



Matt Russell, Mayor
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

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers, 540 Civic Boulevard
August 24, 2021 at 6:00 PM

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 Christopher Updike, Jim Deichman, Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Gerry Pool, and Shane Grooms. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Interim City Attorney Michael Tighe, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, Engineering Manager Garrett Brickner, Information Systems Director Chris Crosby, Police Chief Brian Sells, Planning Manager Karen Haynes, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, BUILDS Administrator Andrew Nelson, Fire Chief Duane Compton, and City Clerk Laura Burbridge.

Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by City Administrator David Cameron.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Matt Russell.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Matt 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 Updike to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Grooms, Pool, Wilson, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve August 17, 2021 City Council Minutes.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Board of Adjustment Meeting	September 02, 2021
City Council Meeting	September 07, 2021
Planning & Zoning Meeting	September 13, 2021
City Council Meeting	September 21, 2021

Old Business and Tabled Items

2. **21-55 An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Republic, Missouri, Approving The Annexation Of Approximately Ninety-One Point Five-Five (91.55) Acres, Located at 6542 West US Highway 60 and adjacent Right-of-Way.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 21-55 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Grooms, Pool, Wilson, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 21-55. Council

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

3. **21-56 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Setting the 2021 Property Tax Levies for the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Pool to have the second reading of Bill 21-56 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Grooms, Pool, Wilson, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. David Cameron was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Deichman motioned for the passage of Bill 21-56. Council Member Grooms seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Pool, Wilson, Updike, Franklin, and Grooms. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

4. **21-57 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Vacating a General Utility Easement Located on Property Owned by MM Highway, LLC, Also Known As Heart of America Park, in the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 21-57 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Grooms, Pool, Wilson, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Grooms motioned for the passage of Bill 21-57. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was Aye-Deichman, Pool, Wilson, Updike, Franklin, and Grooms. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

5. **21-58 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Final Plat of Olde Savannah Phase Two Subdivision.**

Council Member Franklin motioned for the first reading of Bill 21-58 by title only. Council Member Updike seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Wilson, Deichman, Franklin, Pool, Grooms, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with staff with any questions prior to the next meeting.

Other Business (Resolutions)

6. **21-R-36 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the Execution of a Second Amendment with USCOG of Greater Missouri, LLC, to Modify the Terms of an Existing Tower and Ground Space Lease.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Grooms to approve Resolution 21-R-36. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Grooms, Wilson, Pool, and Updike. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron apologized for the back to back meetings, reminding everyone it was due to the tax levy. Mr. Cameron updated Council on the MM project for 5 lane widening, which continues to take shape. Mr. Cameron announced that on September 23rd, MoDOT will hear the cost share application, which the Department of Economic Development already verbally expressed a commitment of six million dollars and Greene County has now committed 1.5 million dollars to contribute to MM from Amazon to I-44. Mr. Cameron shared his appreciation to MoDOT, the Department of Economic Development and the Greene County Commission for their investment into our community. Mr. Cameron reported we still have a 3 million dollar request with Congressman Long's

office for the infrastructure bill that recently passed in the Senate. Mr. Cameron reported it is currently tied up in the House of Representatives. Mr. Cameron shared he hopes we won't have to spend anything other than the cost of the traffic studies, which we already completed.

City Administrator David Cameron shared he has a meeting with the State Highway Commission where he will be presenting on growth and development on September 9th at the Doubletree Hotel in Springfield. Mr. Cameron shared there is an opportunity for public comment and encouraged people to attend.

City Administrator David Cameron reported the Ozarks Transportation Organization will be doing a pushout for the community to get involved again. Mr. Cameron shared there are still many projects in Republic that need funding including US 60 Highway, MM Highway, and the intersection of State Highway 174 and Main Street. Mr. Cameron thanked MoDOT for stepping up and our staff for pushing these projects to the forefront. Mr. Cameron reported that the intersection of 60 Highway and State Highway 174 was not even on the list a few years ago.

Mayor Matt Russell announced Andy's is opening tomorrow.

Council Member Chris Updike commended Jared and the Parks crew for their work on the gotMud? Run. Mr. Updike reported he had a blast and all the kids faces had smiles. Mr. Updike shared everyone had a good time, even though the water was cold. Mr. Updike congratulated Council Member Franklin on his recent podcast.

Council Member Franklin shared Council Member Updike's appreciation for the gotMud? Run. Mr. Franklin shared he has had several people tell him they had a blast. Mr. Franklin shared he was not able to attend and thanked staff for their hard work. Mr. Franklin shared he doesn't have the patience to sit through the Andy's line on opening day.

Adjournment

Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Matt Russell, Mayor