



## MINUTES

### City Council Regular Session BUILDS Building, 4221 S. Wilson's Creek Blvd. April 15, 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 Justin Neal, Darran Campbell, Garry Wilson, Chris Updike, Brian Fields, Eric Gerke, Daniel Harter, and Justin Shaw. Others in attendance were: City Attorney Megan McCullough, Fire Chief Duane Compton, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Data and Security Supervisor Michael Sallee, Police Chief Brian Sells, Police Lieutenant Zach Richards, Police Major Jamie Burks, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, Community Development Director Karen Haynes, Engineer (E.I.) Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan, and Parks and Recreation Director Kris Parks.

#### Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by Mayor Eric 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. No one came forward so Mayor Franklin closed citizen participation at 6:01 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 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve the April 1, 2025 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve the Vendor List.

#### Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Board of Adjustment Meeting	May 1, 2025-Cancelled
City Council Meeting	May 6, 2025
Planning & Zoning Meeting	May 12, 2025
City Council Meeting	May 20, 2025

#### Old Business and Tabled Items-None

#### New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

3. **A Public Hearing of the City Council Regarding Approving the Annexation of Approximately 9.9 Acres of Property Located at 4297 South Wilson's Creek Boulevard and Adjacent Right-of-Way.**  
Mayor Franklin opened the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Franklin closed the public hearing at 6:03 p.m.
4. **25-12 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Annexation of Approximately 9.9 Acres of Property Located at 4297 South Wilson's Creek Boulevard and Adjacent Right-of-Way.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Harter to have the first reading of Bill 25-12 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin announced that this is a first read and to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

#### **Other Business (Resolutions)**

**5. 25-R-14 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City to Apply for Various Grants to Fund Improvements to the Hines Street Corridor.**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Harter to take up Resolution 25-R-14. Karen Haynes presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**6. 25-R-15 A Resolution of the City Council Awarding the Bid for Construction Services on the Commercial Avenue Widening Project to Hamilton and Dad, Inc.**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to take up Resolution 25-R-15. Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**7. 25-R-16 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Additional Expenditures for the Construction of the New Administration Building.**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Harter to take up Resolution 25-R-16. Bob Ford presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

#### **Reports from Staff**

Chief of Staff Lisa Addington congratulated the Council Members on their re-election. She noted that at the start of the upcoming workshop, a special meeting would be called in order to administer the oath of office and swear in the newly elected members.

Chief of Staff Lisa Addington provided an update on the Rankin Acres stormwater concerns. She stated that on April 8th, staff sent a letter to the residents informing them of ongoing efforts. The City has been working in collaboration with Greene County and will proceed with further review by an engineer who specializes in stormwater issues. This review and design process is expected to take multiple months to complete.

Chief of Staff Lisa Addington announced that administrative hearings for code compliance cases will be taking place in the near future.

Chief of Staff Lisa Addington acknowledged the upcoming Easter holiday and wished everyone an enjoyable Easter Sunday.

Mayor Eric Franklin reminded everyone that it is National Animal Control Week and encouraged the public to visit the Animal Shelter or consider volunteering. He emphasized that it is not an easy job and expressed appreciation for the staff's efforts. Mayor Franklin mentioned that although Engineer Angel Falig was not in attendance, he has been seen regularly at the Shuyler Creek Trail site and expressed excitement about the trail's progress. Mayor Franklin encouraged the community to mark their calendars for the upcoming

Art Walk on April 26th. Mayor Franklin announced that the next Rooting Republic work day will take place on Thursday, April 17th, at the Community Greenhouse.

Mayor Franklin thanked everyone who voted in the recent election and expressed excitement about the current City Council and the contributions they bring to the community. He acknowledged that serving on the Council can often be a thankless job, but emphasized that Republic is filled with great people and meaningful conversations. He also reminded Council Members of the importance of holding themselves to high standards in public, encouraging them to enjoy their work, remain responsible, and continue inviting the public to participate in civic dialogue. He welcomed any residents to reach out if they need assistance. Mayor Franklin concluded by thanking everyone in attendance at the meeting.

**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 Updike and seconded by Council Member Neal at 6:22 p.m. to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.1 Pending or Potential Litigation. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Fields, Wilson, Updike, Harter, Neal, Gerke, Shaw, and Campbell. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Harter to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 6:35 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Shaw, Gerke, Wilson, Updike, Fields, Neal, Harter. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

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Eric Franklin, Mayor