



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

MINUTES
City Council Regular Session
City Hall, 4221 S. Wilson's Creek Blvd.
August 25, 2026 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 Eric Franklin at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present included Brian Fields, Dan Harter, Eric Gerke, Garry Wilson, Justin Shaw, Justin Neal, and Chris Updike. Council Member Darran Campbell was absent. Others in attendance were Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, IT Manager Michael Sallee, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Police Major Jamie Burks, Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, City Attorney Justin Rogers, Parks and Recreation Director Kris Parks, Community Development Director Karen Haynes, Chief Technology Officer Joshua Jones, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Executive Assistant Sharon Smith, Fire Lieutenant Derek Barr, Construction Specialist William St. Clair, and Senior Data and GIS Engineer Nick Board.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by Mayor Franklin.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Franklin.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Franklin opened citizen participation at 6:01 p.m. One citizen came forward. Mayor Franklin closed citizen participation at 6:02 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—Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. 1 Abstain—Shaw. Motion Carried.

1. Approve the July 21, 2026 City Council Minutes.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Board of Adjustment Meeting	September 3, 2026-Cancelled
Planning & Zoning Meeting	September 14, 2026
City Council Meeting	September 15, 2026-Cancelled
City Council Meeting	September 22, 2026

Public Hearings

2. A Public Hearing of the City Council Regarding Setting the 2026 Property Tax Levies for the City of Republic, Missouri.

Mayor Franklin opened the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. No one came forward, and Mayor Franklin closed the public hearing at 6:03 p.m.

Old Business and Tabled Items

3. 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 Shaw to have the second reading of Bill 26-22 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye—Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. City Attorney Justin Rogers was available for questions of Council. Council Member Harter motioned for the passage of Bill 26-22. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye—Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

4. 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 second reading of Bill 26-24 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye—Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available for questions of Council. Council Member Harter motioned to amend Bill 26-24 by changing the date in the final 'Whereas' clause from August 4, 2026, to August 25, 2026. Council Member Neal seconded. The vote was 7 Aye—Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Council Member Harter then motioned for the passage of Bill 26-24 as amended. Council Member Neal seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye—Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

5. 26-25 An Ordinance of the City Council Setting the 2026 Property Tax Levies for the City of Republic, Missouri.

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 26-25 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye—Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford presented the bill and answered questions of Council. Mayor Franklin announced that pursuant to 3.10 (f) of the Charter, staff requested the second reading of this ordinance during this meeting. Council Member Harter motioned to hold the second reading during this meeting. Council Member Wilson seconded. The vote was 7 Aye—Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

6. 26-26 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of Harper Ridge Phase 4 Subdivision.

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 26-26 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye—Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor presented the bill and answered questions of Council. Mayor Franklin announced that pursuant to 3.10 (f) of the Charter, staff requested the second reading of this ordinance during this meeting. Council Member Updike motioned to hold the second reading during this meeting. Council Member Neal seconded. The vote was 7 Aye—Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

7. 26-27 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of Kirkwood Subdivision.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 26-27 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye—Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor Ford presented the bill and answered questions of Council. Mayor Franklin announced that pursuant to 3.10 (f) of the Charter, staff requested the second reading of this ordinance during this meeting. Council Member Updike motioned to hold the second reading during this meeting. Council Member Neal seconded. The

vote was 7 Aye—Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

8. 26-28 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending City Code § 130.040 to Provide a Minimum Two-Year Municipal-Judge Term; Approving and Authorizing the Reappointment of David Doran; and Approving an Agreement for Reappointment, Renewal, and Amendment.

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 26-28 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye—Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. City Attorney Justin Rogers presented the bill and answered questions of Council. Mayor Franklin announced that pursuant to 3.10 (f) of the Charter, staff requested the second reading of this ordinance during this meeting. Council Member Neal motioned to hold the second reading during this meeting. Council Member Updike seconded. The vote was 7 Aye—Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (Second Reading of Ordinances)

9. 26-25 An Ordinance of the City Council Setting the 2026 Property Tax Levies for the City of Republic, Missouri.

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 26-25 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye—Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford was available for questions of Council. Council Member Shaw motioned for the passage of Bill 26-25. Council Member Neal seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye—Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

10. 26-26 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of Harper Ridge Phase 4 Subdivision.

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11. 26-27 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of Kirkwood Subdivision.

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12. 26-28 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending City Code § 130.040 to Provide a Minimum Two-Year Municipal-Judge Term; Approving and Authorizing the Reappointment of David Doran; and Approving an Agreement for Reappointment, Renewal, and Amendment.

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 26-28 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye—Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. City Attorney Justin Rogers was available for questions of Council. Council Member Shaw motioned for the passage of Bill 26-28. Council Member Neal seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye—Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Other Business (Resolutions)-None

Reports from Staff

Chief of Staff Lisa Addington provided updates on several City priorities. She reported that the wastewater treatment plant project is coming to fruition, with a ribbon cutting anticipated near the end of October, and that the improvements are expected to keep the city in compliance for the next 20 years. She noted that progress continues on the new city website, with launch tentatively scheduled for the end of the year. Ms. Addington noted that budget season is in full swing, with the proposed budget expected to Council in early October. Ms. Addington reported that U.S. 60 and Stone Creek Drive had reopened as part of the Missouri Department of Transportation Project D along MM Highway and thanked Emery Sapp & Sons for completing that phase before school began. The full project completion is scheduled for May 2028. She also recognized there were more than 800 participants in the got Mud? Run and thanked city staff, volunteers, and emergency personnel for their support. Finally, she congratulated Data Services Manager Nick Board on being named a finalist for the Rising Star in Technology award, to be presented September 25, and expressed appreciation for his service to the city.

Mayor Eric Franklin thanked everyone who contributed to the ROAR Expo and noted that he and City Administrator Colten Harris participated in the dunk tank. He shared that the Chamber meeting provided valuable information and opportunities to make connections. Mayor Franklin recognized Greene County Emergency Management during August and reported that they presented to the Mayor's Association about the services and support they provide to local communities. He reflected on a recent visit to Wilson's Creek National Battlefield and noted the significant contributions Republic residents have made to the park. He also mentioned the recent Ozarks Technical Community College open house and thanked Parks, Utilities, Police, Fire, and other employees who continued working through the recent extreme heat. Mayor Franklin recognized the Salvation Army's work on the Harbor House project, commented on the community's enthusiasm for the got Mud? Run, and encouraged residents to complete the city's survey in support of the city's Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan. He thanked the public for the patience during the reopening of Stone Creek Drive, welcomed students and families back to school, and announced that a donation box for Ozarks Food Harvest is available in the City Hall lobby. He also noted that the Ozarks Transportation Organization Board meeting is scheduled for September 17 and that the agenda will be posted approximately one week in advance.

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. 610.021.*

1. RSMo 610.021.1 Pending and/or potential litigation. Closed Session. Closed Vote. Closed Record.

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal at 6:38 p.m. to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.1 regarding pending and/or potential litigation. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye—Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Updike to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 7:10 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye—Fields, Wilson, Gerke, Shaw, Updike, Harter, and Neal. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Adjournment

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Eric Franklin, Mayor

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