

## **AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS**

Project/Issue Name: 23-R-19 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Execution of an

Agreement with The University Of Missouri Extension for Assistance

with Increasing Community Engagement in Republic.

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## **Issue Statement**

The City of Republic requests to enter into a neighboring agreement with the University of Missouri Extension (Greene County) and Mr. David Burton.

## Discussion and/or Analysis

The City has identified through participation of the staff and the City Council that an area of opportunity for the City to improve would be through connection and communication with our citizens. The neighboring program and Mr. Burton have both demonstrated success of connecting with the community, establishing relationships and creating engagement. Mr. Burton has hosted and organized events that have reached attendance levels the City has struggled to achieve when asking for community engagement on issues and communication endeavors. Moving forward and turning inward, this initiative and agreement will provide the City a mechanism to engage the community and communicate the progress of the City while also staying in touch with the concerns, issues and voices of the citizens.

## **Recommended Action**

Staff recommends approval.