



Matt Russell, Mayor/Ward III
 Brandon Self, Ward I
 Garry Wilson, Ward II
 Christopher Updike, Ward III
 Jennifer Mitchell, Ward IV
 Eric Franklin, Ward I
 Gerry Pool, Ward II
 Jim Deichman, Ward IV

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Community Center 711 E. Miller Rd.
August 25, 2020 at 6:30 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 6:31 p.m. at the Republic Community Center. Council Members in attendance were: Eric Franklin, Jim Deichman, Garry Wilson, Brandon Self, Matt Russell, and Jennifer Mitchell. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling, Assistant City Administrator Lisa Addington, Finance Director Debbie Parks, Lieutenant Jamie Burks, City Attorney Scott Ison, Public Information Officer Mike Landis, Principal Planner Karen Haynes, Public Works Director Andrew Nelson, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Assistant Public Works Director Garrett Brickner, and City Clerk Laura Burbridge.

Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was led by David Cameron.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Matt Russell.

Citizen Participation

Mayor Russell opened Citizen Participation at 6:32 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Russell closed Citizen Participation at 6:32 p.m.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Approve City Council Regular Session Minutes of August 18, 2020.
2. As per RSMo. 109.230(4), City records that are on file in the City Clerk’s office and have met the retention schedule will be destroyed in compliance with the guidelines established by the Secretary of State’s office.
3. Approve Scrivener’s Error correction of two duplicated Resolution numbers.
4. Approve Utility Billing Adjustments.

Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

City Council Meeting	September 15, 2020
Board of Adjustment Meeting	September 3, 2020
Planning & Zoning Meeting	September 14, 2020
City Council Meeting	October 6, 2020

Old Business and Tabled Items

5. **20-29 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending the Zoning Code and Official Map by Changing the Classification of Approximately 0.91 Acres, Located at 317 South Main Street, from Local Commercial (C-1) to General Commercial (C-2).**



Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Deichman to have the second reading of Bill 20-29 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Wilson, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Franklin motioned for the passage of Bill 20-29. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Wilson, Russell, Mitchell, Self, Deichman and Franklin. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

6. 20-30 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Vacating Right-Of-Way at 1700 South Empire Avenue.

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Self to have the second reading of Bill 20-30 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Wilson, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Deichman motioned for the passage of Bill 20-30. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Self, Russell, Mitchell, Deichman, Franklin, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

7. 20-31 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Vacating a Portion of West Carnahan Street.

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Self to have the second reading of Bill 20-31 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Wilson, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Self motioned for the passage of Bill 20-31. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Wilson, Russell, Deichman, Franklin, Self, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

8. 20-32 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into an Infrastructure Development Agreement with Shuyler Ridge, LLC, for Infrastructure for Phase 3 of the Lakes at Shuyler Ridge Residential Subdivision.

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Deichman to have the second reading of Bill 20-32 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Wilson, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Russell motioned to amend Bill 20-32, by replacing Attachment 1 with the updated Attachment 1 that is dated August 25, 2020. Council Member Wilson seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Wilson, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Council Member Franklin motioned to approve Bill 20-32 as amended. Council Member Deichman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Russell, Mitchell, Deichman, Wilson, Franklin, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

9. 20-33 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving the Final Plat of the Monte Cristo Phase Nine Subdivision.

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 20-33 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Wilson, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Karen Haynes was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill

20-33. Council Member Deichman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Self, Deichman, Russell, Mitchell, Franklin, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

10.A Public Hearing of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Setting the 2020 Property Tax Levies for the City of Republic, Missouri.

Mayor Russell opened the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m. Nobody came forward so Mayor Russell closed the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m.

11.20-34 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Setting the 2020 Property Tax Levies for the City of Republic, Missouri.

Motion was made by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Deichman to have the second reading of Bill 20-34 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Wilson, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Debbie Parks gave a presentation of the tax levy and answered questions of Council. Council Member Wilson motioned for the passage of Bill 20-34. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Deichman, Mitchell, Russell, Wilson, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

12.20-35 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri, by Amending Title III, "Traffic Code," Chapter 380, "Vehicle Equipment," Article II, "Other Equipment, by repealing Section 380.190, "Headgear Required – Motorcycles or Motortricycles."

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Deichman to have the second reading of Bill 20-35 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Wilson, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Scott Ison was available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Franklin motioned for the passage of Bill 20-35. Council Member Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Mitchell, Franklin, Deichman, Wilson, Self, and Russell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

13.20-36 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into a Development Agreement with Rankin Development, LLC and Drury University for Public Improvements to the Garton Business Park.

Motion was made by Council Member Self and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the second reading of Bill 20-36 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Wilson, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. David Cameron and Andrew Nelson were available to answer any questions from Council. Council Member Russell motioned to amend Bill 20-36, by replacing Attachment 1 with the updated Attachment 1 that is dated August 25, 2020. Council Member Deichman seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Franklin, Russell, Deichman, Mitchell, Wilson, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Council Member Deichman motioned for the passage of Bill 20-36 as amended. Council Member Wilson seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Self, Franklin, Deichman, Russell, Mitchell, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)

14.20-37 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the Execution of a First Supplemental STP-Urban Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways

and Transportation Commission for the Design and Right of Way Acquisition for the Extension of the Shuyler Creek Trail.

Council Member Franklin motioned for the first reading of Bill 20-37 by title only. Council Member Self seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Self, Franklin, Wilson, Deichman, Russell, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Garrett Brickner spoke about this Bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with Mr. Brickner with any questions prior to the next meeting.

15.20-38 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into a Development Agreement with Convoy of Hope for Water Line Public Improvements.

Council Member Self motioned for the first reading of Bill 20-38 by title only. Council Member Mitchell seconded. The vote was 6 Aye-Self, Franklin, Wilson, Deichman, Russell, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the bill. Mayor Russell reminded Council that this was a first read and to get with Mr. Nelson with any questions prior to the next meeting.

Other Business (Resolutions)

16.20-R-30 A Resolution of the City Council, of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the Purchase of Radios for the Police Department.-Tabled By Staff

17.20-R-31 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Awarding the Final Design of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, State Revolving Fund Assistance, and Wastewater Collections System Upgrade Design, and Authorizing the Related Task Order No. 10.

Motion was made by Council Member Mitchell and seconded by Council Member Wilson to approve Resolution 20-R-31. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Self, Franklin, Wilson, Deichman, Russell, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

18.20-R-32 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Appointing Authorized Signers with Bank of Missouri.

Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve Resolution 20-R-32. Debbie Parks provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Self, Franklin, Wilson, Deichman, Russell, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

Finance Report-Debbie Parks gave the Finance Report.

Reports from Staff

Report from City Administrator:

City Administrator David Cameron spoke about Debbie's Finance Report presentation and referenced the water balance and the sewer balance. Historically, 2016 and prior, there was a water and sewer fund that was not separate. Both are enterprise funds and should make a certain amount of margin to run the business, pay staff, and maintain equipment. When broken into two funds independent of each other, water fund balance has exposed the water rates were low. Mr. Cameron shared we need to address those funds. Mr. Cameron spoke about how we hear a lot about rates being too high. Mr. Cameron shared the water has been kept low due to the higher sewer rates. Mr. Cameron stated there is not even 100 days operating cash in this account. The fund balance should be \$900,000-1,000,000 in case of a breakdown for replacements. Mr. Cameron stated it is important to look at these each month. Mr. Cameron spoke about the sewer balance being over a million dollars and spoke about trying to pay

off a fund balance. Mr. Cameron shared we are working through this as a Council due to rates not changing since 2014. Mr. Cameron spoke of the rate analysis currently in progress to determine appropriate balances. Mr. Cameron shared we will provide a fair analysis of what that will be when the rate study is complete. These funds are tied to compliance and underfunding an enterprise fund leads to these issues. Mr. Cameron also shared the numbers will go up as people are watering.

City Administrator David Cameron shared he is looking forward to the trail expansion. Mr. Cameron stated the project was not on the radar due to funding but started with \$400,000 on the first grant. Mr. Cameron shared we started working on easements and property acquisition and explained we are only paying 20 cents on the dollar. Mr. Cameron stated this will eventually tie into Wilson's Creek Battlefield. There is a plan for a roundabout that would tie into this trail as well. Mr. Cameron explained he sees this as a tourism piece for the city. Mr. Cameron shared he is excited about this project as it is a major transportation and infrastructure project. These projects add to the quality of life when people come home to our community and create the opportunity for community.

City Administrator David Cameron shared it was great to see the participants last weekend at the gotMud? Run. Mr. Cameron stated he is looking forward to the adult run this weekend. Mr. Cameron shared the crews were out there at 4:30 a.m. cleaning up trash. Mr. Cameron shared when you see the joy in the participants faces, this is what it is all about. He stated he loves the fact our staff and team pull together to make it a memorable experience. Mr. Cameron shared he is looking forward to the first adult gotMud? Run and seeing Council Member Self demonstrate his skills on the monkey bars. Mr. Cameron gave kudos to Jared and his team for their great work.

City Administrator David Cameron shared we are working through a lot of challenges with meeting space with COVID-19 and appreciates everyone pulling together with all new equipment to bring the message to the community. Mr. Cameron stated he loves having the visuals and it is nice to be able to show everything. Mr. Cameron shared it takes a lot of work and coordination to set up these meetings. Mr. Cameron stated he is happy to approve the Council Chambers to be able to use this space for programming and free up staff time.

City Administrator David Cameron spoke about last week's update on the gateway sign and thanks to Andrew, Jared and Scott, an agreement has been made with MoDOT and CU. Mr. Cameron reported an annexation will be coming to Council in the future tied to the gateway. Mr. Cameron stated we hope to bid the job in between readings of the project to move forward quickly.

City Administrator David Cameron welcomed Convoy of Hope to the community. Mr. Cameron reported the project is officially under way. They were not ready to announce; however, we worked with the media today to announce it. Mr. Cameron shared it is a great addition to our community. While it is non-profit and does not provide profit to the city, it gives outreach and the give back to the community. There is reward and favor that comes with that. Mr. Cameron shared there was good collaboration on the project, and it is exciting to see that open. This will be a 130-acre development.

City Administrator David Cameron announced to Council that we have scheduled a bus tour with social distancing on September 11th to provide Council a visual tour of the community including the wastewater facility. Mr. Cameron shared it is important to bring the projects to Council and we are excited about Convoy of Hope. Mr. Cameron shared his appreciation for staff that participated in that project and Council for partnering with development to make it an easy process. Mr. Cameron reported Convoy of Hope will come before Council in the future to discuss the land use. Staff has worked exhaustedly, and Mr. Cameron thanked them. Mr. Cameron thanked all the businesses that choose to call Republic home and stated he looks forward to what is in que knowing the best is yet to come.

Council Member Franklin stated it is encouraging news between gateway, Convoy of Hope, and sales tax numbers. Mr. Franklin shared he is thankful for the work and dedication of staff and citizens. Mr. Franklin shared that Governor Parsons came to Flat Creek and felt this shows where we are at. Mr. Franklin shared about Ron Mark, who had a tragic accident and was a valuable member of our community. Mr. Franklin shared he was a patriot and the nicest people you will ever meet. Mr. Franklin shared he was a hard worker and advocate for the City and asked everyone to take a moment to recognize him.

Executive Session: *No further action, other than announcing adjournment by the Mayor, shall take place after an Executive Session that is scheduled as the last matter on the Agenda unless otherwise stated on the Agenda or as allowed per RSMo. 610.02.*

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Deichman at 7:41 to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.2 Real estate acquisition. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. and RSMo 610.021.3 Hiring, firing, promotion or disciplining personnel. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye – Russell, Self, Franklin, Wilson, Deichman, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Self to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 8:18 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye-Franklin, Self, Russell, Wilson, Deichman, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Adjournment

ATTEST:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Matt Russell, Mayor