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## MINUTES

**City Council Meeting**  
**Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd**  
**July 19, 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  
Vacant, Ward III  
Vacant, 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, Gerry Pool, Chris Updike, and Jennifer Mitchell. Others in attendance were: City Attorney Megan McCullough, Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling, Police Lieutenant Jamie Burks, Finance Manager Kyle Sutton, BUILDS Administrator Andrew Nelson, Assistant BUILDS Administrator Karen Haynes, Deputy Fire Chief Lynn Hollandworth. Engineering Manager Garrett Brickner, IT Director Chris Crosby, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, 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 Russell opened citizen participation at 6:00.

Richard Hobby 222 E Hadley St. spoke about his concerns of high density housing.

Glen Ennes, 356 N. Tierra Dr. asked what has transpired since the last meeting regarding the density of traffic on 174 and Main. Andrew Nelson advised this may be addressed in item #5.

Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:05.

### 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, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve June 21, 2022 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve Vendor List.
3. Approve Utility Billing Adjustments.
4. 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.

### Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

City Council Meeting	July 26, 2022
Board of Adjustment Meeting	August 4, 2022
Planning & Zoning Meeting	August 8, 2022-Cancelled
City Council Meeting	August 16, 2022



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## Old Business and Tabled Items

5. **22-39 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Code and Official Map by Changing the Classification of Approximately 100.64 Acres, Located Between the 800 and 1500 Blocks of West State Highway 174, from Sandstone West Planned Development District to Prairie Ridge Planned Development District (PDD).**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the second reading of Bill 22-39 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Andrew Nelson answered the questions from the previous Council meeting and provided an update. Council Member Franklin motioned for the passage of Bill 22-39. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

6. **22-40 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for Sidewalk Improvements to Ensure Compliance with ADA Standards Under MoDOT Project No. J8S3200.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 22-40 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Garrett Brickner was available for questions from Council. Council Member Pool motioned for the passage of Bill 22-40. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

7. **22-41 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving a Special Use Permit for KO Storage of Ozark LLC to Operate a Boat, Vehicle, and Self-Storage Facility at 909 North College Avenue.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 22-41 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions from Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 22-41. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

## Mayor's Announcements

### Appointment of Ward III Council Member.

Mayor Russell updated Council on the interviews conducted last week for the Council Member III and IV vacancies. Mayor Russell added we had six great candidates.

Mayor Russell requested consent and advice of Council to appoint Brandon Self as Council Member. The vote was 5 Aye-Mitchell, Wilson, Pool, Gerke, and Updike. 1 Nay-Franklin. Motion Carried. Council Member Self was sworn in by City Clerk Laura Burbridge.

### Appointment of Ward IV Council Member.

Mayor Russell requested consent and advice of Council to appoint Clint Gerlek as Council Member for Ward IV. 6 Updike, Gerke, Franklin, Wilson, Pool, and Mitchell. Council Member Gerlek was sworn in by City Clerk Laura Burbridge.

### Reappointment of Randall Tindell to the Board of Adjustment for a 5-year term ending July 18, 2027.

Mayor Russell reappointed Randall Tindell for a five-year term ending July 18, 2027. There was no objection from Council.

## New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

8. **22-42 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing Execution of a Second Supplemental STP-Urban Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the Design and Right of Way Acquisition on Extending the Shuyler Creek Trail.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 22-42 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the bill. A citizen in the audience asked for an explanation of what this means and what is changing. Andrew Nelson gave an explanation on the changes. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

9. **22-43 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately One Point Three Eight (1.38) Acres, Located at the 3400 Block of East U.S. Highway 60, From Agricultural (AG) to General Commercial (C-2).**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the first reading of Bill 22-43 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes 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.

10. **22-44 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing Execution of an Engineering Services Agreement with Olsson Inc. for the Planning, Design, and Construction Inspection of the Highway MM Expansion.**

Motion was made by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 22-44 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, 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. **22-45 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving a Special Use Permit for Josan Properties Arkansas LLC to Operate a Boat, Vehicle, and Self-Storage Facility on Real Property Located at 3020 U.S. Highway 60.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 22-45 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill.

Chris Wynn with CJW, 5051 S. National Ave. spoke in favor of the project as their engineer. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

12. **22-46 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Code and Official Map by Changing the Classification of Approximately 28.88 Acres of Property, Located at the 7200 Block of West Farm Road 170, from Agricultural (AG) and General Commercial (C-2) to Kirkwood Estates Planned Development District (PDD).**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 22-46 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell,

Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill.

Rick Wilson with Wilson Surveying, 1835 S. Stewart spoke in favor of the bill representing the developer.

**13. 22-47 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Execution of a Developer Agreement with Republic 63, LLC for the Continued Development of the Hankins Farm Planned Development District.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the first reading of Bill 22-47 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes 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)**

**14. 22-R-34 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing an Agreement with Arvest Bank to Provide Depository and Banking Services.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 22-R-34. Kyle Sutton provided an overview of the Resolution. Andrea Sites with Arvest thanked Council for the opportunity partner in the future. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. 1 Abstain-Gerke Motion Carried.

**15. 22-R-35 A Resolution of the City Council Approving a Preliminary Plat for Tiger Creek, a Residential Subdivision Consisting of Approximately Forty (40.0) Acres Located at 3445 East Hines Street.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to approve Resolution 22-R-35. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the Resolution. Greg Whitlock, 2131 W. Republic Road spoke in favor of the bill representing the developer. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**16. 22-R-36 A Resolution of the City Council Approving the Demolition of the Current Public Works Building Located at 221 N. Main Avenue.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to approve Resolution 22-R-36. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**17. 22-R-37 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into a Contract With Redec, LLC for Professional Advisory Services.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Pool to approve Resolution 22-R-37. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**Reports from Staff**

Acting City Administrator Andrew Nelson thanked staff for the heavy agenda. Mr. Nelson also thanked the Dorsey family for the refreshing meetings. Everyone handled it well and the questions were good. Mr. Nelson thanked those who were interviewed for the Council Member seats.

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling spoke about Have A Blast, adding that Hines Street was closed at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Keeling added the estimated number of people in attendance was 15,000-17,000. Mr. Keeling thanked the sponsors, monetary sponsors, work sponsors, and the volunteers, adding it was a long hot night. Mr. Keeling noted that Police and Fire were amazing and handled everything flawlessly. Mr. Keeling thanked our community for the support of the event, adding this is beyond a city event, it is a regional event. Mr. Keeling thanked everyone for their help and support.

Council Member Franklin asked about the upcoming road construction projects that recently passed. Andrew Nelson answered that Blevins is currently doing a paving project in Springfield. They have until August 12th to complete the project and should fulfill that. If they can't, we would ask them to do the work at night to avoid disruption to school traffic. Mr. Franklin congratulated Council Member Self and Council Member Gerlek. Mr. Franklin spoke about Have A Blast, noting it was hard to have a conversation out there with everyone having a great time. Mr. Franklin thanked all the volunteers and for the the hard work of staff. Mr. Franklin thanked the applicants that put in for Council, adding we had great quality applicants. Mr. Franklin finished by reminding everyone to vote August 2nd.

Council Member Updike shared that when he left Have A Blast, people were parked at Orscheln all the way to E's Inn watching the fireworks so the overall number of people would be much greater if they were included. Mr. Updike advised everyone to listen to RepMo Radio, who just released a podcast with Jared Keeling and Jennafer Mayfield discussing the Parks Sales Tax.

Mayor Russell thanked Jared Keeling for his outstanding work on Have A Blast, adding Jared gets the entire team working. Mayor Russell added Andrew Nelson has stepped in while David has been out. Mayor Russell added they have talked a lot and he stepped into this role very well. Mayor Russell shared he is pleased we were in good hands while David was gone. Mayor Russell welcomed the new Council Members adding he looks forward to working with Council Member Self again and is excited to have Clint join us.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

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Matt Russell, Mayor