



MINUTES

City Council Meeting Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd April 05, 2022 at 6:30 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 6:31 p.m. Council Members present included Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Eric Gerke, Chris Updike, Jim Deichman, and Jennifer Mitchell. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, 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, Athletic Administrator Garrett Cline, Recreation Superintendent Joanna Scott, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, Utility Billing Clerk Brianna Thompson, IT Director Chris Crosby, Lieutenant Jamie Burks, and City Clerk Laura Burbridge.

Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by City Administrator David Cameron.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Matt Russell.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Matt Russell opened citizen participation at 6:32 p.m.

Richard Hobby, 222 E. Hadley St. spoke regarding his concern of the amount of high density development in the area.

No one else came forward so Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:35 p.m.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve March 15, 2022 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve March 22, 2022 City Council Special Session Minutes.
3. 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.
4. 22-R-18 A Resolution of the City Council Approving a List of Eligible Equipment Rental Companies for As-Needed Use in 2022.
5. 22-R-19 A Resolution of the City Council to Award the Bulk Bid for Street Signs to Highway Safety Solutions.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Board of Adjustment Meeting	April 7, 2022 Cancelled
Planning & Zoning Meeting	April 11, 2022
City Council Meeting	April 19, 2022
City Council Meeting	May 3, 2022

Old Business and Tabled Items

- 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 Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 22-12 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Updike, Mitchell, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions from Council. Council Member Gerke motioned for the passage of Bill 22-12. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 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 Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 22-13 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Updike, Mitchell, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions from Council. Council Member Franklin motioned for the passage of Bill 22-13. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 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 Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 22-14 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Updike, Mitchell, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions from Council. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 22-14. Council Member Deichman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 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 Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 22-15 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Updike, Mitchell, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions from Council. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 22-15. Council Member

Deichman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 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 Gerke and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 22-16 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Updike, Mitchell, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions from Council. Council Member Deichman motioned for the passage of Bill 22-16. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

- 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 Gerke to have the second reading of Bill 22-17 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Updike, Mitchell, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Andrew Nelson was available for questions from Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 22-17. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

- 12.22-18 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of The Lakes at Shuyler Ridge Phase 3 Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 22-18 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, 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.

- 13.22-19 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of the Olde Savannah Phase 3A Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 22-19 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, 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.

- 14.22-20 An Ordinance of the City Council Calling an Election on the Question of Renewing a City Sales Tax for Local Parks to Fund Parks & Recreation General Operations; Designating the Time for Holding Said Election; and Authorizing and Directing the City Clerk to Give Notice to the County Clerks of Said Election.**

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 22-20 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Jared Keeling provided an overview of the bill. Council Member Franklin motioned to table the item until the April 19, 2022 Council Meeting. There was no second. Motion Failed. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

15.22-21 An Ordinance of the City Council Calling an Election on the Question of Renewing a City Sales Tax to Fund Parks & Recreation Capital Improvement Projects; Designating the Time for Holding Said Election; and Authorizing and Directing the City Clerk to Give Notice to the County Clerks of Said Election.

Motion was made by Council Member Gerke and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 22-21 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Jared Keeling provided an overview of the bill. Council Member Franklin motioned to table the item until the April 19, 2022 Council Meeting. There was no second. Motion Failed. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

16.22-22 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Participation Agreement with City Utilities and Various Other Surrounding Communities as part of a Regional Broadband Initiative Dedicated to Extending Broadband High-Speed Internet Services to Republic and Surrounding Areas.

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Gerke to have the first reading of Bill 22-22 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. David Cameron 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.

17.22-23 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into a Direct Loan Agreement and Promissory Note with Missouri Transportation Finance Corporation for \$4.2 Million in Funds to be Used Toward the Highway MM Expansion.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 22-23 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Andrew Nelson 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)

18.22-R-20 A Resolution of the City Council to Apply a Change Order to the Original Contract with Ross Construction Group for the new BUILDS Building.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Deichman to approve Resolution 22-R-20. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

19. 22-R-21 A Resolution of the City Council Supporting a Request to Various Officials, Committees, and Subcommittees for Earmarked Funds from the State of Missouri and Federal Government for the Purpose of Wastewater Improvements.

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Updike to take up Resolution 22-R-21. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. Council Member Franklin motioned to amend 22-R-21 by changing "wastewater improvements" to "infrastructure improvements". The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Mayor Russell called the amended 22-R-21 for a vote. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron noted the agenda items go by quickly and he questions if the community wonders if Council is paying attention. Mr. Cameron wanted to remind citizens that the second read items have been out there 2 weeks for consideration and discussion generally happens during the first reading. Mr. Cameron commended staff for their work.

City Administrator David Cameron expressed his appreciation for the comment on high density. Mr. Cameron spoke of the Development Banquet held on Thursday and noted that what happens in the development arena doesn't always make it into this room. BUILDS staff sits down with the developer to ensure they can recommend the development, and some projects don't meet the criteria. This allows developers to put their best foot forward. Mr. Cameron added he looks forward to discussions about high density housing. Mr. Cameron commended staff on a job well done on these packets and agendas. Mr. Cameron shared we hired a team that is driven to guide the growth of the city and staff has spent years of planning on some of these items prior to them coming to council. Mr. Cameron shared staff has been working on the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades since 2017. Mr. Cameron added that staff asks when we will catch up and take a break. Mr. Cameron announced he presented at the development meeting and a Springfield contractor meeting, attributing our success to our staff and our alignment with Council. Mr. Cameron commended staff for their work on the development banquet. Mr. Cameron added it was a great event, and Steffi is a rock star for her work and planning. The City's growth has impacted our community and sales tax. Mr. Cameron reminded Council that three years ago today, we had a sales tax measure that failed. Mr. Cameron shared he felt like he fell short as a leader but is happy to report the story is different today. Mr. Cameron reported we are rolling out the first payments from the new sales tax, beginning with Police and Fire pay increases, the cost of living adjustment increase, the retirement benefit, and the addition of police officers. "Keeping R Promises" is our campaign to show we keep our promises. The budget is online and these funds are separate from the rest of the budget. Mr. Cameron added the use of the Parks sales tax is a great example of us keeping our promises regarding distribution of funds when completing projects.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Greene County for their partnership on the MM Highway upgrades as they stepped up with an agreement for \$300,000.00 per year for 5 years. Mr. Cameron added he wanted to publicly thank them for their contribution.

City Administrator David Cameron reported, as required by our purchasing policy, that he approved a \$25,000.00 expenditure for Microsoft Licenses due to our email system issues. Mr. Cameron added all emails sent to Gmail accounts bounce back to us as "undeliverable". This is not the first time and we need better reliability. Mr. Cameron reported he authorized the expenditure as a need and the budget amendment will reflect that change. Mr. Cameron added we have revenue to cover this expense.

City Administrator David Cameron reminded Council of the train noise and safety discussion at the last meeting. Mr. Cameron directed Council to their handout labeled Exhibit A. Mr. Cameron reported we

did a train safety study in 2016 that included the Missouri Highway Transportation Commission and BNSF Railroad. The quiet zone and safety studies are two different things. There will be safety improvements bidding in November adding fencing and other safety measures. We have done our due diligence to address safety. The quiet zone discussion was not regarding safety but noise. Mr. Cameron added we will release both studies for public access.

Council Member Franklin shared he appreciated the work done for the Job Fair, adding he had great conversations and met representatives from local businesses. Mr. Franklin reported he got great feedback on the fair. Mr. Franklin shared the BUILDS event was great and thanked the sponsors and staff that put it on. Mr. Franklin thanked the School Board candidates and thanked staff for the preparation of the packet.

Mayor Russell thanked Mr. Keeling and his entire team for putting the sales tax information together and knows they have been working on it a long time. Mayor Russell thanked Andrew and his team as they keep coming back saying it will cost less. Mayor Russell thanked them both for being the figure heads of their staff.

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 Deichman at 8:01 p.m. to go into Executive session under RSMo 610.021.1 Pending and/or potential litigation. 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-Updike, Mitchell, Deichman, Wilson, Gerke, and Franklin. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. The vote was 6 Aye-Updike, Wilson, Franklin, Deichman, Gerke, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Matt Russell, Mayor