



**Matt Russell, Mayor**  
 Eric Gerke, Ward I  
 Garry Wilson, Ward II  
 Christopher Updike, Ward III  
 Justin Neal, Ward IV  
 Eric Franklin, Ward I  
 Darran Campbell, Ward II  
 Brian Fields, Ward III  
 Clint Gerlek, Ward IV

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd**  
**February 20, 2024 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 Eric Franklin, Garry Wilson, Eric Gerke, Darran Campbell, Brian Fields, Justin Neal, and Clint Gerlek. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Assistant City Administrator Andrew Nelson, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, City Attorney Megan McCullough, Assistant BUILDS Administrator Karen Haynes, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Police Chief Brian Sells, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, Recreation Superintendent Garrett Cline, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Finance Director Bob Ford, Data and Security Supervisor Michael Sallee, 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.

**Citizen Participation**

Mayor Russell opened citizen participation at 6:01 p.m. Chris Brown, 7534 W US Highway 60 #145 spoke regarding the city becoming a monarch butterfly sanctuary. Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:02 p.m.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve the February 6, 2024 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve the February 6, 2024 City Council Work Session Minutes.
3. Approve Vendor List.

**Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule**

City Council Meeting	March 5, 2024
Board of Adjustment Meeting	March 7, 2024
Planning & Zoning Meeting	March 11, 2024
City Council Meeting	March 19, 2024

**Public Hearings**

4. **A Public Hearing of the City Council Regarding Amending Title VIII, Chapter 805, Section 805.100 (“Utility Administration”) of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**



Mayor Russell opened the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of this item as well as the facility plan information. No one came forward so Mayor Russell closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

**5. A Public Hearing of the City Council Regarding for Comments on the Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan for Expansion and the Potential Impacts Thereof.**

Mayor Russell opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Tana Pulles, 1036 S. Cumberland Ave., asked if the compliance is based on quality or also output volume, and asked where it flows. Andrew Nelson responded that it addresses both output quality and capacity. He also confirmed it flows to the Dry Sac, which leads to Stockton Lake. Mayor Russell closed the public hearing at 6:32 p.m.

**Old Business and Tabled Items**

**6. 24-07 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing Execution of a Third Supplement STP-Urban Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for Additional Extension of the Shuyler Creek Trail.**

Motion was made by Council Member Gerke and seconded by Council Member Fields to have the second reading of Bill 24-07 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Andrew Nelson was available to answer questions. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 24-07. Council Member Wilson seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

**7. 24-08 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title VIII, Chapter 805, Section 805.100 (“Utility Administration”) of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the second reading of Bill 24-08 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Andrew Nelson was available to answer questions. Council Member Fields motioned for the passage of Bill 24-08. Council Member Wilson seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

**New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)-None**

**Other Business (Resolutions)**

**8. 24-R-07 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City’s Application to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources’ State Revolving Fund (SRF) for Funding to be used toward Required Capital Improvements to the Wastewater System.**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Franklin to take up Resolution 24-R-07. Andrew Nelson presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**9. 24-R-08 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the Execution of Amendment 1 to the Phase 2 Contract Price Amendment for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion Project and Issuance of a Corresponding Limited Notice to Proceed.**

Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Neal to take up Resolution 24-R-08. Andrew Nelson presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Neal, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

### **Reports from Staff**

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Allie, Bryan, and Jason from Burns and McDonnell, the team that helped lead and navigate our process for the wastewater treatment facility updates. Mr. Cameron noted they have been incredible to work with and their reputation has been helpful in Jefferson City towards obtaining the additional funding. Mr. Cameron noted back to when Mayor Russell asked what kept him up at night and his answer was the wastewater issues. Mr. Cameron added to see where we are now, we are in a good place now. Mr. Cameron noted there is continued incentive to go to Jefferson City to seek additional funding with the new Legislative Session.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Jared Keeling, Jennafer Mayfield, Garrett Cline, and the Parks team for being rock stars. Mr. Cameron noted we go through rough patches and hard days, but he supports and appreciates them. To Andrew Nelson, he noted he is proud of him for learning all the jargon and presenting the information well.

Council Member Gerlek noted his thought process for tonight's vote gave him clarity on why but when Andrew put on the presentation, he noted this started in 1994. Mr. Gerlek noted every administration and Council since then kept passing it down and we are the generation who said no more, we will not do this to our children. Mr. Gerlek acknowledged he gets bummed out every time he opens his bill but is proud that this Council and our generation stopped the pattern of passing the buck so his kids will not have to deal with it. Mr. Gerlek thanked everyone for the work to save the citizens and hopes we can obtain more funding.

Mayor Russell encouraged everyone to enjoy the weather.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

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Matt Russell, Mayor