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City Council Meeting City Council Chambers, 540 Civic Boulevard October 05, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Matt Russell, Mayor
Garry Wilson, Ward II
Christopher Updike, Ward III
Jennifer Mitchell, Ward IV

Eric Franklin, Ward I
Gerry Pool, Ward II
Shane Grooms, 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 Matt Russell at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present included Christopher Updike, Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Gerry Pool, Shane Grooms, and Jennifer Mitchell. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Interim City Attorney Damon Phillips, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, Information Systems Director Chris Crosby, Police Chief Brian Sells, Planning Manager Karen Haynes, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, BUILDS Administrator Andrew Nelson, Public Information Officer Allyssa Dudley, Finance Director Meghin Cook, 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 Matt Russell opened citizen participation at 6:01 p.m. State Representative Bishop Davidson presented a Resolution to the Mayor for the 150th Anniversary of the City of Republic.

Ralph Belitz, 1466 S Natchez, spoke regarding the need for a noise ordinance regarding early morning yard or construction work. Mr. Belitz also shared his street needs a speed limit sign due to speeding issues. Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:12 p.m.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve September 21, 2021, City Council Minutes.
2. 21-R-43 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving and Authorizing the City Administrator to Submit a Renewal Application for Hall Provider of Bingo Premises.
3. 21-R-44 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the 2022 City Council and Other 2022 Meeting Dates.
4. 21-R-45 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the City Administrator to Continue Engaging Outside Legal Counsel Regarding Environmental Compliance Matters.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Board of Adjustment Meeting	October 7, 2021 (Cancelled)
Planning & Zoning Meeting	October 12, 2021



City Council Meeting	October 19, 2021
City Council Budget Workshop	October 26, 2021
City Council Meeting	November 2, 2021

City Clerk Laura Burbridge provided updated dates. The Budget Workshop has been moved to November 4th. The November 2nd meeting was moved to November 30th.

Old Business and Tabled Items

5. 21-58 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Final Plat of Olde Savannah Phase Two Subdivision.

Staff notified Council that Bill 21-58 needed to be tabled until October 19th. Council Member Grooms motioned to table the meeting until October 19, 2021. Council Member Wilson seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Grooms, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

6. 21-61 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 4.77 Acres from Medium Density Single-Family Residential (R1-M) to General Commercial (C-3), Located at 503 North West Avenue.

Motion was made by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 21-61 by title only. The vote was 5 Aye-Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. 1 Abstention-Grooms. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 21-61. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Mitchell, Pool, Wilson, Updike, and Franklin. 0 Nay. 1 Abstention-Grooms. Motion Carried.

7. 21-62 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving Entry of an Abatement Order on Consent with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Regarding Wastewater Treatment and Authorizing the Execution of Same by the Mayor.

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Grooms to have the second reading of Bill 21-62 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Grooms, Pool, Wilson, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Andrew Nelson was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 21-62. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Mitchell, Pool, Wilson, Updike, Franklin, and Grooms. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

8. 21-63 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Final Plat of the Monte Cristo Phase 10 Subdivision.

Motion was made by Council Member Grooms and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 21-63 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Grooms, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill. Gayle Saunders, 631 W. Melody Lane, spoke about concerns that developers are not taking care of the tree required to be planted on each property at development, stating that many of the trees planted in prior phases are no longer living. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

9. **21-64 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending Title I, Government Code, Chapter 110, Administrative Policies, Article VIII, Authority to Enter into Contracts Policy and Chapter 120, City Officers and Employees, Article IV, Miscellaneous Provisions.**

Motion was made by Council Member Grooms and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the first reading of Bill 21-64 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Grooms, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

10. **21-65 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Missouri Department of Social Services Family Support Division Regarding the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program.**

Motion was made by Council Member Grooms and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 21-65 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Grooms, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Meghan Cook provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

Other Business (Resolutions)

11. **21-R-46 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the Police and Fire Departments to Utilize Cares Act Reimbursement Funds Allocated by Greene County, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 21-R-46. Police Chief Brian Sells provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Grooms, Wilson, Pool, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

12. **21-R-47 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Determining the Intent of the City of Republic, Missouri, to Reimburse Itself for Certain Capital Expenditures in Connection with the Acquisition, Construction, and Equipping of a Public Works Facility.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Pool to approve Resolution 21-R-47. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Grooms, Wilson, Pool, Mitchell, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron noted the invitation provided to Council for the dedication ceremony of the Gateway Sign on Friday at 11:00. Mr. Cameron thanked Jared and Jennafer for their work on the sign and thanked City Utilities for the lease of the land. Mr. Cameron emphasized that we would love to have many people at the dedication ceremony, but there is no parking at the sign. Mr. Cameron shared there will be a shuttle service from the neighboring parking lot to the site. Mr. Cameron shared we are still working on road access. Mr. Cameron thanked the citizens for voting to build this sign and emphasized not to park on the highway.

City Administrator David Cameron shared on November 3rd; the Commission is expected to approve a 6-million-dollar allocation for widening MM. Mr. Cameron shared he and Andrew will be there for the vote and shared it is an open hearing in Kansas City. Mr. Cameron reported we are still working on the intergovernmental agreement with Greene County for another 1.5 million dollars of improvements as

well. Mr. Cameron reminded everyone that widening the street from 2 to 5 lanes will involve property acquisition. Mr. Cameron thanked everyone for the work done on this project.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked the Pumpkin Daze Committee for the great job on Pumpkin Daze. The Parks and Recreation Trust Edge pillar of focus was connection and they focused on connecting with different agencies in the community. Mr. Cameron shared the Parks Department partnered with the committee without taking the event from them. Mr. Cameron thanked the committee for their willingness to partner on this and thanked our team for looking outside ourselves. Mr. Cameron shared it was great to see our banner with their logo and anticipates next year will be bigger and better. Mr. Cameron thanked staff for their vision and shared they are always first class and to the nines. Mr. Cameron shared he presented at the Chamber today about the growth and development of the city and looks forward to presenting to Council in November about the vision of the city in coordination with the budget discussion. Mr. Cameron shared his appreciation to the Chamber for allowing him to present this and thanked Mayor Russell and Council Member Mitchell for attending.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Karen, Garrett, Jason, and Andrew for their work in Kansas City last week for a 2-day planning meeting on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Cameron thanked State Representative Davidson for meeting to discuss fund availability and shared Congressman Long's office also called about it. Mr. Cameron emphasized we work hard to find a solution and the Mayor has been instrumental, possibly needing to go to Jefferson City at a moment's notice. Mr. Cameron acknowledged the fabulous job Public Information Officer Allyssa Dudley did on the presentation. Mr. Cameron shared she has been here 2-3 weeks and made the presentation with less than one hour of face time with him to set this up. Mr. Cameron thanked Allyssa, Chris, and Lisa for their work preparing for it and praised phenomenal result. Mr. Cameron shared he had a great time, despite not remembering much of it, and appreciates the work we and this community are doing.

City Administrator David Cameron shared he and Mayor Russell interviewed four candidates for the Ward 1 position and hope to get back together to discuss this in a few days. Mr. Cameron shared we are a growing city and could have up to 14,000 more people. Mr. Cameron shared we are working to improve the quality of place in Republic. Mr. Cameron thanked Mayor Russell and former Mayor Jeff Ussery for allowing us the tremendous potential to do our jobs. Mr. Cameron shared every time he and Mayor Russell meet, Mayor Russell asks how he can help. Mr. Cameron acknowledged he sees that from each member of Council and appreciates that we are allowed to do our job without interference. Mr. Cameron emphasized alignment starts at the legislative body and culture changes in the community. Mr. Cameron praised the great leadership on this Council, especially for the \$200.00 per month paycheck. Mr. Cameron emphasized it is a labor of love to lead and guide this community. We are trying to address the heavy items but still work on the smaller ones as well. We have 150-200 million dollars of decisions facing the community and Mayor Russell understands this as a business owner.

Council Member Franklin thanked everyone from Pumpkin Daze for the great event. Mr. Franklin shared it was great to see people laughing and having a good time. Mr. Franklin thanked everyone who was involved in the event.

Mayor Matt Russell shared they did interview for the Ward 1 vacancy and had some qualified individuals apply. Mayor Russell shared they will sit down and talk this week and get it worked out. Mayor Russell shared he would like to have a full legislative body again.

Adjournment

Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Matt Russell, Mayor

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