



Matt Russell, Mayor
 Eric Gerke, Ward I
 Garry Wilson, Ward II
 Christopher Updike, Ward III
 Justin Neal, Ward IV
 Eric Franklin, Ward I
 Brian Fields, Ward III
 Clint Gerlek, Ward IV

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd
November 14, 2023 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 Matt Russell at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present included Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Eric Gerke, Brian Fields, Justin Neal, Chris Updike, and Clint Gerlek. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, City Attorney Megan McCullough, Police Chief Brian Sells, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Finance Director Bob Ford, Assistant City Administrator-Community Development Andrew Nelson, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, IT Director Chris Crosby, Police Major Jamie Burks, Planning Manager Karen Haynes, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, Associate Planner Patrick Ruiz, Aquatics Administrator/Recreation Coordinator Emma Dulin, Recreation Superintendent Garrett Cline, and Data and Security Supervisor Michael Sallee.

Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by City Administrator David Cameron.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Matt Russell.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Russell opened citizen participation at 6:00 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:01 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 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve November 7, 2023 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve November 2, 2023 City Council Budget Workshop Minutes.
3. 23-R-61 A Resolution of the City Council Approving the Selected Health-Related Benefits Providers of Plans to be Offered to Qualified Employees for 2024.
4. 23-R-62 A Resolution of the City Council Awarding the Bid for Water Line Materials for the New Intermediate School to Springfield Winwater Works.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

City Council Workshop at Noon	November 16, 2023
Planning & Zoning Meeting	December 4, 2023
Board of Adjustment Meeting	December 7, 2023-Cancelled
City Council Meeting	December 12, 2023
City Council Meeting	January 9, 2023



Old Business and Tabled Items

5. **23-52 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Execution of a Deferred Infrastructure Developer Agreement with Bester Properties, LLC.**

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 23-52 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer questions. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 23-52. Council Member Neal seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

6. **23-53 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of the Harper Ridge Phase 1 Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Wilson to table Bill 23-53 until December 12, 2023. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

7. **23-54 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of the Hankins Farm Planned Development District.**

Motion was made by Council Member Gerke and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 23-54 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer questions. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 23-54. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

8. **23-55 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing Amendment of the Lease Agreement between the City and City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri for the Trunked Radio Systems Tower located in Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the second reading of Bill 23-55 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Duane Compton was available to answer questions. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 23-55. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

9. **A Public Hearing of the City Council Appropriating from the Revenue of the City of Republic, Missouri, Expenditures in Accordance with the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget of the City of Republic, Missouri, and Providing for Adjustments Thereto.**

Mayor Russell opened the public hearing at 6:07 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Russell closed the public hearing at 6:07 p.m.

10. **23-56 An Ordinance of the City Council Appropriating from the Revenue of the City of Republic, Missouri, Expenditures in Accordance with the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget of the City of Republic, Missouri, and Providing for Adjustments Thereto.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 23-56 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Bob Ford was available to answer

questions. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 23-56. Council Member Gerke seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

- 11. 23-57 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title VIII, Fees, Chapter 805, Sections 805.010 (“Credit Card Processing Fee”), 805.030 (“Alcoholic Beverages”), 805.040 (“Animals”), 805.050 (“Buildings And Zoning”), 805.060 (“Business”), 805.070 (“Fire Protection And Prevention”), 805.080 (“Parks And Recreation Fees”), 805.090 (“Special Event Fees”), and 805.100 (“Utility Administration”) of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 23-57 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Jared Keeling and Andrew Nelson were available to answer questions. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 23-57. Council Member Neal seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

- 12. 23-R-60 A Resolution of the City Council Appointing a Council Member for Ward II.-Tabled from November 7, 2023.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to take up Resolution 23-R-60. Mayor Russell presented his recommendation of appointment to Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

- 13. 23-58 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 0.81 Acres of Real Property Located at 445 US Highway 60 East, from Local Commercial (C-1) to General Commercial (C-2).**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 23-58 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

- 14. 23-59 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 40.46 Acres of Real Property Located at 7217 West Farm Road 182, from Agricultural (AG) to Medium-Density Single-Family Residential (R1-M).**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 23-59 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

- 15. 23-60 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of The Woods Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 23-60 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes gave an overview of the bill. Mayor

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16.23-61 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of Greenfield Estates Subdivision.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 23-61 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

Other Business (Resolutions)

17.23-R-63 A Resolution of the City Council Awarding the Bid for Cleaning, Inspection and As Needed Remediation of Identified Sanitary Sewer Areas to Hydro-Klean LLC.

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to take up Resolution 23-R-63. Andrew Nelson presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

18.23-R-64 A Resolution of the City Council to Review, Amend, and Approve the Five-Year Capital Program for 2024 through 2028.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Franklin to take up Resolution 23-R-64. Bob Ford presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

19.23-R-65 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Ozarks Coca-Cola/Dr. Pepper Bottling Company to be the Exclusive Beverage Provider for Events and Related Activities Hosted or Presented by the City's Parks and Recreation Department.

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Franklin to take up Resolution 23-R-65. Garrett Cline presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

20.23-R-66 A Resolution of the City Council Approving a Preliminary Plat for Olde Savannah Phase 3C, A Residential Subdivision Consisting of Approximately 5.02 Acres Located at 6354 South Farm Road 89.

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to take up Resolution 23-R-66. Patrick Ruiz presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Bob Ford for his work on the budget and commended Bob, Jake, Jared, and all the staff involved for getting us through the budget presentations and approval in 3 weeks plus Capital Plan. Mr. Cameron noted this is the best budget process he has experienced in his entire tenure, noting Questica can bring more information ahead.

City Administrator David Cameron announced we will have a work session Thursday regarding a proposed recreational marijuana tax and Charter amendments. Mr. Cameron noted several of his questions were not included in 2019 due to the number of questions already presented. Mr. Cameron added he looks forward to discussing those proposed amendments.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Terry Mooneyham for being here, adding she approached Council and asked to wait to demolish the old Public Works building and to donate the building to the Historical Society. Mr. Nelson met and spoke with them to give them a tour with a liability waiver signed. They were able to determine that salvaging the building is not feasible. They are now requesting that the city donate the land to the Historical Society after demolition. Mr. Cameron announced we will be proceeding with the demo, although the water line to City Hall runs beneath that building, so there are still logistics to work out. Mr. Cameron added we will try to salvage anything valuable for the Historical Society.

City Administrator David Cameron reported that on Saturday he attended the Ruck and Run to celebrate veterans, adding that Josh Matthews leads the event. Mr. Cameron noted this is something he would encourage people to promote, acknowledging it is great to support their work for veterans. Mr. Cameron added he would love for us to dig deeper to help promote this event more in the future.

City Administrator David Cameron reported that a week ago on Monday, he and Andrew Nelson traveled to Jefferson City to discuss the MM expansion. Mr. Cameron noted we spearheaded that project on behalf of MoDOT, which started at 3 lanes, with MoDOT later asking to expand the project to 6 lanes. We raised funds from other entities towards the project. Mr. Cameron noted due to inflation, it has ballooned to \$16 million and we would have to cover \$6 million in additional costs. Mr. Cameron noted we would be leveraging all our transportation funding for several years. Mr. Cameron noted partnering shouldn't cost the residents 20-25 years of other work. Mr. Cameron added we will work to encourage legislators and representatives but we will remove ourselves from the situation if necessary. Mr. Cameron referenced the history of this in his former administrator reports.

City Administrator David Cameron wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked Council and staff for their service. Mr. Cameron acknowledged Laura Burbridge and Megan McCullough for the great job on the work done for Thursday's Charter discussion.

Council Member Franklin echoed Mr. Cameron on Veteran's Day, adding on Friday he got to enjoy a Veteran's Day program at the High School with the choir performing and the Junior ROTC and FFA club served them a meal. Mr. Franklin added he got to sit down to speak to those veterans who were able to attend. Mr. Franklin also noted that Owen Park now has a free library and thanked the Wilder family for their work to add to the park, noting it was hard work. Mr. Franklin noted on Saturday he had the terrific opportunity to spend the day with Corporal Dove and appreciated having the opportunity to do a ride along to see the response from Fire and Police. Mr. Franklin noted it gave him great perspective and thanked Corporal Dove, Chief Sells, and all first responders. Mr. Franklin reported on Thursday he attended a MML meeting for economic due diligence and was happy to see Karen Haynes and Chris Tabor there. Mr. Franklin also thanked them for providing Planning and Zoning 101 at the last Planning and Zoning meeting, noting it is great information and if anyone needs better understanding, he recommended watching. Mr. Franklin noted he looks forward to the next episode.

Council Member Gerlek noted that Mr. Cameron left off from his report that Mr. Cameron was in the Biz 417 top 100 people. Mr. Gerlek noted he had a couple staffers attend the Ruck and Run and they noted they loved it and it is a great event that will grow bigger. Mr. Gerlek commented to Terry Mooneyham that the Historical Society needs to put a sandwich shop in their future building.

Adjournment

Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Matt Russell, Mayor

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