



MINUTES
City Council Regular Session
City Hall, 4221 S. Wilson's Creek Blvd.
July 21, 2026 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 Darran Campbell, Brian Fields, Eric Gerke, Dan Harter, Justin Neal, and Garry Wilson.

Others in attendance were: City Administrator Colten Harris, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Police Chief Brian Sells, Police Major Jamie Burks, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Community Development Director Karen Haynes, City Attorney Justin Rogers, Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Parks and Recreation Director Kris Parks, Human Resources Manager Rachel Reich-Graef, Project Engineer Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan, Wastewater Operator II Dakota Bledsaw, Athletics Administrator Shania Francka, Aquatics Administrator/Recreation Coordinator Emma Dulin, Police Corporal Michael Jenkins, Crew Leader Jeff Penney, Crew Leader Josh Holder, Fire Captain Jerod Youb, Firefighter Elias Morelan, and Fire Engineer Michael McCully.

Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Mayor Franklin.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Franklin.

Proclamations

1. Parks and Recreation Month

Mayor Eric Franklin presented the proclamation to Parks and Recreation Director Kris Parks and his staff.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Franklin opened citizen participation at 6:05 p.m.

Carson Moore, 206 E. Lapis Street, spoke regarding concerns about the utilization of Flock cameras and requested that the City cancel its Flock contracts.

Mayor Franklin closed citizen participation at 6:08 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

2. Approve the June 16, 2026 City Council Minutes.
3. 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.

4. 26-R-14 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Negotiate and Enter into an Agreement with Ollis/Akers/Arney Insurance & Business Advisors for Provision of Insurance Brokerage and Consultant Services.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

City Council Meeting	August 4, 2026
Board of Adjustment Meeting	August 6, 2026
Planning & Zoning Meeting	August 10, 2026
City Council Meeting	August 25, 2026

Old Business and Tabled Items

5. **26-21 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving an Amendment to the Zoning Classification of Approximately 5.25 Acres Located at 2125 East Hamilton Street From Oak Court Planned Development District (PDD) to Moral Assisted Living Planned Development District (PDD) and Approving a Development Plan.**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Fields to have the second reading of Bill 26-21 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Principal Planner Chris Tabor was available for questions from Council.

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal for the passage of Bill 26-21. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

6. **26-22 An Ordinance of the City Council Establishing the Procedure for Disclosing Potential Conflicts of Interest and Substantial Interests for Certain Officials.**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 26-22 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

City Attorney Justin Rogers gave an overview of the bill and answered questions of Council.

7. **26-23 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Portions of a 30-Foot Cross-Access Easement and a 20-Foot Cross-Access Easement Located in Lot 3, and Vacating in its Entirety the Five-Foot-Wide Platted Waterline Easement Crossing Lots 1 and 3, all Located in Town East Subdivision (VACA 26-002).**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 26-23 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Principal Planner Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill and answered questions of Council. Don Berry with Lee Engineering, 1300 E. Woodhurst, spoke on behalf of the applicant in support of the request and stated that approval would improve the developability of the property.

Mayor Franklin announced that pursuant to Section 3.10(f) of the Charter, staff requested the second reading of this ordinance during this meeting. Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to hold the second reading during this meeting. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

8. 26-24 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amending the Zoning Classification of Approximately 1 Acre of Real Property, Located at 210 South Hampton Avenue, from Local Commercial (C-1) to General Commercial (C-2).

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 26-24 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Principal Planner Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill and answered questions of Council.

New Business (Second Reading of Ordinances)

9. 26-23 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Portions of a 30-Foot Cross-Access Easement and a 20-Foot Cross-Access Easement Located in Lot 3, and Vacating in its Entirety the Five-Foot-Wide Platted Waterline Easement Crossing Lots 1 and 3, all Located in Town East Subdivision (VACA 26-002).

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 26-23 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Principal Planner Chris Tabor was available for questions from Council.

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal for the passage of Bill 26-23. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Other Business (Resolutions)-None

Reports from Staff

City Administrator Colten Harris recognized the Raising the Lid program and thanked Lisa Addington and Rachel Reich-Graef for their work. He stated that he recently sat in on a course and appreciated the opportunity to recognize great work across the organization. Mr. Harris thanked Council for the Parks and Recreation Month proclamation and thanked Parks and Recreation staff for their hard work throughout the year, including work related to The Loop, Have-a-Blast, and record numbers at The Rush. He also thanked staff for the many small efforts completed day in and day out.

Mr. Harris commented on the success of Have-a-Blast and stated that, although he was unable to attend due to illness, the event went off without a hitch despite the weather, which did not appear to impact attendance. He thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works, and Communications staff for their work on the event. Mr. Harris also announced that the City was awarded a \$23.5 million BUILD grant. He stated that the award followed years of planning in partnership with Ozarks Transportation Organization, MoDOT, and Greene County, and noted that it was the first step in a long process for the corridor. He stated that the project would create opportunities for continued economic growth and could bring approximately 3,000 jobs to the corridor. Mr. Harris thanked the Police Department for inviting him to their training that month and thanked the School District for its partnership and willingness to share their facilities for the training.

Mr. Harris encouraged residents and employees to participate in the ADA transition plan, noting that feedback would help shape priorities and improve sidewalks, crossings, and other public facilities. He stated that a great deal was happening across the organization, including work on a new City website, which was anticipated to be completed soon, and completion of the wastewater treatment plant project by October. He noted the addition of new team members and stated that hiring was up from the previous

year, reflecting the City's continued growth. He also stated that staff was working on community engagement efforts to improve communication. Mr. Harris noted that there would be one Council meeting in August, with the tax levy scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of August, and thanked employees for their professionalism and dedication.

Mayor Eric Franklin thanked everyone who worked on and participated in Have-a-Blast. He stated that there were very few complaints, attendees had a great time, and his family was able to attend and enjoy the event. Mayor Franklin reported that he joined City Administrator Colten Harris at the Greene County Courthouse to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States, where a large crowd gathered and former Governor Jay Nixon read the Declaration of Independence. He stated that seeing American flags throughout town, including at the Campbell family property, warmed his heart and encouraged everyone to celebrate the country every day. Mayor Franklin commented that the MM funding was a significant achievement that has been years in the making. He expressed appreciation for the work that led to the funding and thanked staff and the City's partners including Ozarks Transportation Organization, MoDOT, and Greene County, along with those who worked on the effort before the current staff and Council.

Mayor Franklin announced that the Chamber ROAR Expo would be held on August 1 and noted that the dunk tank would return again this year with the mayor and the school superintendent. He reported that the Ozarks Transportation Organization Board of Directors met the prior week and that the meeting was filmed for public viewing. He stated that engineering for trails just outside of City limits was discussed and noted that significant things were happening throughout the region. Mayor Franklin thanked Planning and Zoning volunteers and staff for their service. He also announced the Greene County Mayors Association meeting on July 30 and noted that the Mud Run would be held on August 22, noting that the event is recognized across the state.

Adjournment

Mayor Franklin adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Eric Franklin, Mayor