



**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  
 Brandon Self, Ward III  
 Clint Gerlek, Ward IV

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd**  
**February 21, 2023 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 Pro Tem Eric Franklin at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present included Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Eric Gerke, Chris Updike, Brandon Self, Jennifer Mitchell, Clint Gerlek, and Gerry Pool. Others in attendance were: Deputy City Administrator Andrew Nelson, City Attorney Megan McCullough, BUILDS Administrator Karen Haynes, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Police Major Jamie Burks, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, Athletics Administrator Garrett Cline, Assistant BUILDS Administrator Garrett Brickner, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Associate Planner Patrick Ruiz, and IT Director Chris Crosby.

**Opening Prayer**

Opening prayer was led by Mayor Pro Tem Eric Franklin.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Citizen Participation**

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

**Consent Agenda**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, Gerlek, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve February 7, 2023 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve Utility Billing Adjustments.
3. 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.
4. 23-R-09 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the Police Department to Apply for Two (2) Reimbursable 2023-2024 Missouri Highway Safety Program for Traffic Safety Grants.

**Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule**

Board of Adjustment Meeting	March 2, 2023-Cancelled
City Council Meeting	March 7, 2023
Planning & Zoning Meeting	March 13, 2023
City Council Meeting	March 21, 2023

**Old Business and Tabled Items**



5. **23-01 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of the Westbury Gardens Phase Two Subdivision. - Tabled from February 7, 2023**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 23-01 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor provided an update to Council. Council Member Mitchell motioned for the passage of Bill 23-01. Council Member Updike seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. 1 Abstain-Self. Motion Carried.

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

6. **23-03 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri, Title IV "Government Code", Chapter 405 "Zoning Regulations", Article 405-I "In General" and Article 405-III "Zoning Districts – Use And Regulations", Section 405.020 "Definitions", Section 405.150 "C-1 Local Commercial District Regulations", Section 405.165 "C-3 General Commercial District", Section 405.170 "M-1 Light Industrial District Regulations", And Section 405.180 "M-2 Heavy Industrial District Regulations."**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 23-03 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Pro Tem Franklin reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

7. **23-04 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri by Amending Title VI "Business And Occupation", Chapter 635 "Medical Marijuana Facilities", Sections 635.010 "Definitions", 635.020 "Compliance With Law", 635.030 "Licensing", 635.040 "Distance Requirements From Schools", 635.050 "Distance Requirements From Churches", 635.060 "Distance Requirements From Daycares", 635.070 "Measurements", 635.080 "Hours Of Operation", and 635.090 "Medical Marijuana Facility Requirements."**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 23-04 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Pro Tem Franklin reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

8. **23-05 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri, Title II "Public Health, Safety And Welfare", Article 215-XI "Offenses Concerning Drugs and Alcohol", Chapter 215 "Offenses", by Amending Section 215.1800 "Possession Or Control Of A Controlled Substance", by Repealing Section 215.1801 "Failure To Produce Medical Marijuana Identification" and Section 215.1804 "Medical Marijuana Cultivation", and by Adding New Section 215.1805 "Marijuana Cultivation."**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the first reading of Bill 23-05 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Megan McCullough provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Pro Tem Franklin reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

9. **23-06 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri by Amending Title V "Building And Construction", Chapter 520 "Fences And Walls",**

**Section 520.020 “Applicability”, Section 520.030 “Definitions”, and Section 520.040 “Fences And Walls.”**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Self to have the first reading of Bill 23-06 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Pro Tem Franklin reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

**10.23-07 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri by Amending Title IV, Government Code, Chapter 405 “Zoning Regulations”, Article 405-I “In General” and Article 405-VII “Additional District Provisions”, Section 405.020 “Definitions” and Section 405.640 “Accessory Structures”, and by Adding New Section 405.643 “Decks” and New Section 405.648 “Accessory Dwelling Units.”**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the first reading of Bill 23-07 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Pro Tem Franklin reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

**11.23-08 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately 10,550 Square Feet of Right-of-Way Along North Turner Avenue.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the first reading of Bill 23-08 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Pro Tem Franklin reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

**12.23-09 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Execution of a Developer Agreement with Republic R-III School District for the Construction of a Queuing Road for the Republic Schools Located at North Main Street And West State Highway 174.**

Motion was made by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 23-09 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 Pro Tem Franklin reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

**13.23-10 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of Special Obligation Bonds, Series 2023, of the City of Republic, Missouri; Approving Certain Documents and Authorizing Certain Other Actions in Connection Therewith.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to have the first reading of Bill 23-10 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Jared Keeling provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Pro Tem Franklin 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. **23-R-10 A Resolution of The City Council Authorizing the BUILDS Department to Purchase a Fifth Pump for Shuyler Creek Lift Station.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Pool to approve Resolution 23-R-10. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

### 15. **23-R-11 A Resolution of The City Council Authorizing the BUILDS Department to Purchase Easements to Facilitate Construction of Wastewater Capital Projects.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve Resolution 23-R-11. 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.

## Finance Report

Jared Keeling presented the Finance Report.

## Reports from Staff

Deputy City Administrator Andrew Nelson updated Council by stating David Cameron and Mayor Russell went to Jefferson City today to advocate on our behalf for funding for the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Nelson shared his appreciation for their work and shared they have reported good success today. Mr. Nelson reminded everyone that every dollar allocated will help save the residents with their utility costs.

Deputy City Administrator Andrew Nelson acknowledged the clearing by staff at Republic Road and Farm Road 170. Mr. Nelson commended staff for the work as it helped improve the safety of that intersection. Mr. Nelson reported we will tackle the intersection with long-term solutions in the future.

Deputy City Administrator Andrew Nelson noted all the ordinance amendments. Mr. Nelson added the changes regarding adult use marijuana were out of necessity. Mr. Nelson reported we task staff each year to look at their code to find needed improvements and make the language more efficient for residents to interpret our codes. Many of our code changes are the result of a resident that has come in with an issue. Mr. Nelson added we will likely have more as the year goes on.

Deputy City Administrator Andrew Nelson reported the S & P call went well and commended staff for their work. Mr. Nelson added that Stifel had nothing but compliments, noting the staff were well prepared. Mr. Nelson thanked Jared Keeling and his team for the great work. Mr. Nelson shared he is looking forward to getting that rating back and the upcoming bond sale.

Mayor Pro Tem Franklin thanked Mayor Russell and David Cameron for being in Jefferson City working on behalf of the citizens. Mr. Franklin added he is excited about the solution for school traffic at Highway 174 and Main Street.

## Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Franklin adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

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Matt Russell, Mayor