



**Matt Russell, Mayor/Ward III**  
 Brandon Self, Ward I  
 Garry Wilson, Ward II  
 Christopher Updike, Ward III  
 Jennifer Mitchell, Ward IV  
 Eric Franklin, Ward I  
 Gerry Pool, Ward II  
 Jim Deichman, Ward IV

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Online Zoom Meeting**  
**February 16, 2021 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 6:03 p.m. via an online Zoom meeting. Council Members present and on camera included Christopher Updike, Jim Deichman, Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Matt Russell, and Jennifer Mitchell. Council Member Pool participated by phone on mute, therefore no votes were counted from Council Member Pool. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Assistant City Administrator Lisa Addington, Finance Director Debbie Parks, Police Lieutenant Jamie Burks, City Attorney Scott Ison, Planning Manager Karen Haynes, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling, BUILDS Administrator Andrew Nelson, Engineering Manager Garrett Brickner, Public Information Officer Mike Landis, Sergeant Frank Schreiber, Information Systems Director Josh Jones, and City Clerk Laura Burbridge.

**Opening Prayer**

Opening prayer was led by City Administrator David Cameron.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag**

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 6:06 p.m.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Wilson, Russell, Updike, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve February 2, 2021 City Council Minutes.
2. As per RSMo. 109.230(4), City records that are on file in the City Clerk’s office and have met the retention schedule will be destroyed in compliance with the guidelines established by the Secretary of State’s office.
3. Approve Vendor List.
4. Approve Utility Billing Adjustments.

**Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule**

City Council Meeting	March 2, 2021
Board of Adjustment Meeting	March 4, 2021
Planning & Zoning Meeting	March 8, 2021
City Council Meeting	March 16, 2021



## Old Business and Tabled Items

5. **20-59 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Annexation of Approximately 15.52 Acres, Located in the 7300 Block of West Farm Road 170 and Adjacent Right-of-Way.**

Mayor Russell announced that the applicant has requested to withdraw this application.

6. **21-10 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into an Infrastructure Development Agreement with Turner Residential Holding, LLC for Infrastructure for Phase 1 of the Oak Hills Residential Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the second reading of Bill 21-10 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Franklin, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Franklin motioned for the passage of Bill 21-10. Council Member Deichman seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Wilson, Mitchell, Updike, Russell, and Deichman. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

## New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

7. **21-11 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the Blueprint for Safer Roadways Program.**

Council Member Updike motioned for the first reading of Bill 21-11 by title only. Council Member Mitchell seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Russell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Sergeant Frank Schreiber provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with Sgt. Schreiber with any questions prior to the next meeting.

## Other Business (Resolutions)

8. **21-R-05 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the Police Department to Apply for and Accept Two Reimbursable, 2021-2022 Missouri Highway Safety Program for Traffic Safety and Enforcement Grants.**

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Wilson to approve Resolution 21-R-05. Lieutenant Jamie Burks provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Russell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

9. **21-R-06 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing a Letter to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for the Purpose of Requesting a Voluntary Referral to Develop an Abatement Order on Consent for Compliance of the Wastewater Treatment System.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve Resolution 21-R-06. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Mitchell, Russell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

## Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron gave Mayor Russell kudos to his job running his first zoom meeting. Mr. Cameron stated that if anything came from the pandemic, it made these meetings continue to move forward, rather than be canceled. Mr. Cameron thanked Council for being able to participate via Zoom.

City Administrator David Cameron shared his appreciation for our employees. Mr. Cameron added he has never seen -15 degrees and staff has worked very hard through this weather. Officers and firefighters have worked accidents, there have been falls, we have had water main breaks, Public Works staff has been out around the clock doing snow removal, staff has been salting City properties, and we have had frozen mains and lines in our facilities. Mr. Cameron informed Council that the Public Works crew finished the development agreement with Convoy of Hope last week during the ice storm. Mr. Cameron expressed that he is amazed at the commitment and dedication of our employees. Mr. Cameron said people will say we need more salt and need to get to streets, but staff is working around the clock and we are doing our best to get to those areas. These are conditions we are not used to. Mr. Cameron added we also had a Lift Station overflow this afternoon and crews immediately responded.

City Administrator David Cameron reminded Council that next Thursday will be the City Council Work Session from 8:30-12. Mr. Cameron shared he is looking forward to discussing the needs of the community moving forward.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Council for the opportunity to speak to a couple groups. Mr. Cameron shared he appreciated the Mayor and his wife Crystal attending and participating in the Rotary meeting. Mr. Cameron added that Mayor Russell's wife has a doctorate and is an attorney as well. Mr. Cameron thanked Council Member Franklin for the invite to the Pachyderm Club, mentioning it was freezing but still had a great turnout. Mr. Cameron reported that when doing these presentations about our community, he shares one of our strengths is the alignment from the Mayor and Council Members and how we are able to maneuver. Mr. Cameron added that Council gives us a tremendous amount of space to do our job. Mr. Cameron acknowledged we work together and appreciate your respect for each other. Mr. Cameron shared he looks forward to healthy conversations about where we go from here.

Mr. Cameron thanked Council for the opportunity to serve and thanked staff.

Council Member Franklin thanked Mr. Cameron and Mike Landis for speaking. Mr. Franklin added it was great to hear the challenges and good things and felt the presentation was well received. Mr. Franklin thanked our first responders and Public Works for keeping us safe. Mr. Franklin acknowledged it has been a terribly long week already. Mr. Franklin spoke on the great job of staff completing the waterline, adding that on a good day, it can be a difficult job, much less in the last week. Mr. Franklin shared staff is making Republic proud. Mr. Franklin added he is looking forward to the workshop and hopes everyone stays safe and warm.

Mayor Russell commented that Mr. Cameron does not appreciate pats on the back. Mayor Russell stated that it is a huge advantage Republic has by having David go out and represent us. Mayor Russell added that when Mr. Cameron rolls into a Springfield crowd and tells Springfield what is up with Republic, "he does it with class, finesse, and zero doubt". Mayor Russell noted that he and his wife are trained communicators and after his presentation, she commented that Mr. Cameron really got the message out there. Mayor Russell added that Mr. Cameron was told he had 35 minutes initially, only to find out he had to delivered it in 20 minutes. Mayor Russell acknowledged we are lucky to have Mr. Cameron in front of that group or any group.

Council Member Franklin seconded Mayor Russell's comments as he left his meeting 2 hours after it ended due to talking to everyone who was excited about what was going on in Republic.

Mayor Russell thanked everyone for being here, everyone for being careful out there, and thanked the employees for their hard work.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

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Matt Russell, Mayor

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