



MINUTES

City Council Meeting Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd May 17, 2022 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
Vacant, Ward III
Jim Deichman, 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, Gerry Pool, Jim Deichman, Chris Updike, and Jennifer Mitchell. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, City Attorney Megan McCullough, Police Chief Brian Sells, Finance Director Meghan Cook, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, BUILDS Administrator Andrew Nelson, Assistant BUILDS Administrator Karen Haynes, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Engineering Manager Garrett Brickner, IT Director Chris Crosby, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, and City Clerk Laura Burbridge.

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 6:00 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Russell closed citizen participation at 6:01 p.m.

Announcements-Mayor Russell

Mayor Russell announced that Council met in Closed Session last meeting to discuss Council Member Pool's absences. The Charter allows Council to excuse absences by Council Members. After discussion, the City Council voted to excuse Council Member Pool's absences and Council Member Pool will remain on City Council.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve May 3, 2022 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve Vendor List.
3. Utility Billing Adjustment
4. 22-R-25 A Resolution of the City Council to Amend Resolution 22-R-24 and to Authorize the Purchase of Four (4) 2022 Ford Escape Vehicles for BUILDS Department Employees.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Board of Adjustment Meeting	June 2, 2022
City Council Meeting	June 7, 2022
Planning & Zoning Meeting	June 13, 2022
City Council Meeting	June 21, 2022

Old Business and Tabled Items

5. **22-30 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Annexation of Approximately 1.38 Acres Located at the 6700 Block of West US Highway 60 and Adjacent Right-of-Way.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Pool to have the second reading of Bill 22-30 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions from Council. Council Member Pool motioned for the passage of Bill 22-30. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

6. **22-32 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title VIII, Government Code, Chapter 805 Fee Schedule, Section 805.030 Alcoholic Beverages and Section 805.050 Buildings and Zoning.**

Motion was made by Council Member Updike and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 22-32 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions from Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 22-32. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 1 Nay-Pool. Motion Carried.

7. **22-33 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the Permanent Closure of Farm Road 101 Between State Highway M and the Southernmost Entrance to Old Stone Apartments.**

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 22-33 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Garrett Brickner was available for questions from Council. Council Member Updike motioned for the passage of Bill 22-33. Council Member Deichman seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Updike, and Wilson. 1 Nay-Pool. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

8. **22-34 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of the Mason Ridge Phase 1 Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 22-34 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Deichman, Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council this is a first read and to get with staff prior to the next meeting with any questions.

Other Business (Resolutions)

9. **22-R-26 A Resolution of the City Council Awarding the Bid for Paving of the 2022 City Overlays to Blevins Asphalt Construction Company, Inc.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Deichman to approve Resolution 22-R-26. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the Resolution and announced that a revision to the Resolution has been provided to Council at their seats to change the amount to a not to exceed amount of \$600,000.00 to utilize all the street funds to overlay as many streets as possible. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Grooms, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Reports from Staff

City Administrator David Cameron thanked staff for the great job on the street overlay.

City Administrator David Cameron pointed out that in the Consent Agenda was a Resolution to amend the Resolution passed at the last Council Meeting to purchase the four BUILDS vehicles. Staff did not want to exceed the amount allocated in the Resolution but we needed to add \$600.00 to complete the payment. Mr. Cameron thanked Council Member Franklin for reviewing the information presented in the ordinances and resolutions as we want it to be accurate for the auditor and for the community.

City Administrator David Cameron announced Council will begin seeing messaging regarding redistricting the wards based on the census data. We have to fill the Ward 3 vacancy, so we will be presenting a couple options for redistricting based on GIS data. We hope to have the final redistricting done prior to posting the vacancy left by former Council Member Grooms but need to expedite the process due to that vacancy. This is a hot button at the state level but not here. Mr. Cameron added we had to address the redistricting by September but want to fill the vacancy and be sure not to impact that seat in the process. Mr. Cameron added we hope to have someone selected and seated by the July 16th Council Meeting.

Council Member Franklin thanked the citizens he spoke with this week and thanked staff for the Resolution repairing roads. Mr. Franklin added he is refamiliarizing himself with Ward 1. Mr. Franklin added it was great to get out and see all the roads being fixed. Mr. Franklin thanked his constituents and the city staff, as he has been calling everyone lately.

Council Member Pool shared her appreciation to the Council Members for voting to keep her on Council.

Adjournment

Mayor Russell adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Matt Russell, Mayor