



# MINUTES

## City Council Regular Session Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd October 01, 2024 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 Justin Shaw, Brian Fields, Justin Neal, Darran Campbell, and Chris Updike. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, City Attorney Megan McCullough, Fire Chief Duane Compton, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford, Community Development Director Karen Haynes, Data and Security Supervisor Michael Sallee, Police Lieutenant Zach Richards, and Engineer Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan.

### Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by Mayor Eric Franklin.

### Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Eric Franklin.

### Citizen Participation

Mayor Franklin opened citizen participation at 6:00 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Franklin closed citizen participation at 6:00 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 5 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Neal, Shaw, and Updike. 0 Nay. 1 Abstain-Wilson. Motion Carried.

1. Approve the September 10, 2024 City Council Minutes.
2. 24-R-43 A Resolution of the City Council Approving the Dates for Meetings of the City Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, and Board of Adjustment During Calendar Year 2025.

### Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Board of Adjustment Meeting	October 3, 2024-Cancelled
Planning & Zoning Meeting	October 7, 2024
City Council Workshop	October 8, 2024
City Council Meeting	October 15, 2024
Planning & Zoning Meeting	November 4, 2024
City Council Meeting	November 5, 2024

### Old Business and Tabled Items

3. **24-55 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the City's Acceptance of Certain Grant Funds and Contribution of Local Match Funding for Public Improvements Included in the Route MM Realignment Project (Greene County Job Number 8S0836D).**



Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Shaw to have the second reading of Bill 24-55 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Wilson, Neal, Shaw, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions of Council. Council Member Fields motioned for the passage of Bill 24-55. Council Member Shaw seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. Motion Carried.

**4. 24-56 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Execution of a Developer Agreement with Empire District Electric Company for Parking Lot Access for the Future Morris Park on West State Highway 174.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Campbell to have the second reading of Bill 24-56 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Wilson, Neal, Shaw, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan was available for questions of Council. Council Member Shaw motioned for the passage of Bill 24-56. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. Motion Carried.

**Other Business (Resolutions)**

**5. 24-R-44 A Resolution of the City Council Awarding the Bid for the Shuyler Creek Trail Extension to JD Wallace Contracting, LLC.**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike to take up Resolution 24-R-44. Karen Haynes presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**Reports from Staff**

City Administrator David Cameron acknowledged this agenda was light, but we will make up for it as we head into budget season. Mr. Cameron congratulated staff for their hard work on the trail, a project that has spanned over two and a half years. We did not need to condemn any property for this project, but we did go over budget to accommodate the needs of property owners.

City Administrator David Cameron noted in the administrative report, the MM Highway section from I-44 to Brookline Baptist Church included a median, which was not part of the original plan. The cost doubled as a result. We are preparing to release the funds back to the state due to the project's infeasibility caused by the price increase. This project was the number one priority for Ozark Transportation Organization and the Springfield Chamber of Commerce. However, we will not be covering the cost difference on our end. The project is still in progress, but we are starting over due to inflation, right-of-way costs exceeding \$3.5 million, and the addition of the median.

City Administrator David Cameron announced we are working to move the Council Chambers to the BUILDS building as of November 15. This move will make A/V and staff work easier, and everything can be relocated if necessary.

City Administrator David Cameron noted we are preparing for the next legislative session, during which we will request additional funding for wastewater and highway projects, as well as discussing annexation bills. The water rate workshop is scheduled for October 8, and the code enforcement workshop will take place on November 12. Both will be recorded for those who cannot attend.

City Administrator David Cameron announced that the RFQ for the City Hall addition is scheduled for October 4, and we will also issue an RFP following that process.

City Administrator David Cameron reminded everyone that Pumpkin Daze is this weekend, and the data analytics team will provide better insights into attendance numbers following the event.

City Administrator David Cameron announced the OTO breakfast is on October 10, and Council is encouraged to attend. We will be presenting on the MM Corridor. Mr. Cameron noted Phase 2 of the roundabout on MM is expected to go out for bids in May.

City Administrator David Cameron congratulated Mayor Franklin for his advanced MGI designation and to Council Member Fields for earning the MGI certification.

Mayor Franklin shared that a constituent expressed how much they appreciate us at the last meeting, and we received similar feedback at the recent MML conference. Other cities are looking to us as an example, and he is proud of this Council. Congratulations to Council Member Fields on his certification. Mayor Franklin noted the car show on Main Street last weekend was amazing, with 140 cars in attendance. Mayor Franklin thanked the Parks Department and Republic Main Street Events for their work. Mayor Franklin noted he is looking forward to Pumpkin Daze and the OTO breakfast. The "Rooting Republic" event was back in action last week, providing a great volunteer opportunity. Mayor Franklin thanked Republic for being such a fantastic community.

**Executive Session:** *No further action, other than announcing adjournment by the Mayor, shall take place after an Executive Session that is scheduled as the last matter on the Agenda unless otherwise stated on the Agenda or as allowed per RSMo. 610.02.*

1. RSMo 610.021.1 Pending and/or potential litigation. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike at 6:16 p.m. to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.1 Pending and/or potential litigation. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Neal, Wilson, Fields, Updike, and Shaw. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Shaw to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 6:41 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Shaw, Neal, Fields, Campbell, Wilson, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

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Eric Franklin, Mayor