



MINUTES

City Council Meeting Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd November 07, 2023 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
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 Matt Russell at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present included Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Eric Gerke, Brian Fields, Justin Neal, and Clint Gerlek. Others in attendance were: Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, City Attorney Megan McCullough, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Police Chief Brian Sells, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Finance Director Bob Ford, Finance Officer Jake Jones, Assistant City Administrator-Community Development Andrew Nelson, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, Engineer Angel Falig, and Data and Security Supervisor Michael Sallee.

Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by Council Member Eric Franklin.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Matt Russell.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Russell opened citizen participation at 6:01 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:01 p.m.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve the October 17, 2023 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve Vendor List.
3. Approve Utility Billing Adjustments.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Planning & Zoning Meeting	November 13, 2023
City Council Meeting	November 14, 2023
City Council Workshop	November 16, 2023 at Noon
Planning & Zoning Meeting	December 4, 2023
Board of Adjustment Meeting	December 7, 2023-Cancelled
City Council Meeting	December 12, 2023

Old Business and Tabled Items

4. **23-50 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of The Hills of Olde Savannah Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 23-50 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available to answer questions. Council



Member Franklin motioned for the passage of Bill 23-50. Council Member Fields seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

5. **23-51 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Developer Agreement with the Republic R-III School District for Installation of Certain Infrastructure at the Site of the New Republic Intermediate School.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 23-51 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Andrew Nelson was available to answer questions. Council Member Franklin motioned for the passage of Bill 23-51. Council Member Gerke seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements

6. **23-R-60 A Resolution of the City Council Appointing a Council Member for Ward II.**

Mayor Russell announced that this item will be tabled until the November 14, 2023 meeting to allow for Legal to look into an issue and to allow the new member to start after the final budget reading since they were not able to attend the budget workshop.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

7. **23-52 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Execution of a Deferred Infrastructure Developer Agreement with Bester Properties, LLC.**

Motion was made by Council Member Fields and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the first reading of Bill 23-52 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

8. **23-53 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of the Harper Ridge Phase 1 Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 23-53 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

9. **23-54 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of the Hankins Farm Planned Development District.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 23-54 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill. Derek Lee was available representing the developer to answer any questions. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

10. **23-55 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing Amendment of the Lease Agreement between the City and City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri for the Trunked Radio Systems Tower located in Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Fields to have the first reading of Bill 23-55 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Duane Compton gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

11. 23-56 An Ordinance of the City Council Appropriating from the Revenue of the City of Republic, Missouri, Expenditures in Accordance with the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget of the City of Republic, Missouri, and Providing for Adjustments Thereto.

Motion was made by Council Member Gerke and seconded by Council Member Fields to have the first reading of Bill 23-56 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Bob Ford gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

12. 23-57 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title VIII, Fees, Chapter 805, Sections 805.010 (“Credit Card Processing Fee”), 805.030 (“Alcoholic Beverages”), 805.040 (“Animals”), 805.050 (“Buildings And Zoning”), 805.060 (“Business”), 805.070 (“Fire Protection And Prevention”), 805.080 (“Parks And Recreation Fees”), 805.090 (“Special Event Fees”), and 805.100 (“Utility Administration”) of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 23-57 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Jared Keeling and Andrew Nelson gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff with questions prior to the next meeting.

Other Business (Resolutions)-None

Reports from Staff

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling thanked Bob Ford and Jake Jones for the work on the budget this year, acknowledging how much work goes into the budget and how well it was presented.

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling asked City Clerk Laura Burbridge to provide information on candidate filing. It will open December 5th at 8 a.m. at City Hall and will be open all day on the 5th. Filing after the 5th will be by appointment only. Filing will run through December 26th with City Hall closed on the 25th for Christmas and on the 26th until 3:00 p.m. when filings will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. as required by state law.

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling provided updates on current projects, noting the water tower curtain is down so you can see the progress with painting coming soon. Mr. Keeling clarified with Andrew Nelson that the cell towers currently placed there are temporary with the permanent ones being returned after the tower is complete. Mr. Keeling noted the roundabout at State Highway ZZ and Elm/Farm Road 182 is coming along and you can see the traffic pattern. Mr. Keeling added this will be a great improvement once complete.

Assistant City Administrator Andrew Nelson also noted the Shuyler Trail will be in construction from Wilson’s Creek Battlefield to the High School.

Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling presented an update to Council on the Aquatic Center work and the improvements that will be made at Miller Park in conjunction with the expansion including outdoor bathrooms, tennis courts, and a revamped 9 hole disc golf course. Council Member Franklin asked about the butterfly house he heard about and Mr. Keeling confirmed there will be one built from a generous donation.

Council Member Franklin thanked Bob Ford and the finance team for the work on the budget. Mr. Franklin noted he enjoyed the presentations from Chief Compton and Mr. Cameron at the Huddle last week. Thank you to Andrew Nelson and Craig Lusby for giving him a tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, noting he learned so much from the tour. Mr. Franklin noted he also got to look at the CIP work as well. Mr. Franklin thanked the veterans in the community and staff for their service.

Adjournment

Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Matt Russell, Mayor

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