



## MINUTES

### City Council Meeting Municipal Court Building, 540 Civic Blvd February 07, 2023 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  
Brandon Self, Ward III  
Clint Gerlek, 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, Chris Updike, Brandon Self, Jennifer Mitchell, and Gerry Pool. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Deputy City Administrator Andrew Nelson, City Attorney Megan McCullough, BUILDS Administrator Karen Haynes, Principal Planner Chris Tabor, Police Chief Brian Sells, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jennafer Mayfield, Athletics Administrator Garrett Cline, Assistant BUILDS Administrator Garrett Brickner, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Chief of Staff Lisa Addington, Assistant City Administrator/Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, City Clerk Laura Burbridge, Network Engineer James Strathdee, and IT Director Chris Crosby.

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

#### Mayor's Announcements

**1. Appointment of Jeff Hayes to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a 4-year Term.**

Chris Tabor updated Council on the application and interview process. Mr. Tabor answered questions of Council. Mayor Russell announced the appointment of Jeff Hayes as the Ward IV representative for the Planning and Zoning Commission for a 4-year term.

#### Consent Agenda

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

2. Approve December 6, 2022 City Council Workshop Minutes.
3. Approve January 12, 2023 City Council Workshop Minutes.
4. Approve January 17, 2023 City Council Minutes.
5. Approve Vendor List.
6. 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.

## Board, Commission, and Committee Schedule

Planning & Zoning Meeting	February 13, 2023
City Council Meeting	February 21, 2023
Supervisor's Meeting	March 2, 2023
Board of Adjustment Meeting	March 2, 2023
City Council Meeting	March 7, 2023

## Old Business and Tabled Items

### 7. **23-01 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of the Westbury Gardens Phase Two Subdivision.**

Chris Tabor notified Council the applicant needed additional time to finalize this plat. Council Member Updike motioned to table 23-01 until February 21, 2023. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 7 Aye- Wilson, Franklin, Gerke, Self, Updike, Pool, and Mitchell. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

### 8. **23-02 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving the Final Plat of the Wilson's Creek Villas Subdivision.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Pool to have the second reading of Bill 23-02 by title only. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Chris Tabor provided an update to Council. Council Member Pool motioned for the passage of Bill 23-02. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken digitally. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

## New Business (First Reading of Ordinances)-None

## Other Business (Resolutions)

### 9. **23-R-05 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Execution of the Phase 2 Contract Price Amendment with Burns and McDonnell Engineering Co., Inc. for Capital Improvement Project #6 (CIP #6).**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to approve Resolution 23-R-05. Karen Haynes provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

### 10. **23-R-06 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the BUILDS Department to Apply for the Raise Discretionary Grant in Partnership with the Ozarks Transportation Organization to be used Toward the Highway MM Realignment.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson and seconded by Council Member Pool to approve Resolution 23-R-06. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

### 11. **23-R-07 A Resolution of The City Council Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with Springfield Winwater Works Co. for the Purchase of Water Meters to Meet the City's Anticipated Needs in 2023.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to approve Resolution 23-R-07. Garrett Brickner provided an overview of the Resolution. Council Member Gerlek arrived at 6:22 p.m. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Mitchell, Pool, Self, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. 1 Abstain-Gerlek. Motion Carried.

**12.23-R-08 A Resolution of the City Council Appointing Network Engineer James Strathee as Replacement to Deputy City Administrator Andrew Nelson to Serve as the City's Alternate Regional Broadband Initiative Board Member.**

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve Resolution 23-R-08. David Cameron provided an overview of the Resolution. The vote was 7 Aye-Franklin, Gerke, Gerlek, Mitchell, Pool, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. 1 Abstain-Self. Motion Carried.

**Reports from Staff**

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Mr. Hayes for serving on Planning and Zoning, adding we appreciate his service.

City Administrator David Cameron noted we are increasing communication through the Administrator's Report, which will be provided to Council and staff. Mr. Cameron added a digital copy with all the attachments will be sent out tomorrow. Mr. Cameron encouraged everyone to read it.

City Administrator David Cameron reported we have started interviews for the Public Information Officer position with four interviews today and one tomorrow. Mr. Cameron reported we hope to make a decision by Tuesday. Mr. Cameron added this is an area that we can improve upon quickly with the CIP's and projects rolling out.

City Administrator David Cameron reported our S & P call for the Parks projects will be on Tuesday. Mr. Cameron announced the news is better as interest rates have dropped, to a potential savings of 1 million dollars. Mr. Cameron encouraged everyone to read the Administrator's Report again.

City Administrator David Cameron thanked Mr. Copeland for coming to the meeting, adding his concerns were included in the Administrator's Report regarding traffic, street paving, and the soil pile. Mr. Cameron confirmed we will send him a map with the details of the school queuing lane that will offset the traffic at Highway 174 and Main Street. Mr. Cameron noted we want to hear citizen concerns, adding we have an unpaved city street; there is a portion of Kansas that is gravel. Mr. Cameron thanked Mr. Copeland for expressing his concerns. Mr. Cameron noted there were other concerns listed in the report, adding the report also included an update on the recent Jefferson City trip. Mr. Cameron reported we are planning another trip to Jefferson City with Mayor Russell soon.

City Administrator David Cameron shared his appreciation of staff and the community.

Council Member Franklin asked about the spoil pile. City Administrator David Cameron answered it is from excavation and is dirt that is unsuitable to be built upon. Mr. Cameron noted we have to play by the same rules as the development community, adding it is nice to see someone ask about it.

Council Member Franklin thanked staff for the great job on the Annual Report, adding his appreciation for the messages from the Mayor and Mr. Cameron. Mr. Franklin noted it was great information and visuals to help explain information to citizens. Mr. Franklin also shared his appreciation for the detailed Administrator's Report.

Council Member Gerlek apologized for being tardy, noting he was coaching girls' volleyball and the team won in points and for having the "pinkest" jerseys. Mr. Gerlek noted that after the State of City came out, everyone on Council got an unsigned email with complaints and dissent. Mr. Gerlek noted if someone has a complaint to the city, it is valuable, but we need a name listed in emails or citizen appearance and participation at meetings to express those concerns.

Mayor Russell updated on his son's basketball game, noting the score was 4-4 at halftime.

**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.*

1. RSMo 610.021.1 Pending and/or potential litigation. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.
2. RSMo 610.021.2 Real estate acquisition. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.
3. RSMo 610.021.3 Hiring, firing, promotion, or disciplining personnel. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record.

Motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Pool at 6:35 p.m. to go into Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.2 Real estate acquisition. Closed session. Closed vote. Closed record. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye – Gerke, Gerlek, Pool, Wilson, Mitchell, Self, Updike, and Franklin. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Pool and seconded by Council Member Mitchell to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting at 6:53 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 8 Aye – Gerlek, Pool, Mitchell, Gerke, Wilson, Self, Updike, and Franklin. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

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Matt Russell, Mayor