



## MINUTES

### City Council Meeting Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd July 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM

**Matt Russell, Mayor**  
Eric Gerke, Ward I  
Garry Wilson, Ward II  
Christopher Updike, Ward III  
Eric Franklin, Ward I  
Gerry Pool, Ward II  
Brandon Self, Ward III  
Clint Gerlek, 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, Brandon Self, Gerry Pool, and Clint Gerlek. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Deputy City Administrator Andrew Nelson, City Attorney Megan McCullough, BUILDS Administrator Karen Haynes, Police Chief Brian Sells, Police Major Jamie Burks, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, Athletics Administrator Garrett Cline, Assistant BUILDS Administrator Garrett Brickner, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, Executive Assistant Jordan Furnas, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, GIS Manager Josh Jones, Data and Security Supervisor Michael Sallee, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Finance Director Bob Ford, and IT Director Chris Crosby.

#### Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by City Administrator David Cameron.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Matt Russell.

#### Mayor's Announcements

Mayor Russell announced the reappointments of Cynthia Hyder and Charlie Johnson.

1. Reappoint Charlie Johnson to the Housing Authority for a four-year term.
2. Reappoint Cynthia Hyder to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a four-year term.

#### Citizen Participation

Mayor Russell opened citizen participation at 6:01 p.m. Terry Mooneyham, 1733 E. Charles St. asked what the plans are for the old Public Works building and if there are any other plans for Main Street improvements. Mayor Russell let Ms. Mooneyham know he will have staff set up a time to discuss this with her in more detail than can be addressed in citizen participation. Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:03 p.m.

#### Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Self to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

3. Approve June 20, 2023 City Council Minutes.
4. Approve Vendor List.
5. 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.

6. R-23-39 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the Purchase of Base Rock from Clever Stone Company, Inc. for the Perimeter Queuing Road of the Republic School District.
7. 23-R-40 A Resolution of the City Council Awarding Bids for the Supply of Certain Rental Equipment on an As-Needed Basis through Calendar Year 2024.

**Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule**

Board of Adjustment Meeting	August 3, 2023-Cancelled
Planning & Zoning Meeting	August 14, 2023
City Council Meeting	August 15, 2023
City Council Meeting	August 22, 2023

**Old Business and Tabled Items**

8. **23-19 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately Seventeen Point One-Nine (17.19) Acres of Real Property Located at 3020 North York Avenue, from Agricultural (AG) to Heavy Industrial (M-2).**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 23-19 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. 1 Abstain-Gerke. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available to answer questions. Council Member Franklin motioned for the passage of Bill 23-19. Council Member Self seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 3 Aye-Franklin, Pool, and Wilson. 3 Nay-Gerlek, Self, and Updike. 1 Abstain-Gerke. Motion Failed.

9. **23-20 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of the Stone Creek Falls Phase One Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 23-20 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available to answer questions. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 23-20. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

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

10. **23-21 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Greene County, Missouri for Road Striping Services.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 23-21 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

11. **23-22 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of the Iron Grain Planned Development District Phase One.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the first reading of Bill 23-22 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

**12.23-23 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Execution of a Developer Agreement with Turner Residential Holding, LLC for the Continued Development of the Oak Hills Phase Three Residential Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 23-23 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

**13.23-24 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately Four (4) Acres of Real Property Located at 1192 South State Highway MM, from Agricultural (AG) to Heavy Industrial (M-2).**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 23-24 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

**14.23-25 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately One Point One (1.1) Acres of Real Property Located at 2314, 2318, 2326 and 2330 East Timber Oak Street, from The 12 Stones Planned Development District (PDD) to Two-Family Residential (R-2).**

Motion was made by Council Member Self and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 23-25 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

**15.23-26 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with the City of Springfield, Missouri for the Purchase of Programming Code to Design an Interface for Transferring Information from the Republic Police Department to the Prosecuting Attorney Management System.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 23-26 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Megan McCullough provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

**Other Business (Resolutions)**

**16.23-R-41 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Execution of a Task Order for Engineer-Owner Agreement for Task Order No. 14 with Burns and McDonnell Engineering Co., Inc. Relating to the Wastewater Treatment Improvements.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Self to approve Resolution 23-R-41. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**17. 23-R-42 A Resolution of the City Council Awarding the Bid for Sewer Flow Metering Equipment to Core & Main LP.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve Resolution 23-R-42. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**18. 23-R-43 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with Modern Tractor Supply Company and Lawrence Lipscomb for City's Use of Certain Real Property as Youth Recreational League Practice Fields.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve Resolution 23-R-43. Garrett Cline provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**19. 23-R-44 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Extend its Services Contract With Redec, LLC for Professional Advisory Services.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 23-R-44. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**20. 23-R-45 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Fourth Addendum to the Agreement for Financial Consulting Services with Maximist, LLC.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Self to approve Resolution 23-R-45. Bob Ford provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

### **Reports from Staff**

City Administrator David Cameron reported it is good to be back and thanked everyone for attending tonight. Mr. Cameron commended staff for the great job tonight and noted a member of the Springfield City Council attended tonight in his capacity as an engineer. Mr. Cameron thanked the City of Springfield for partnering with us.

City Administrator David Cameron announced that Larry Lipscomb donated the property we are sitting on. Mr. Cameron acknowledged he has been good to our community, and it is great for him to offer his property for us to use for free. Andrew has worked with him out near the new park on projects as well. Mr. Cameron applauded staff for thinking outside of the box to lease land to save money rather than buying additional land. Mr. Cameron thanked Mr. Lipscomb and noted that Garrett was prepared with all the parking data.

City Administrator David Cameron reported we received an additional 25-million-dollar allocation from the state legislature for our wastewater treatment plant expansion. Mr. Cameron noted this is a huge win for the community, but we still need 36 million dollars to complete this project. Mr. Cameron shared his first email upon returning to the office is in the Administrator's Report regarding an Anti-Degradation Report from Missouri Department of Natural Resources, which will be made public. This project impacts our residents' utility bills and shows actual costs. Mr. Cameron reported we have until July 28, 2023, to provide comments, noting our outside legal counsel for environmental law issues is helping with the comment. Mr. Cameron added we continue to work for additional funding and advocate for our citizens. Mr. Cameron commended the staff and Mayor Russell for all that has been accomplished. Mr. Cameron reported we will be going back for the next legislative session to request additional funds.

City Administrator David Cameron announced that tonight is Andrew Nelson's last night with us. Mr. Cameron shared he will never forget during Covid when we had to freeze hiring, Andrew walked in and reported he was willing to step into any position needed. Mr. Cameron thanked Andrew, adding this community thanks you for saving them money and bringing in a lot of projects. Andrew is a local kid and has been a blessing to the employees and community. Mr. Cameron acknowledged Andrew deserves this opportunity and is happy for him and his family.

Council Member Franklin noted it is tough to follow that and echoed everything David shared. Mr. Franklin noted he appreciates all the conversations and Andrew will be missed. Mr. Franklin thanked everyone that played a role in Have-A-Blast, noting he enjoyed the crowd, food, fun times, and is thankful for it all. Mr. Franklin added he appreciates all the volunteers.

Council Member Self echoed David's statements about Andrew, noting he was at the first lunch meeting with Andrew and has seen his growth since then. Mr. Self noted that time flies and he wishes Andrew the best.

Council Member Gerlek noted that Andrew never came off as the assistant to anyone and it is not a surprise for him to have bigger opportunities ahead. Mr. Gerlek noted Andrew did a lot for this community.

Mayor Russell noted he has been in the trenches with Andrew, and he has done some great things. Mayor Russell shared he is proud to call Andrew a friend. Mayor Russell noted he is not surprised this opportunity was presented to him and Andrew deserves it; it is just sad for us. Mayor Russell reported that as Mayor, he is still a husband and father first. Mayor Russell noted that during the next City Council meeting, his youngest son has 6th grade orientation, and the following meeting will be his 7th grader's first football game. Mayor Russell reported he often must decide whether to attend his family's activities or fulfill his commitment to attend meetings as Mayor. Mayor Russell reported he must put his family first and will not be running for Mayor next year but will finish out his term. Mayor Russell noted there will be 7 Council seats as well as Mayor on the ballot at the next election.

**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 610.021.12 Any documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed.

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike at 6:52 p.m. to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.1 Pending and/or potential litigation. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record, and RSMo 610.021.12 Any documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record, A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye – Updike, Gerke, Gerlek, Self, Wilson, Pool, and Franklin. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 7:20 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye – Self, Pool, Franklin, Wilson, Gerke, Gerlek, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

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Matt Russell, Mayor