



MINUTES

City Council Meeting

Republic Community Center-Community Room 711 E. Miller

June 16, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Jeff Ussery, Mayor
Brandon Self, Ward I
Garry Wilson, Ward II
Christopher Updike, Ward III
Jennifer Mitchell, Ward IV

Eric Franklin, Ward I
Gerry Pool, Ward II
Matt Russell, Ward III
Jim Deichman, 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 Jeff Ussery at 6:30 p.m. at the Republic Community Center. Council Members in attendance were: Eric Franklin, Jim Deichman, Garry Wilson, Brandon Self, John Jones, Matt Russell, Charlie Brashers, and Gerry Pool. Newly elected Council Members Christopher Updike and Jennifer Mitchell were present. Others in attendance were: Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling, Assistant City Administrator Lisa Addington, Police Chief Brian Sells, City Attorney Scott Ison, Assistant Public Works Director Garrett Brickner, Public Information Officer Mike Landis, IT Technician Michael Sallee, and Principal Planner Karen Haynes.

Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by Council Member Eric Franklin.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Jeff Ussery.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Ussery opened Citizen Participation at 6:31 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Ussery closed Citizen Participation at 6:32 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Russell, Pool, Franklin, Self, Wilson, Jones and Brashers. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve June 2, 2020 City Council Regular Session Minutes.
2. Approve Vendor List.
3. Approve Utility Billing Adjustments.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

June 4, 2020 Board of Adjustment Meeting
June 8, 2020 Planning & Zoning Meeting
June 16, 2020 City Council Meeting
July 21, 2020 City Council Meeting

Old Business and Tabled Items

4. 20-24 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri, by Amending Title I, "Government Code," Chapter 130, "Municipal Court," Article I, "General Provisions," Regarding the Term of Office for Municipal Judges.

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 20-24 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Pool, Russell, Deichman, Brashers, Jones, Wilson, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Scott Ison was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Jones motioned for the passage of Bill 20-24. Council Member Deichman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Russell, Pool, Franklin, Deichman, Self, Jones, Brashers, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Other Business (Resolutions)

5. 20-R-18 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Declaring the Results of the June 2, 2020 Municipal Election.

Motion was made by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Brashers to approve Resolution 20-R-18. Mayor Ussery read the election results. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman, Russell, Brashers, and Jones. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Recognition of Council Members

Mayor Ussery recognized Council Member Jones and Council Member Brashers for their years of service on City Council. Council Members Brashers and Jones spoke about their time on Council. Mayor Ussery presented them with plaques acknowledging their service to the community.

Swearing-in of Elected Officials

Deputy City Clerk Lisa Addington swore in Mayor Jeff Ussery and Council Members Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Christopher Updike, and Jennifer Mitchell.

Election of Mayor Pro-Tem

Council Member Wilson motioned to elect Council Member Matt Russell for Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Self seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Pool, Deichman, Mitchell, Updike, Wilson, and Self. 0 Nay. 1 Abstain-Russell. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

6. 20-25 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving Amending the Zoning Code and Official Map by Changing the Classification of Approximately 0.47 Acres, Located at 127 East Mill, from Medium Density Single-Family Residential (R1-M) to Two-Family Residential (R-2).

Council Member Pool motioned for the first reading of Bill 20-25 by title only. Council Member Wilson seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman, Russell, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill. The applicant, April Swanson, was available to answer questions and spoke in favor of the bill. Mayor Ussery reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with Ms. Haynes with any questions prior to the next meeting.

7. 20-26 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving Amending the Zoning Code and Official Map by Changing the Classification of Approximately 0.47 Acres, Located at 616 North Phelps Avenue, from Medium Density Single-Family Residential (R1-M) to High Density Single-Family Residential (R1-H).

Council Member Wilson motioned for the first reading of Bill 20-26 by title only. Council Member Russell seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman, Russell, Updike, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill. The applicant, Steve Crawford, spoke in favor of the bill. Mayor Ussery reminded

Council that this was a first read and to get with Ms. Haynes with any questions prior to the next meeting.

Other Business (Resolutions)

8. 20-R-19 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Awarding the Bid for the Fencing and Kennel Construction at the Republic Animal Control Facility.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Deichman to approve Resolution 20-R-19. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman, Russell, Updike, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

9. 20-R-20 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Awarding the Bid for the Observation Cages Construction at the Republic Animal Control Facility.

Motion was made by Council Member Self and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve Resolution 20-R-20. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman, Russell, Updike, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

10. 20-R-21 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Awarding the Bid for the Purchase of Network Switching Hardware.

Motion was made by Council Member Self and seconded by Council Member Deichman to approve Resolution 20-R-21. Michael Saltee provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman, Russell, Updike, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

11. 20-R-22 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019.

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Russell to approve Resolution 20-R-22. Debbie Parks provided an overview of the Resolution and auditor Jon Cummins discussed the details of the audit report. The vote was 8 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman, Russell, Updike, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Finance Report

Finance Director Debbie Parks presented the Finance Report.

Reports from Staff

Report from Assistant City Administrator:

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling welcomed the new members of Council.

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling updated Council on the progress of the Animal Control facility's construction.

Report from Mayor:

Mayor Ussery spoke about Springfield Police Officer Mark Priebe, who was injured in the line of duty. Mayor Ussery shared his thoughts and prayers are with Officer Priebe and his family as he works towards recovery.

Report from Council:

Council Member Eric Franklin congratulated Council Members Brashers and Jones as they end their terms of office and thanked the voters for their participation.

Executive Session:

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Franklin at 7:56 to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.3 Hiring, firing, promotion or disciplining personnel. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye – Franklin, Wilson, Russell, Mitchell, Updike, Self, Deichman, and Pool. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Self and seconded by Council Member Russell to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 8:30 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Deichman, Russell, Updike, Franklin, Self, Pool, Mitchell, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

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