



MINUTES

City Council Regular Session Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd January 23, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Matt Russell, Mayor
Eric Gerke, Ward I
Garry Wilson, Ward II
Christopher Updike, Ward III
Justin Neal, Ward IV

Eric Franklin, Ward I
Darran Campbell, Ward II
Brian Fields, 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 Pro Tem Eric Gerke at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present included Darran Campbell, Garry Wilson, Eric Gerke, Brian Fields, and Justin Neal. Others in attendance were: City Attorney Megan McCullough, Police Major Jamie Burks, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Finance Director Bob Ford, Assistant City Administrator-Community Development Andrew Nelson, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, IT Director Chris Crosby, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, Recreation Superintendent Garrett Cline, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Sergeant Zach Richards, BUILDS Analyst Trenton Sims, Data and Security Supervisor Michael Sallee, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, Planning Manager Karen Haynes, and Captain Travis Liska.

Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by Assistant City Administrator Andrew Nelson.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Eric Gerke.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Pro Tem Gerke opened citizen participation at 6:00 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Pro Tem Gerke closed citizen participation at 6:01 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Wilson to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 5 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve the January 11, 2024 City Council Minutes.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Board of Adjustment Meeting	February 1, 2024-Cancelled
City Council Meeting	February 6, 2024
Planning & Zoning Meeting	February 12, 2024
City Council Meeting	February 20, 2024

Old Business and Tabled Items

2. **24-01 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending the Employee Handbook.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 24-01 by title only. The vote was 5 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Lisa Addington were available to answer questions. Council Member Fields motioned for the passage of Bill 24-01. Council Member Campbell seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 5 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

3. **24-02 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City and the Southern Missouri Professional Fire Fighters Local 152, the Bargaining Unit of**



the Republic Fire Department and Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute the Same on Behalf of the City.

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 24-02 by title only. The vote was 5 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Lisa Addington were available to answer questions. Council Member Neal motioned for the passage of Bill 24-02. Council Member Fields seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 5 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

4. 24-03 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 0.29 Acres of Real Property Located at 1167 North Oakwood Avenue, from Agricultural (AG) to General Commercial (C-2).

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Campbell to have the second reading of Bill 24-03 by title only. The vote was 5 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor were available to answer questions. Council Member Neal motioned for the passage of Bill 24-03. Council Member Campbell seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 5 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

5. 24-04 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 1.08 Acres of Real Property Located at 505 West Brookfield Street, from General Commercial (C-2) to Multi-Family Residential (R-3).

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 24-04 by title only. The vote was 5 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor were available to answer questions. Council Member Campbell motioned for the passage of Bill 24-04. Council Member Neal seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 5 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

6. 24-05 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title III, Chapter 300, Section 300.020 (“Definitions”), and Adding New Section 340.125 (“Golf Carts And Utility Task Vehicles”) to Title III, Chapter 340, of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.

Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the first reading of Bill 24-05 by title only. The vote was 5 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Zach Richards gave an overview of the bill. Richard Lee Henson, 105 Long Drive, spoke in opposition of the bill. Jeff Johnson, 1147 N. Boston Lane, spoke in opposition to the bill. Mayor Pro Tem Eric Gerke reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

7. 24-06 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the City to Participate in the Missouri Fire Fighters Critical Illness Trust and Pool and Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute the Necessary Documentation to Secure the City’s Participation.

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 24-06 by title only. The vote was 5 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Duane Compton gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Pro Tem Eric Gerke reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

Other Business (Resolutions)-None

Finance Report

Bob Ford presented the Finance Report.

Reports from Staff

Assistant City Administrator Andrew Nelson noted we had a few absences tonight and Mr. Franklin's absence was due to losing his father. Mr. Nelson extended his condolences to Mr. Franklin's family.

Assistant City Administrator Andrew Nelson reminded everyone of the upcoming workshop preceding the City Council meeting about the wastewater treatment plant improvements and funding.

Assistant City Administrator Andrew Nelson reported that David made a trip to Jefferson City for multiple issues and will be going back next Wednesday to meet with legislators about additional funding.

Assistant City Administrator Andrew Nelson referenced an email sent to Council regarding Main Street improvements. Mr. Nelson noted staff met with 19-20 students from Drury's architectural program to utilize their help to plan needed Main Street improvements as promised in the 2017 Capital Improvement Sales Tax for \$317,000.00 in improvements, which will not go too far. Mr. Nelson added there will be engagement on their part to reach out to the Mayor and Council for their input, hold public meetings for the community, and Mr. Nelson noted we have issued a contract to demolish the old Public Works building.

Assistant City Administrator Andrew Nelson noted the recent winter weather, adding yesterday was sketchy at best. Mr. Nelson expressed his appreciation for the Police, Fire, and BUILDS staff working in the weather. Mr. Nelson noted he saw an officer stopped to assist someone in the ditch who looked like they were skating due to the ice.

Mayor Pro Tem Gerke thanked everyone for their patience, thanked the citizens for coming to participate, and thanked staff for being out in the cold and working on the water main issues. Mayor Pro Tem Gerke expressed his condolences to Mr. Franklin and his family.

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Gerke adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Matt Russell, Mayor