



MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Zoom Online Meeting
April 21, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Jeff Ussery, Mayor
Brandon Self, Ward I
Garry Wilson, Ward II
John Jones, Ward III
Charlie Brashers, Ward IV

Eric Franklin, Ward I
Gerry Pool, Ward II
Matt Russell, 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 Jeff Ussery at 6:34 p.m. via Zoom Online Meetings. Council Members in attendance via Zoom were: Eric Franklin, Jim Deichman, Garry Wilson, Brandon Self, and Matt Russell. Council Member Gerry Pool was present by telephone. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Assistant City Administrator Lisa Addington, Finance Director Debbie Parks, City Attorney Scott Ison, Public Information Officer Mike Landis, Principal Planner Karen Haynes, Public Works Director Andrew Nelson, IT 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 Jeff Ussery.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Ussery opened Citizen Participation at 6:35 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Ussery closed Citizen Participation at 6:36 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Deichman to approve the Consent Agenda. The vote to approve the Consent Agenda was 6 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman, Russell. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

1. Approve the City Council Minutes of April 7, 2020.
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	May 5, 2020
Board of Adjustment	May 7, 2020
Planning and Zoning	May 11, 2020
City Council	May 19, 2020



Old Business and Tabled Items

20-15 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Annexation of Approximately 2.9 Acres of Land Located at the 7500 Block of West Farm Road 174 and Adjacent Right-of-Way.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 20-15 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman, and Russell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions regarding this bill. Council Member Russell motioned for the passage of Bill 20-15. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 5 Aye-Deichman, Self, Franklin, Wilson, and Russell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

20-16 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Final Plat of the Monte Cristo Phase Eight Subdivision.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 20-16 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman, and Russell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions regarding this bill. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 5 Aye-Self, Franklin, Russell, Wilson, and Deichman. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

20-17 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020.

Motion was made by Council Member Russell and seconded by Council Member Deichman to have the second reading of Bill 20-17 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman, and Russell. David Cameron was available to answer questions of Council and provided an update regarding some IT upgrades that will continue to improve processes. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 20-17. Council Member Deichman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 5 Aye-Deichman, Russell, Franklin, Wilson, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

20-18 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 6.4 Acres, Located at 830 West O'Neal Road, from Agricultural (AG) to Medium Density Single-Family Residential (R1-M).

Council Member Russell motioned for the first reading of Bill 20-18 by title only. Council Member Franklin seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Self, Franklin, Pool, Wilson, Deichman, and Russell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Ussery reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with Ms. Haynes with any questions prior to the next meeting.

20-19 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 24.48 Acres, Located at the 6300 Block of South Farm Road 89, from Agricultural (AG) to High Density Single-Family Residential (R1-H).

Council Member Wilson motioned for the first reading of Bill 20-19 by title only. Council Member Russell seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Russell, Deichman, Wilson, Pool, Franklin, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Ussery

reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with Ms. Haynes with any questions prior to the next meeting.

Other Business (Resolutions)-None

Reports from Staff

Report from City Administrator

City Administrator David Cameron shared he appreciates Debbie sending out the Finance Report and highlighted that sales tax numbers are up 6.9% staying on trend. While sales tax receipts lag 60-90 days, we can already see the budget cuts reflective in the March expenditures. It will take several months to see the impact from the sales tax numbers. Mr. Cameron shared he appreciates the consideration of the budget amendment as we wanted to plan for the worst and hope for the best with an aggressive plan. Debbie is putting together some trend analysis to compare some of those budget projections and cuts with what those numbers actually look like. We can adjust expenditures based on this trend.

City Administrator David Cameron reported good news about the Wastewater plant from paying it off early with a refund around \$53,000. Debbie was also able to work with the bank for a quarter of a percent interest rate instead of 0%. Mr. Cameron thanked Council for the consideration on the budget and staff for slowing down expenditures.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked staff and shared that it speaks a lot to Karen, Josh, and all that participated in this to see that Planning and Zoning didn't miss a meeting. We have stayed to our meeting schedules and haven't missed any of the scheduled meetings. Mr. Cameron gave a shout out to the work by staff for ensuring business goes on. Development is moving on and we are working on it every day. Mr. Cameron shared he appreciates that they are willing to work with them to make it happen.

City Administrator David Cameron shared he appreciates staff's creativity about how to reopen the community when it happens. Staff has been planning what it would look like for our business model. Mr. Cameron shared Jared Keeling and the Parks and Recreation staff's uplifting graphic messaging. It is imperative that we continue to be positive in our messaging and to follow our values. We are going to start some messaging campaigns about what we are doing and how we are going to open back up. Mr. Cameron shared staff have been finding ideas on ways for businesses to open back up safely.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked the citizens for their civility when they call with questions and shared we work with them when they call. Mr. Cameron shared he and Mayor Ussery try to answer all the calls themselves. Mr. Cameron shared he appreciates all the help in keeping our business community going on.

City Administrator David Cameron encouraged everyone to get out and drive by OTC, Backwoods Golf, and the Animal Shelter to see the progress made. The development community continues to call and we continue to do business to grow. Mr. Cameron shared he appreciates how everyone has responded with the glass half full. We are going to be better and stronger from this.

Report from Mayor

Mayor Jeff Ussery shared he is proud of everyone for not reacting to create confusion or fear. We have kept our eyes down the field and focused on how we are going to move out of this. Mayor Ussery shared he has often seen this as binary on Facebook with people on opposing sides regarding reopening, but shared you have to find some space in the middle. You

can see people have been out, but the purpose of the stay at home order is to increase capacity available for the hospitals and hopefully find some treatment to reduce the mortality rate. There has to be an opening at some point and we are working through how this happens. Mayor Ussery reminded Council to prepare for a special meeting based on what the Governor puts out so we can react quickly. It may require Council input and feedback for a vote on decisions moving forward. The Council still holds that power it was designed to do as we have not declared a state of emergency in Republic.

Report from Council

Council Member Franklin shared he is proud of Republic and our response. We are in a great position because of the efforts made by staff and citizens. Mr. Franklin shared he is thankful for all of you and looking forward to growth and recovery in Republic.

Council Member Pool shared she appreciates the work that Laura has done during all this as she has been on her toes and has done an excellent job. Ms. Pool shared she appreciates everyone on staff.

Adjournment

Mayor Ussery adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.