



MINUTES

City Council Regular Session BUILDS Building, 4221 S. Wilson's Creek Blvd. January 21, 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, Chris Updike, Brian Fields, Eric Gerke, Justin Shaw, and Daniel Harter. Others in attendance were: City Attorney Megan McCullough, Fire Chief Duane Compton, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Human Resource Manager Rachel Reich-Graef, Data and Security Supervisor Michael Sallee, Police Chief Brian Sells, Police Lieutenant Zach Richards, Chief Financial Officer Bob Ford, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, Community Development Director Karen Haynes, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Associate Planner Patrick Ruiz, Engineer Angel Falig, 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.

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

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike to approve the consent agenda. The vote was 7 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. 1 Abstain-Shaw. Motion Carried.

1. Approve the January 7, 2025 City Council Minutes.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

City Council Meeting	February 4, 2025
Board of Adjustment Meeting	February 6, 2025
Planning & Zoning Meeting	February 10, 2025
City Council Meeting	February 18, 2025

Old Business and Tabled Items-None

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

2. **25-03 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Eight (5,928) Square Feet of Sanitary Sewer Easement Located on Lots 1 And 2 of the Town East Minor Subdivision (VACA 25-001).**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Shaw to have the first reading of Bill 25-03 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin announced that pursuant to 3.10 (f) of the Charter, Staff requested the second reading of this ordinance during the meeting. Council Member Harter motioned to hold the second

reading during the meeting. Council Member Updike seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

3. **25-04 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately Eight Thousand One Hundred and Eighteen (8,118) Square Feet of Sanitary Sewer Easement Located on Lots 1 and 3 Of the Town East Minor Subdivision (VACA 25-002).**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the first reading of Bill 25-04 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin announced that pursuant to 3.10 (f) of the Charter, Staff requested the second reading of this ordinance during the meeting. Council Member Fields motioned to hold the second reading during the meeting. Council Member Shaw seconded. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

4. **25-05 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title IV ("Land Use"), Chapter 405 ("Zoning Regulations"), Article 405-I ("In General"), Section 405.020 ("Definitions") and Article 405-VIII ("Special Use Regulations"), Section 405.670 ("Generally") of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.**

Motion was made by Council Member Harter and seconded by Council Member Neal to have the first reading of Bill 25-05 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin announced that this is a first read and to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions.

5. **25-06 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending the Employee Handbook.**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Harter to have the first reading of Bill 25-06 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Lisa Addington gave an overview of the bill. Mayor Franklin announced that this is a first read and to get with staff before the next meeting with any questions. Ms. Addington noted we will update it to reflect the 4 year term of the Mayor and Council.

New Business (Second Reading of Ordinances)

6. **25-03 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Eight (5,928) Square Feet of Sanitary Sewer Easement Located on Lots 1 And 2 of the Town East Minor Subdivision (VACA 25-001).**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Shaw to have the second reading of Bill 25-03 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz was available for questions of Council. Council Member Harter motioned for the passage of Bill 25-03. 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.

7. **25-04 An Ordinance of the City Council Vacating Approximately Eight Thousand One Hundred and Eighteen (8,118) Square Feet of Sanitary Sewer Easement Located on Lots 1 and 3 Of the Town East Minor Subdivision (VACA 25-002).**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Updike to have the second reading of Bill 25-04 by title only. The vote was 8 Aye-Campbell, Fields, Gerke, Harter,

Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Patrick Ruiz was available for questions of Council. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 25-04. 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.

Other Business (Resolutions)

8. **25-R-04 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City to Apply for Grant Funds through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program, the Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program, and Other Similar Discretionary Programs to be used toward the Route MM Expansion Project.**

Motion was made by Council Member Neal and seconded by Council Member Harter to take up Resolution 25-R-04. Karen Haynes presented the Resolution 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

Chief of Staff Lisa Addington noted that the state officially has a new governor and the nation has a new president. She wished them and all elected officials success during their terms.

Chief of Staff Lisa Addington gave a shout-out to the public works crews and public safety teams for their efforts during the recent inclement weather.

Chief of Staff Lisa Addington provided an update on the recent trip to Jefferson City, where they met with several representatives and senators to advocate for additional funding for the city.

Chief of Staff Lisa Addington announced that a mailer regarding water rates would be sent to residents before the March billing cycle to ensure transparency and understanding. She reminded everyone that the Annual Report had been distributed and should have been received by now.

Chief of Staff Lisa Addington informed the Council that a workshop was scheduled for February 11 at 11:00 a.m. at the BUILDS facility.

Chief of Staff Lisa Addington asked everyone to keep City Administrator David Cameron and his family in their thoughts and prayers.

Mayor Eric Franklin reflected on the recent groundbreaking ceremony for the library, highlighting the excellent turnout from the community. He noted that all three Greene County commissioners were present at the event. Mayor Franklin expressed his gratitude to the Police and Fire Departments for their dedication during the cold weather, acknowledging the challenges they face working in such conditions. He also commended the public works crews for their hard work during the recent weather event, noting that their efforts allowed residents to navigate the city safely and efficiently. He acknowledged the difficulty of their job and expressed his appreciation for their dedication.

Adjournment

Mayor Franklin adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Eric Franklin, Mayor