



# MINUTES

**City Council Regular Session**  
**BUILDS Building, 4221 S. Wilson's Creek Blvd.**  
**March 18, 2025 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 Justin Neal, Darran Campbell, Garry Wilson, Brian Fields, Eric Gerke, Justin Shaw, and Daniel Harter. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, City Attorney Megan McCullough, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Data and Security Supervisor Michael Sallee, Police Corporal Camryn Fite, Police Major Jamie Burks, Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, Community Development Director Karen Haynes, Engineer Angel Falig, Engineer Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Associate Planner Patrick Ruiz, and Parks and Recreation Director Kris Parks.

### Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by Mayor Eric Franklin.

### Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Franklin.

### Citizen Participation

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

### Consent Agenda

Bills 25-08 and 25-09 were read by title only. Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Harter to approve the consent agenda. A digital vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

1. Approve the March 4, 2025 City Council Minutes.
2. Approve the Vendor List.
3. 25-08 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Ordinance 24-58 Vacating Approximately One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty (1,920) Square Feet of Right-Of-Way Along East Greentree Street (VACA 24-002) to Correct a Scrivener’s Error.
4. 25-09 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Ordinance 24-59 Vacating Approximately Three Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Six (3,586) Square Feet of Right-Of-Way Along East Greentree Street (VACA 24-003) to Correct a Scrivener’s Error.

### Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

City Council Meeting	April 1, 2025
Board of Adjustment Meeting	April 3, 2025
City Council Workshop	April 8, 2025
Planning & Zoning Meeting	April 14, 2025
City Council Meeting	April 15, 2025



## Old Business and Tabled Items

5. **25-07 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Classification of Approximately Ten Point Four-Four (10.44) Acres, Located at 688 South Kansas Avenue, from Agricultural (AG) and Medium Density Single-Family Residential (R1-M) to Medium Density Single-Family Residential (R1-M).**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Wilson to have the second reading of Bill 25-07 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz was available for questions of Council. Council Member Neal motioned for the passage of Bill 25-07. Council Member Harter seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

6. **25-11 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title V (“Building And Construction”), Chapter 515 (“Rights-of-Way Management”) Section 515.020 (“Definitions”) of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri and Adding New Section 515.130 (“Utility Damage Prevention”).**

Mayor Franklin announced that staff requested to discuss item 7 prior to item 6. David Cameron provided an update on this item, noting we intend to change the fines for consideration at the next meeting, add that the stop work order includes any work done by the contractor within city limits, and allowing the contractor to repair the damages during the stop work order. Council Member Neal motioned to postpone Bill 25-11 until the April 1, 2025 City Council Meeting. Council Member Harter seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Gerke, Wilson, Neal, Shaw, Campbell, Fields, and Harter. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

7. **25-10 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title II (“Public Health, Safety And Welfare”), Chapter 205 (“Fire Prevention And Protection”), Article 205-II (“Fire Prevention --General Regulations”), by Adding Section 205.067 (“Emergency On-Site Fire Monitoring”) to the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Mayor Franklin announced that Bill 25-10 references the Chapter 515 fees proposed in Bill 25-11, therefore, staff is requesting to postpone this item until the next meeting. Council Member Neal motioned to postpone Bill 25-10 until the April 1, 2025 City Council Meeting. Council Member Harter seconded. The vote was 7 Aye-Harter, Fields, Campbell, Shaw, Neal, Wilson, and Gerke. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

## Other Business (Resolutions)

8. **25-R-11 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the Use of Public Funds on Private Property for the Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Program.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Neal to take up Resolution 25-R-11. Stefani Fitzpatrick-Duncan presented the Resolution and answered questions of Council. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

## Citizen Participation

City Administrator David Cameron requested to reopen citizen participation to allow a citizen to speak who arrived after it was closed. Mayor Franklin opened citizen participation at 6:16 p.m.

Brandy Lee spoke representing her neighborhood due to an ongoing issue with a neighbor who is vulgar,

loud, and playing loud music from 7 p.m. until as late as 3 a.m.. Police has been called out multiple times, sometimes in the same evening. Ms. Lee wanted to know how this can be taken care of. Mr. Cameron reported there will be follow up with Police on the matter.

Mayor Franklin closed citizen participation at 6:18 p.m.

### **Reports from Staff**

Cameron acknowledged Ms. Lee's concern regarding noise ordinance enforcement, stating that the City follows a noise ordinance and that staff would coordinate with the Police Department to determine the appropriate course of action. He also welcomed Corporal Fite to the meeting.

City Administrator David Cameron reflected on the recent extreme weather conditions, noting that the region experienced 80-degree temperatures, tornado warnings, and snow within a short timeframe. He reminded everyone that while storm sirens are activated based on National Weather Service alerts, they may not always be perfectly timed to each event.

City Administrator David Cameron announced that enrollment for the Citizen Police Academy is now open and encouraged interested residents to sign up.

City Administrator David Cameron informed the Council that the City Council Workshop on Code Compliance, originally scheduled for April 8, had been rescheduled to April 22nd due to Transportation Day at the Capitol. Karen Haynes would be attending the event on behalf of the City.

City Administrator David Cameron reminded officials about the Lauber Law Firm's City Officials Training and advised those interested to coordinate with Laura to register.

City Administrator David Cameron reported that he would be traveling to Washington, D.C. the following day to participate in a wastewater panel discussion and meet with a U.S. Senator. Discussions would include funding for the new water tower, rising water and wastewater costs, and EPA regulations.

City Administrator David Cameron noted that construction fencing has been installed at the BUILDS facility in preparation for the annex expansion, which is expected to begin within the next few weeks.

City Administrator David Cameron informed the Council that a mass mailing regarding water rate increases would be sent to residents this week. The rate changes would be reflected on utility bills in May and June and would also be posted on the City's website.

City Administrator David Cameron addressed a long-standing issue with a damaged fence at Kum & Go, which had remained dented for over a year. In response to citizen complaints, the City will move forward with repairs and coordinate with Kum & Go on funding arrangements.

City Administrator David Cameron highlighted key infrastructure priorities from a citizen perspective, including upcoming road paving and closures, the Commercial Street improvement project near the intermediate school, and the anticipated opening of the Shuyler Creek Trail project.

Mayor Eric Franklin reminded the public that the April 8th election would include the selection of four City Council members. He thanked staff for their work on the recent workshop, giving special recognition to Kendall Jones. The Mayor also noted upcoming training for elected officials, including the Lauber Law Firm as well as the Missouri Municipal League (MML) Elected Officials Training. He acknowledged the recent extreme weather and reminded residents that the burn ban remains in effect. Additionally, he urged residents to call 811 before digging when planting trees or landscaping, as spring projects increase the risk of underground utility damage.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Franklin adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

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Eric Franklin, Mayor

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