



MINUTES
City Council Regular Session
City Hall, 4221 S. Wilson's Creek Blvd.
May 05, 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 6:06 p.m. Council Members present included Darran Campbell, Dan Harter, Eric Gerke, Garry Wilson, Justin Shaw, Justin Neal, and Chris Updike. Others in attendance were: City Administrator Colten Harris, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, IT Manager Michael Saltee, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Police Chief Brian Sells, Police Major Jamie Burks, Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, City Attorney Justin Rogers, Community Development Director Karen Haynes, Police Lieutenant Zach Richards, Communications Coordinator Ashlee Rowen, Human Resources Manager Rachel Reich-Graef, and Parks and Recreation Director Kris Parks.

Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Mayor Franklin.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Franklin.

Proclamations

1. Republic City Employee Appreciation Week

Mayor Eric Franklin presented the proclamation for Employee Appreciation to City Administrator Colten Harris.

2. Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month

Mayor Eric Franklin presented the proclamation to Cindy and Xylas Rodriguez.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Franklin opened citizen participation at 6:17 p.m. No one came forward, so Mayor Franklin closed citizen participation at 6:18 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Shaw to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

3. Approve the April 21, 2026 City Council Workshop Minutes.

4. Approve the April 21, 2026 City Council Minutes.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Board of Adjustment Meeting	May 7, 2026
Planning & Zoning Meeting	May 11, 2026
City Council Meeting	May 19, 2026
City Council Meeting	June 2, 2026

Old Business and Tabled Items

5. **26-15 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment to the Zoning Classification of Approximately 5.08 Acres, Located at the 900 Block of Colorado Avenue, From Frisco Square Planned Development District Phase 2 (PDD 25-002) to Frisco Commons Planned Development District 1st Addition (PDD 26-002).**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Gerke to have the second reading of Bill 26-15 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions of Council. Council Member Neal motioned for the passage of Bill 26-15. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

6. **26-16 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving an Amendment to the Zoning Classification of Approximately 78.42 Acres Located at 1605 South Farm Road 97 from a Planned Development District (PDD 12-01) to Agricultural (AG).**

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 26-16 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions of Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 26-16. Council Member Neal seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

7. **26-17 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Budget Amendment No. 1 to the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2026.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 26-17 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Bob Ford gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

Other Business (Resolutions)

8. **26-R-11 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City of Republic to Apply for Safe Streets for All Grant Funds to Improve Roadway Safety Along Route MM Between James River Freeway and Haile Street in Coordination with Ozarks Transportation Organization and Missouri Department of Transportation for the Limited Purpose of Submitting a Grant Application.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to take up Resolution 26-R-11. Karen Haynes presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator Colten Harris thanked Council for the proclamation and expressed appreciation for the recognition shown to staff. He stated that the City has a disciplined and dedicated staff. Mr. Harris reported that the City partnered with the school district to conduct a tabletop exercise simulating a joint emergency response last month. He expressed appreciation to the school district for the partnership and

to the Fire Department for hosting the exercise. Mr. Harris welcomed Ashlee Rowen as the new Communications Coordinator.

City Administrator Colten Harris provided an update regarding the recent hail storm and noted that yard waste information had been posted on the City's Facebook page. He also provided an update on the wastewater treatment plant project and thanked Council for allowing him to take operators to a conference, which provided opportunities to make connections with operators from across the country for troubleshooting purposes. He stated that the project was 87 percent complete and had entered the commissioning phase, with the facility expected to be fully online by the end of the year. Mr. Harris reported that the AMI project was approximately halfway complete and progressing more quickly due to beginning with residential installations. He noted that commercial meter changeouts would take longer and anticipated project completion by March. Mr. Harris also provided an update on the MM realignment project and the Stone Falls Road closure, noting that the project was being managed by MoDOT and that information was available on MoDOT's website.

Mayor Eric Franklin stated that he had been learning a great deal about insurance deductibles and expressed sympathy for residents facing new challenges each day following the storm damage. He commented on the extensive damage to vehicles and homes throughout the community. Mayor Franklin stated that he looked forward to Employee Appreciation Day on Friday and spending time with staff. He announced that Mr. Harris would be speaking at the new library ribbon cutting ceremony on June 1, 2026. He also reported that Mr. Harris spoke earlier that day at the Chamber luncheon providing the State of the City update, adding that he appreciated the staff members who attended.

Mayor Eric Franklin stated that he participated in the Route 66 parade on Friday, walking approximately two miles alongside the Greene County float featuring a Republic sign. He also referenced attending the Care to Learn banquet several weeks prior and expressed appreciation for Mr. Harris' attendance. Mayor Franklin noted that a proclamation was presented prior to the meeting recognizing Dr. Pearce in conjunction with his retirement ceremony and announced that June 2, 2026 would be recognized as Dr. Pearce Day. He stated that Dr. Pearce had been a great partner to the City. Mayor Franklin also reported attending a Greene County Mayors Association meeting at the Greene County Law Enforcement Academy, where he participated in a MILO simulation exercise, stating that he had fun and learned a great deal about law enforcement. He concluded by thanking Cindy and Xylas Rodriguez for reaching out regarding Neurofibromatosis Awareness.

Adjournment

Mayor Franklin adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Eric Franklin, Mayor