



MINUTES

City Council Meeting Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd March 15, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Matt Russell, Mayor
Eric Gerke, Ward I
Garry Wilson, Ward II
Christopher Updike, Ward III
Jennifer Mitchell, Ward IV

Eric Franklin, Ward I
Gerry Pool, Ward II
Shane Grooms, 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 Matt Russell at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present included Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Eric Gerke, Chris Updike, Shane Grooms, and Jennifer Mitchell. Others in attendance were: City Attorney Megan McCullough, Police Chief Brian Sells, Finance Director Meghin Cook, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, BUILDS Administrator Andrew Nelson, Assistant BUILDS Administrator Karen Haynes, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Engineering Manager Garrett Brickner, Public Information Officer Allyssa Dudley, GIS Manager Josh Jones, Systems Administrator Michael Sallee, Lieutenant Jamie Burks, and City Clerk Laura Burbridge.

Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by Council Member Eric Franklin.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Matt Russell.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Matt Russell opened citizen participation at 6:01 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:01 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Wilson to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve February 22, 2022 City Council Special Session Minutes.
2. Approve February 22, 2022 Shuyler Creek Trail Meeting Minutes.
3. Approve Vendor List.
4. 22-R-14 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the Purchase of Three (3) New Police Vehicles.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Board of Adjustment Meeting	April 7, 2022
City Council Workshop	April 5, 2022 (5:30)
City Council Meeting	April 5, 2022 (6:30)
Planning & Zoning Meeting	April 11, 2022
City Council Meeting	April 19, 2022

Old Business and Tabled Items

5. **22-R-11 A Resolution of the City Council to Approve Bartlett & West As Engineering Officials For The City Of Republic Quiet Zone Study. (Tabled from 2-22-22)**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin to untable Resolution 22-R-11. Council Member Mitchell seconded. Andrew Nelson provided an update on the Resolution. Council asked questions of staff and discussed the Resolution. The vote was 0 Aye. 6 Nay-Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. Resolution 22-R-11 failed.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

6. **22-12 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Code and Official Map by Changing the Classification of Approximately Zero Point Nine-Four (0.94) Acres, Located at 221 East US Highway 60, from Local Commercial (C-1) to General Commercial (C-2).**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Gerke to have the first reading of Bill 22-12 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill. Tracy Carter-7004 N. Farm Road 79, Willard spoke in favor of the bill as the new owner of the property. Mr. Carter added that he has obtained an easement for the sewer that has been recorded with the county. Mr. Carter notified Council that his business will need a garage, which requires a C-2 zoning classification. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

7. **22-13 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Code and Official Map by Changing the Classification of Approximately Six Point Three Zero (6.30) Acres, Located at 6021 West US Highway 60, from Agricultural (AG) and Light Industrial (M-1) to Heavy Industrial (M-2).**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 22-13 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill. Jake Duensing-4646 S Connor Ave, Springfield spoke in favor of the bill as the new property owner. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

8. **22-14 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Code and Official Map by Changing the Classification of Approximately Six Point Zero-Two (6.02) Acres, Located at the 4100 Block of South Farm Road 103, from Local Commercial (C-1) to General Commercial (C-2).**

Motion was made by Council Member Gerke and seconded by Council Member Grooms to have the first reading of Bill 22-14 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill. Kevin Bliss with Bliss Brothers Solar-122 W. Silver Oak St., Nixa spoke in favor of the bill as the new property owner. Mr. Bliss added the property would be used for their Solar Plex office. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

9. **22-15 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title IV, Government Code, Chapter 405 Zoning Regulations, Article 405-I, Sections 405.020 Definitions, 405.150 "C-1" Local Commercial District Regulations, 405.160 "C-2" General Commercial District Regulations, 405.165 "C-3" General Commercial District Regulations, and Article 405-V Height and Area Requirements, Exceptions and Modifications.**

Motion was made by Council Member Grooms and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 22-15 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell,

Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

10.22-16 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title VI, Government Code, Chapter 600, Business and Occupation, Sections 600.010 Definitions, 600.020 License Required – Classes of Licenses, 600.030 License Regulations, 600.040 Schedule of Licenses, 600.050 Application for License and Renewal, 600.060 Minors, and 600.070 Miscellaneous Offenses, and Adding New Section 600.015 Application of Missouri State Statutes.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 22-16 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

11.22-17 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Cost Share Economic Development Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the Expansion of a Portion of Route MM (Brookline Boulevard) Between the Interstate-44 Interchange and the Route 360 (James River Freeway) Interchange.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Grooms to have the first reading of Bill 22-17 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

Other Business (Resolutions)

12.22-R-15 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Payment to Missouri Rural Services Workers' Compensation Insurance Trust for Coverage for 2022-2023.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Grooms to approve Resolution 22-R-15. Lisa Addington provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

13.22-R-16 A Resolution Of The City Council Authorizing The BUILDS Department To Apply For The Raise Grant Through The Ozarks Transportation Organization To Be Used Toward The Highway MM Realignment.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Grooms to approve Resolution 22-R-16. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling announced we started recruiting on our website for the Police and Fire positions as allocated by the new public safety sales tax. Mr. Keeling added we have received 75% of the projected revenue in March. We are working on hiring for these positions and may have the first position filled as soon as April for the Police Department.

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling announced that on Friday, March 25th the Human Resources team is hosting a career fair at the Community Center. Mr. Keeling added we will have some big players in the area coming.

Council Member Mitchell asked when the right time would be to address concerns she has been receiving about development from residents residing in the agricultural zoning areas. Mrs. Mitchell added they are requesting more green space. Andrew Nelson responded that he and his staff can prepare a report on how to address these concerns if requested for particular projects.

Council Member Franklin thanked the citizens that came to the Planning and Zoning Meeting and tonight's Council Meeting. Mr. Franklin added he appreciated the input on the Quiet Zone and for everyone being civil. Mr. Franklin reminded everyone that there is an election coming up soon for the School Board, reminding everyone to vote. Mr. Franklin thanked everyone for a great conversation this evening.

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. 610.02.*

1. RSMo 610.021.1 Pending and/or potential litigation. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.
2. RSMo 610.021.2 Real estate acquisition. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.
3. RSMo 610.021.3 Hiring, firing, promotion, or disciplining personnel. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike at 6:53 p.m. to go into Executive session under RSMo 610.021.1 Pending and/or potential litigation. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.; RSMo 610.021.2 Real estate acquisition. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.; and 610.021.3 Hiring, firing, promotion, or disciplining personnel. closed session. closed vote. closed record. The vote was 6 Aye-Wilson, Grooms, Franklin, Updike, Gerke, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Grooms to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The vote was 6 Aye-Wilson, Gerke, Updike, Mitchell, Franklin, and Grooms. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Matt Russell, Mayor