



MINUTES

City Council Regular Session
City Hall, 4221 S. Wilson's Creek Blvd.
October 06, 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 6:05 p.m. Council Members present included Darran Campbell, Eric Gerke, Daniel Harter, Justin Neal, Justin Shaw, and Garry Wilson. Council Members Brian Fields and Christopher Updike were absent.

Others in attendance included Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, City Attorney Justin Rogers, IT Manager Michael Sallee, City Clerk Laura Burbidge, Chief Technology Officer Joshua Jones, Utility Director Jacob Berger, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Police Chief Brian Sells, Police Major Jamie Burks, Parks and Recreation Director Kris Parks, Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford, Community Development Director Karen Haynes, Animal Control Lead Technician Cheyenne Gilroy, Animal Control Cleaner Austin Marcus, and Animal Control Kennel Technician Kaleemarie Ball, Senior Wastewater Operator Dakota Bledsaw, Fire Captain Derek Barr, Aquatics Administrator/Recreation Coordinator Emma Dulin, Assistant Finance Director Jake Jones, Street Crew Lead Jeff Penney, Fire Captain Jerod Youb, Police Corporal Michael Jenkins, Data Services Manager Nick Board, Athletics Administrator Shania Francka, Project Engineer Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan, and Wastewater Crew Lead Will St. Clair.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by Mayor Franklin.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Franklin.

Proclamations

1. Recognizing the Raising the L.I.D. Leadership Program

Mayor Franklin read the proclamation and recognized the work of the program participants. Rachel Reich-Graef spoke about the program, and Garrett Cline recognized the following participants: Senior Wastewater Operator Dakota Bledsaw, Fire Captain Derek Barr, Aquatics Administrator/Recreation Coordinator Emma Dulin, Assistant Finance Director Jake Jones, Street Crew Lead Jeff Penney, Fire Captain Jerod Youb, Police Corporal Michael Jenkins, Data Services Manager Nick Board, Athletics Administrator Shania Francka, Project Engineer Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan, and Wastewater Crew Lead Will St. Clair.

2. Animal Control Appreciation Month

Mayor Franklin read the proclamation and presented it to Cheyenne Gilroy and the Animal Control staff.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Franklin opened citizen participation at 6:19 p.m. Karim Mouliom, 704 N. Glenwood Ave. addressed Council regarding concerns about his water bills and utility rates. Mayor Franklin recommended he view the workshop video regarding rate methodology for additional information. Mayor Franklin closed citizen participation at 6:25 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 6 Aye—Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

3. **Approve the September 22, 2026 City Council Work Session Minutes.**

4. **Approve the September 22, 2026 City Council Minutes.**

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

City Council Work Session	October 20, 2026
City Council Meeting	October 20, 2026
City Council Meeting	November 3, 2026
Board of Adjustment Meeting	November 5, 2026-Cancelled
Planning & Zoning Meeting	November 9, 2026

Other Business (Resolutions)

5. **26-R-20 A Resolution Approving a Preliminary Plat for Harper Ridge Phase 5 Subdivision, a Residential Subdivision Consisting of Approximately 1.34 Acres Located at the 1200 Block of North Harper Drive.**

Director Karen Haynes presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Harter to approve Resolution 26-R-20. The vote was 6 Aye—Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

6. **26-R-21 A Resolution Approving a Preliminary Plat for Skyline Commercial Park, a Commercial Subdivision Consisting of Approximately 34.75 Acres Located at the Northeast Corner of South State Highway MM and James River Expressway.**

Karen Haynes presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Shaw to approve Resolution 26-R-21. The vote was 6 Aye—Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

7. **26-R-22 A Resolution Setting Forth the Facts and Reasons for Increases in Authorized Expenditures from Certain Funds in Connection with Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Amendment No. 2.**

Jake Jones presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Shaw to approve Resolution 26-R-22. The vote was 6 Aye—Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Old Business and Tabled Items

8. **26-29 An Ordinance Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 105 Acres of Real Property, Located at 5470 West Republic Road, from Agricultural (AG) to High Density Single Family Residential (R1-H).**

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Campbell to have the second reading of Bill 26-29 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye—Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes presented the Bill and answered questions of Council. Tim Schowe with Cochran Engineering also answered questions as the project engineer. Council Member Campbell motioned for the passage of Bill 26-29. Council

Member Shaw seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 2 Aye—Campbell and Gerke. 4 Nay—Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. Motion Failed.

9. 26-30 An Ordinance Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately 3.91 Acres of Real Property, Located at 2193 North Stone Falls Road, from a Split-Zoning of Stone Creek Falls Planned Development District (PDD) and Agricultural (AG) to General Commercial (C-2).

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 26-30 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye—Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes presented the Bill and answered questions of Council. Council Member Shaw motioned for the passage of Bill 26-30. Council Member Harter seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye—Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

10. 26-31 An Ordinance Approving Budget Amendment No. 2 to the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2026.

Motion was made by Council Member Shaw and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 26-31 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye—Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Jake Jones presented the bill and answered questions of Council.

11. 26-32 An Ordinance Approving the Final Plat of Brookside Estates Subdivision.

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Shaw to have the first reading of Bill 26-32 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye—Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes presented the bill and answered questions of Council. Mayor Franklin announced that, pursuant to Section 3.10(f) of the Charter, staff requested the second reading of the ordinance during this meeting. Council Member Campbell motioned to hold the second reading during this meeting. Council Member Neal seconded. The vote was 6 Aye—Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

12. 26-33 An Ordinance Approving Execution of a Developer Agreement for Tiger Creek Residential Subdivision for the Upsizing of Watermain Infrastructure.

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 26-33 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye—Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Jacob Berger presented the Bill and answered questions of Council. Mayor Franklin announced that, pursuant to Section 3.10(f) of the Charter, staff requested the second reading of the ordinance during this meeting. Council Member Shaw motioned to hold the second reading during this meeting. Council Member Campbell seconded. The vote was 6 Aye—Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (Second Reading of Ordinances)

13. 26-32 An Ordinance Approving the Final Plat of Brookside Estates Subdivision.

Motion was made by Council Member Campbell and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the second reading of Bill 26-32 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye—Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available for questions of Council. Council Member Shaw motioned for the passage of Bill 26-32. Council Member Neal seconded. A

roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 6 Aye—Campbell, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

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Reports from Staff

Chief of Staff Lisa Addington welcomed the fall season, adding she hoped everyone enjoyed Pumpkin Daze. She welcomed Jacob Berger to his first presentation before Council and congratulated the Raising the L.I.D. Leadership Program participants. She recognized Rachel Reich-Graef for coordinating the training and thanked the leaders who participated, noting that two participants shadowed her during the program. Ms. Addington stated that programs such as Raising the L.I.D. help establish Republic as a regional leader. She reported that Fire Chief Duane Compton had inspected the new aerial apparatus, which is in South Dakota and expected to be delivered in February to replace the City's 1991 ladder truck. She reminded Council that the next work session is scheduled for October 20 at 4:30 p.m. and announced the upcoming Guns and Hoses softball game benefiting Shop with a Hero. Ms. Addington noted that City offices would be closed October 12 for Columbus Day and highlighted the upcoming Boogie Bash and Haunted Trail events.

Council Member Neal thanked the City for hosting the Missouri Department of Transportation's U.S. 60 widening project and stated that the improvements would assist access to the Intermediate School and improve traffic flow.

Council Member Harter noted that the Guns and Hoses softball game would be held on Field 5 at Bervin White Memorial Park and commented on the upcoming competition.

Mayor Franklin commented that the meeting's productive discussion demonstrated Council's ability to work well together. He recognized the recent Republic School District Activities Center ribbon cutting and the new opportunities it provides for community gatherings. He reported that Pumpkin Daze had exceptional attendance, favorable weather, and a strong variety of activities, and he thanked everyone who participated. Mayor Franklin shared that, according to information provided by David Burton, Republic was leading its population category in the Most Neighborly City initiative, and he thanked Mr. Burton for his efforts. He also reported on attending the recent Chamber luncheon and the Greene County State of the County event. Mayor Franklin expressed pride in the work occurring in Republic and Greene County and encouraged support for the Guns and Hoses fundraiser benefiting Shop with a Hero. He noted the upcoming Ozarks Transportation Organization Legislative Breakfast and encouraged Council to consult the Community Development newsletters and RepMO Report for City information. Mayor Franklin concluded by thanking City staff, Council, and the Planning and Zoning Commission for their hard work.

Adjournment

Mayor Franklin adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Eric Franklin, Mayor

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