



MINUTES

City Council Regular Session BUILDS Building, 4221 S. Wilson's Creek Blvd. November 04, 2025 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 Eric Gerke, Justin Neal, Chris Updike, Dan Harter, Garry Wilson, Darran Campbell, and Justin Shaw. Others in attendance were: Interim City Attorney Damon Phillips, Fire Chief Duane Compton, IT Manager Michael Sallee, Police Chief Brian Sells, Police Major Jamie Burks, Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford, Engineer (E.I.) Angel Falig, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Finance Manager Jake Jones, Community Development Director Karen Haynes, BUILDS Associate Jordan Gardner, Human Resources Manager Rachel Reich-Graef, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, 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.

Citizen Participation

1. Veterans Day Proclamation.

Mayor Franklin read the proclamation and presented it to the veterans present at the meeting.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Franklin opened citizen participation at 6:04 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Franklin closed citizen participation at 6:05 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 6 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Updike. 0 Nay. 1 Abstain-Wilson. Motion Carried.

2. Approve the October 21, 2025 City Council Minutes.

3. Approve the October 21, 2025 City Council Work Session Minutes.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

City Council Work Session	November 18, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting	November 18, 2025
Planning & Zoning Meeting	December 1, 2025
Board of Adjustment Meeting	December 4, 2025
City Council Meeting	December 9, 2025

Old Business and Tabled Items

4. A Public Hearing of the City Council Regarding Appropriating from the Revenue of the City of Republic, Missouri, Expenditures in Accordance with the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget of the City of Republic, Missouri, and Providing for Adjustments Thereto.



Mayor Franklin opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Franklin closed the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

5. **25-33 An Ordinance of the City Council Appropriating from the Revenue of the City of Republic, Missouri, Expenditures in Accordance with the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget of the City of Republic, Missouri, and Providing for Adjustments Thereto.**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 25-33 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Bob Ford was available for questions of Council. Council Member Neal motioned for the passage of Bill 25-33. Council Member Harter 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. **25-34 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title VIII, (“Fees”), Chapter 805 (“Fee Schedule”), of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 25-34 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Bob Ford presented proposed Substitute Bill 25-34a, changing the credit card processing fee structure and answered questions of Council. Council Member Harter motioned to replace Bill 25-34 with Substitute Bill 25-34a. Council Member Neal seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Council Member Harter motioned for the passage of Bill 25-34 as amended. 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.

7. **25-35 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title VI (“Business And Occupation”), Chapter 600 (“Alcoholic Beverages”), Chapter 605 (“Business Licenses And Regulations”), Chapter 610 (“Solicitors And Canvassers”), Chapter 615 (“Massage Establishments”), Chapter 630 (“Pawnshops And Pawnbrokers”), and Chapter 631 (“Regulations On Businesses Purchasing Precious Metals, Precious Or Semi-Precious Stones, And/Or Jewelry”), of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Shaw to have the second reading of Bill 25-35 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Jordan Furnas was available for questions of Council. Council Member Neal motioned for the passage of Bill 25-35. Council Member Harter 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.

8. **25-36 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title II (“Public Health, Safety and Welfare”), Chapter 207 (“False Alarms”), by Repealing Section 207.070 (“Permit And Application Therefor”) of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Harter to have the second reading of Bill 25-36 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Jamie Burks was available for questions of Council. Council Member Neal motioned for the passage of Bill 25-36. 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.

9. 25-37 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending the Employee Handbook.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Shaw to have the second reading of Bill 25-37 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Bob Ford was available for questions of Council. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 25-37. 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)

10.25-38 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 5.08 Acres, Located at the 900 Block of Colorado Avenue, from Amended Frisco Square Planned Development District (PDD) to Amended Frisco Square Planned Development District Phase 2.

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 25-38 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill. Chris Wynn from CJW, 5051 S. National Suite 7a, spoke in favor of the bill representing the owner. Mayor Franklin reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

11.25-39 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Ordinance No. 24-63 to Reflect a Change in the Terms for the Farm Road 93 Community Improvement District (CID).

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 25-39 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

12.25-40 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Execution of a Developer Agreement with MM Land Holdings, LLC for Commercial Use of the Property Located at 1192 S State Highway MM Utilizing Existing Well and Septic Pending Municipal Water and Sewer Connection Availability.

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Shaw to have the first reading of Bill 25-40 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

Other Business (Resolutions)

13.25-R-42 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City to Apply for the Land & Water Conservation Fund Program for Construction of New Playground Features at JR Martin Park.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to take up Resolution 25-R-42. Kris Parks 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.

14.25-R-43 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the Fire Department to Purchase an International Water Tender Fire Apparatus from Midwest Fire Equipment & Repair Company.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to take up Resolution 25-R-43. Duane Compton 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.

15.25-R-44 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Empire District Industries, Inc. to Provide Internet Services to City-Owned Properties and Install New Service to the JR Martin Park.

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to take up Resolution 25-R-44. Michael Sallee 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

Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford provided an update on ongoing projects. He stated that the Project Genesis software upgrades were nearing completion, with the Sage system scheduled to go live on December 1st. The first ADP payroll is scheduled for January 3rd, and the Utility Billing software is expected to be implemented in early February. Mr. Ford reported that the move into the new Administration Building is anticipated to occur before Christmas break, with the first City Council meeting to be held there in January. He also noted that the intersection of Hines Street and Highway ZZ was under evaluation with Olsson Engineering, and traffic volumes would be assessed at that time. Mr. Ford stated that the Wastewater Treatment Plant project was scheduled for completion next year. At J.R. Martin Park, demolition has been completed, grading is underway, and curb installation has been poured. The project remains on track for the June 1st completion date.

Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford explained that due to progress at J.R. Martin Park, numerous inquiries have been received regarding the Regional Sports Park project. He clarified that the project was currently on hold until additional revenue sources could be identified to fund its completion. An overview of this update was linked in the Administrative Report.

Mr. Ford further noted that funds from the issued bonds had been depleted by the first two projects. Mayor Eric Franklin expressed his appreciation to Mr. Ford and City staff for their work on the budget, stating that their efforts made the information clear and easily presentable. He reported that the recent Chamber meeting was excellent and featured several outstanding nonprofit organizations. Mayor Franklin extended a special acknowledgment to veterans, noting that many people were unaware of his own military service until he ran for office. He thanked all veterans for their continued service to the community. He announced that the annual Ruck and Run event would be held this weekend, marking its 11th year in Republic, and emphasized that it brought the region together in support of veterans. Mayor Franklin also noted the recent groundbreaking for the Salvation Army Harbor House in Springfield, which would serve individuals in the Republic area. He also expressed hope that Republic would reclaim the trophy for a second year in this year's Mayor's Bell Ringing Challenge. He thanked the Planning and Zoning Commission for their hard work throughout the year and noted that there would be no December meeting. Mayor Franklin concluded by thanking City staff for their preparation for the meeting and City Council for their continued service to the community.

Adjournment

Mayor Franklin adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Eric Franklin, Mayor

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