



MINUTES

City Council Meeting Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd March 21, 2023 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
Brandon Self, 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, Chris Updike, Brandon Self, Jennifer Mitchell, Clint Gerlek, and Gerry Pool. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Deputy City Administrator Andrew Nelson, City Attorney Megan McCullough, BUILDS Administrator Karen Haynes, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Police Chief Brian Sells, 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, Human Resources Coordinator Rachel Reich-Graef, Finance Director Bob Ford, Operations Coordinator Karsen Forbis, Aquatics Administrator/Recreation Coordinator Emma Dulin, and IT Director Chris Crosby.

Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by City Administrator David Cameron.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Matt Russell.

Mayor's Announcements

Mayor Russell thanked Council Member Franklin for standing in for him for the last two meetings. The first meeting he was in Jefferson City asking for funding on behalf of the city. The second meeting he missed to attend his son Alex's last basketball game with the team he has played on since Kindergarten. Mayor Russell shared it was awesome to watch the last game and they got to honor Coach Tyler Porter. Mayor Russell thanked Mr. Porter for being there for the kids.

Mayor Russell reappointed John Alexander, Michael Mann, and Ransom Ellis to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a four-year term. Mayor Russell reappointed Garry Wilson as the Council Liaison for the Planning and Zoning Commission for a one-year term. Mayor Russell reappointed April Swanson to the Board of Adjustment for a five-year term. Mayor Russell thanked all the appointees for their willingness to serve on the boards for the city.

1. Reappoint John Alexander, Michael Mann, and Ransom Ellis to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a Four-Year Term.
2. Reappoint Garry Wilson as the Council Liaison for the Planning and Zoning Commission for a One-Year Term.
3. Reappoint April Swanson to the Board of Adjustment for a Five-Year Term.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Russell opened citizen participation at 6:03 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:03 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 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, Gerlek, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

4. Approve March 7, 2023 City Council Minutes.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

City Council Meeting-Cancelled	April 4, 2023
Board of Adjustment Meeting-Cancelled	April 6, 2023
Planning & Zoning Meeting	April 10, 2023
City Council Meeting	April 11, 2023
City Council Meeting-Cancelled	April 18, 2023

Old Business and Tabled Items

5. **23-11 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri by Amending Title II Public Health, Safety And Welfare, Chapter 212 “Special Events” Sections 212.001 “Permit Required”, 212.003 “Definitions”, 212.005 “Submission Of Special Events Application”, 212.007 “Plan Review Meeting Notification To Applicant”, and 212.009 “Terms And Conditions.”**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 23-11 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available to answer questions. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 23-11. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

6. **23-12 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve (6,912) Square Feet of Unoccupied Utility Easements in the Republic Storage LLC Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 23-12 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 Russell reminded Council that this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

7. **23-13 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Bill No. 21-54 by Approving Amendment of the Zoning Code and Official Map by Changing the Classification of Approximately Ninety-Two Point Eight Five Acres of Property Located at 3456 South Farm Road 101 from Stone Creek Falls Planned Development District (PDD) to Amended Stone Creek Falls Planned Development District (PDD).**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 23-13 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 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)

8. **23-R-20 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Payment to Missouri Rural Services Workers' Compensation Insurance Trust for Coverage for 2023-2024.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Pool to approve Resolution 23-R-20. Lisa Addington provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

9. **23-R-21 A Resolution of the City Council Awarding the Bid for the Aquatic Center Expansion to Branco, Enterprises, Inc.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to approve Resolution 23-R-21. Jared Keeling 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

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Jared Keeling and the Parks team for the great job on the Aquatic Center Expansion project. Mr. Cameron joked that we could appoint Garry Wilson as an aqua bouncer. Mr. Cameron noted the great work on value engineering, adding Branco is a great contractor and either company would do a great job on the project.

City Administrator David Cameron notified Council of an emergency purchase he authorized for the Aquatic Center pumps that service the Flow Rider and main pool. The failure was found during their inspection. Mr. Cameron notified Council he authorized up to \$60,000.00 for the project, adding it is out for bid and will be brought back to Council on April 11th for their approval.

City Administrator David Cameron notified Council that the Administrator's Report is on our website, adding he hopes everyone is enjoying the information and discussions it presents.

City Administrator David Cameron reported that during the ELT Meeting, the banking market volatility was brought up for discussion. Finance Director Bob Ford has been in contact with our bank to ensure our financial position is secure. Mr. Cameron reported we are working on additional steps to protect the interest of the city. Mr. Cameron noted Mr. Ford had already reached out to the bank before the discussion due to the considerable amount of funds in the bank with all the projects in queue. We are working to diversify our accounts to provide further protection of our funds. Mr. Cameron thanked Mr. Ford for protecting our community.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Chris Tabor for the great job explaining the easement process, adding all the staff do a fantastic job. Mr. Cameron noted the staging lane will be done in August before school starts. Mr. Cameron reported that Garrett Brickner and Karen Haynes presented upcoming projects to him this week that we will condense into a workshop before a meeting and live stream it to include project timelines. Mr. Cameron noted this is something we can do to communicate the information to the citizens through a well done presentation. Mr. Cameron noted the meeting went from the scheduled 1 1/2 hours to 4 hours. Mr. Cameron added we continue to work on recruitment for the PIO position, but Jennafer has done a great job keeping us going in that capacity.

Council Member Franklin thanked Mayor Russell for the opportunity to fill in for him as Mayor. Mr. Franklin added he appreciates staff and the work done putting the packet together.

Mayor Russell shared he has become friends with the Council Members; he knows the strengths, weaknesses, and the heart of the people on Council. Mayor Russell reported he has had routine conversations with Council Member Mitchell about the struggle of being a mom, teacher, business owner, and Council Member. Mayor Russell added he routinely talked her into staying on Council because her

heart helps reach out to those who are hurting. Mayor Russell noted his heart hurts losing someone so important, but she has said it is too much and we all know it is a lot. Mayor Russell added we will greatly miss Council Member Mitchell.

Council Member Mitchell acknowledged Mayor Russell's lawyer skills are great, adding he has become a good friend and she has grown under his leadership. Mrs. Mitchell noted it has been an honor to serve the last 3 years, adding she has grown as a woman. Mrs. Mitchell shared that she grew up in a small town and the Mayor was her bus driver. Mrs. Mitchell acknowledged how much she has learned serving on Council, adding she sweat through her clothes the first year. Mrs. Mitchell announced that logistically with the kids' sports and extracurriculars and a spouse who is on the move, she finds it increasingly hard to miss out on the events and difficult to coordinate. Mrs. Mitchell noted leaving is bittersweet but shared her appreciation of the staff.

Mayor Russell noted our loss is the gain of Mrs. Mitchell's family. Mayor Russell thanked Mrs. Mitchell for her service.

Executive Session: *No further action, other than announcing adjournment by the Mayor, shall take place after an Executive Session that is scheduled as the last matter on the Agenda unless otherwise stated on the Agenda or as allowed per RSMo. 610.02.*

1. RSMo 610.021.2 Real estate acquisition. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.

2. RSMo 610.021.13 Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment, except that this exemption shall not apply to the names, positions, salaries and lengths of service of officers and employees of public agencies. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Updike at 7:02 p.m. to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.2 Real estate acquisition. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record and RSMo 610.021.13 Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment, except that this exemption shall not apply to the names, positions, salaries and lengths of service of officers and employees of public agencies. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye – Self, Mitchell, Pool, Franklin, Updike, Gerlek, Gerke, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Updike to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 7:24 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye – Mitchell, Pool, Wilson, Gerke, Self, Updike, Gerlek, and Franklin. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Matt Russell, Mayor