calendar had begun and that Council workshops would continue in January, which will focus on the Mission, Vision, and Values, as well as priorities for 2026.

Acting City Administrator Lisa Addington reminded Council that candidacy filing would open on December 9th for one seat per ward, each with a four-year term. Filing will occur by appointment following December 9th, and information is available on the City's website. She stated that a letter regarding the new Utility Billing system would be mailed to customers in mid-December and would be provided to the Council in advance. Mrs. Addington also noted that this meeting served as her final meeting as Acting City Administrator and expressed appreciation to Council for their support and encouragement during her tenure. She announced that Colten Harris will begin his duties as City Administrator and will be present for the December 9th meeting. She thanked City staff, particularly the Executive Leadership Team, and gave special recognition to Karen Haynes for consistently going above and beyond, as well as to Human Resources Manager Rachel Reich-Graef for assuming most Human Resources responsibilities. She wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and encouraged a focus on gratitude.

Mayor Eric Franklin stated that it had been a pleasure having Lisa Addington serve as Acting City Administrator and expressed pride in the staff for stepping up and performing exceptionally well. He welcomed her back from vacation and thanked staff for recognizing veterans during recent events, noting Fire Captain Barr spoke to attendees at the Senior Center. He encouraged everyone to be safe during the holiday season. Mayor Franklin thanked staff and Greene County for their work addressing stormwater concerns in the Rankin Acres area. He referenced the City Administrator's report, which mentioned survey work at the intersection of Hines Street and Highway ZZ, noting that the project remained on the City's radar. He announced that he would be speaking at the Chamber meeting on December 2nd and viewed it as a great opportunity to meet community members.

Mayor Franklin announced that the OTO Board would meet on Thursday and that KY3 had recently mentioned the public comment period associated with an ongoing OTO public comment period. He encouraged residents to provide feedback. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving holiday. Mayor Franklin announced that December 1st through 7th would be Children's Miracle Network Week and that he would be volunteering during the event. He also reminded Council that Christmas on Main Street will take place on December 6th in conjunction with Breakfast with Santa, marking the fifth annual Main Street celebration. He noted that he looked forward to partnering with Colten Harris when he begins as City Administrator.

Adjournment

Mayor Franklin adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Eric Franklin, Mayor