



MINUTES

City Council Regular Session
City Hall, 4221 S. Wilson's Creek Blvd.
June 02, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Eric Franklin, Mayor
Eric Gerke, Ward I
Garry Wilson, Ward II
Christopher Updike, Ward III
Justin Neal, Ward IV

Justin Shaw, Ward I
Darran Campbell, Ward II
Brian Fields, Ward III
Daniel Harter, 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 Eric Franklin at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present included Darran Campbell, Brian Fields, Dan Harter, Eric Gerke, Garry Wilson, Justin Shaw, Justin Neal, and Chris Updike. Others in attendance were: City Administrator Colten Harris, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, IT Manager Michael Sallee, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Police Chief Brian Sells, Police Major Jamie Burks, Finance Manager Jake Jones, Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, City Attorney Justin Rogers, Senior Planner Katherine Louderbaugh, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, and Parks and Recreation Director Kris Parks.

Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Mayor Franklin.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Franklin.

Mayor's Announcements

1. Appoint Tucker Ulveling to the Housing Authority for a four-year term.

Mayor Franklin announced his intent to appoint Tucker Ulveling to Housing Authority. Council Member Harter motioned to approve the appointment. Council Member Wilson seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Franklin opened citizen participation at 6:03 p.m. No one came forward, so Mayor Franklin closed citizen participation at 6:03 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Shaw to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

2. Approve the May 19, 2026 City Council Minutes.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Board of Adjustment Meeting	June 4, 2026
Planning & Zoning Meeting	June 8, 2026
City Council Meeting	June 16, 2026
City Council Meeting	July 21, 2026

Old Business and Tabled Items

3. **26-18 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately Four Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Five (4,195) Square Feet of Sanitary Sewer Easement Located in Lot 6 of Boyce Hills Subdivision (VACA 26-001).**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Fields to have the second reading of Bill 26-18 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Katherine Louderbaugh was available for questions of Council. Council Member Harter motioned for the passage of Bill 26-18. Council Member Neal seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

4. **26-19 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving a Special Use Permit for Rescue One to Operate a Veterinary Facility on Real Property Located at 3155 East Sawyer Road.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 26-19 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor was available for questions of Council. Council Member Neal motioned for the passage of Bill 26-19. Council Member Gerke seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Other Business (Resolutions)

5. **26-R-13 A Resolution of the City Council Receiving and Accepting the Independent Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025.**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Wilson to take up Resolution 26-R-13. Jon Cummings with KPM presented the audit and answered questions of Council. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator Colten Harris reported that he attended the Republic Library ribbon cutting the previous day and was excited to see the project come to life. He enjoyed the Historical Society's presentation during the event, which highlighted the history of the library. Mr. Harris thanked the Historical Society for presenting at the Council workshop and also expressed appreciation to Jon Cummings and KPM for presenting the City's annual audit.

City Administrator Colten Harris reminded everyone of several upcoming events, including the ribbon cutting for The Loop at J.R. Martin Park on June 12 at 6:00 p.m. and the Animal Control Adoption Day scheduled for June 13. He also noted that June is National Safety Month and shared that the City will be focusing on safety initiatives throughout the month, beginning with the theme of "Moving Safety Forward."

Council Member Eric Gerke thanked staff for their work on the annual audit, recognizing the significant effort involved in preparing for the process. He also expressed appreciation to KPM for their partnership and assistance throughout the audit.

Mayor Eric Franklin noted that the audit report is available online for public review and thanked staff for the work that went into achieving another successful audit. He shared that he attended the Memorial Day flag retirement ceremony hosted by Boy Scout Troop 174 at the Veterans Memorial, describing it as an honor to join the scouts and their families in recognizing the sacrifice represented by the American flag.

Mayor Eric Franklin also commented on the recent library ribbon cutting, calling the new facility an inspirational place and encouraging residents to visit and explore its many features, including the makerspace where visitors can create items such as hats and T-shirts. He encouraged everyone to attend The Loop ribbon cutting on June 12, noting that community members have expressed excitement about the project during recent Chamber events.

Mayor Eric Franklin shared that the Chamber meeting was a wonderful event and recognized the celebration of Dr. Matt Pearce Day, noting that the school district hosted an excellent program in honor of Dr. Pearce's retirement. He also noted that the OTO Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for October 20 and remarked that it is always a valuable opportunity to meet new people and discuss regional issues

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. 610.021.*

1. RSMo 610.021.13 Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants or employment. Closed Session. Closed Vote. Closed Record.

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal at 6:35 p.m. to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.13 Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants or employment. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Shaw, Harter, Campbell, Wilson, Gerke, Neal, Updike, and Fields. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Campbell to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 7:13 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Updike, Neal, Gerke, Fields, Shaw, Wilson, Harter, and Campbell. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Adjournment

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Eric Franklin, Mayor