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**City of Republic  
City Council Meeting  
Republic City Hall, 213 North Main Street  
Minutes of Regular Session  
January 7, 2020**

The regular session meeting of the City Council of the City of Republic, Greene County, Missouri, was called to order by Mayor Jeff Ussery at 6:30 p.m. at Republic City Hall, 213 North Main Street, Republic, Missouri. Council Members in attendance were: Eric Franklin, Gerry Pool, Matt Russell, Jim Deichman, Brandon Self, and Garry Wilson. Others in attendance were: City Administrator David Cameron, Parks and Rec Director and Assistant City Administrator Jared Keeling, City Attorney Scott Ison, Police Chief Brian Sells, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Public Information Officer Mike Landis, Assistant City Administrator and Human Resources Director Lisa Addington, Public Works Director Andrew Nelson, Community Development Director Garrett Tyson, Assistant Public Works Director Garrett Brickner, Principal Planner Karen Haynes, and City Clerk Laura Burbridge.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Opening prayer was led by David Cameron.

**SALUTE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Jeff Ussery.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** Mayor Ussery opened Citizen Participation at 6:31 p.m. No one came forward so Mayor Ussery closed Citizen Participation at 6:31 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion was made by Council Member Deichman and seconded by Council Member Pool to approve the Consent Agenda. The vote to approve the Consent Agenda was 6 Aye -Franklin, Pool, Deichman, Self, Wilson, and Russell. 0 Nay. Council Members Brashers and Jones were not present for the vote. Motion carried.

1. Approve the City Council Minutes of December 10, 2019.
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.

**BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE SCHEDULE:**

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| 1. City Council Meeting | January 21, 2020  |
| 2. City Council Meeting | February 4, 2020  |
| 3. Board of Adjustment  | February 6, 2020  |
| 4. Planning and Zoning  | February 10, 2020 |

**OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS:**

- 1. 19-32 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Approving Amending the Zoning Code and Official Map by Changing the Classification of Approximately 35.33 Acres, Located at 2887 East Hines, From Agricultural (AG) to High Density Single-Family Residential (R1-H).**

Council Member Russell motioned for a second reading by title only. Council Member Franklin seconded. 6 Aye –Franklin, Pool, Russell, Deichman, Self, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion carried. Council Member Pool motioned for passage of Ordinance 19-32. Council Member Wilson seconded. Mayor Ussery opened the floor for questions from Council and Karen Haynes was available to answer questions. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye – Wilson, Self, Russell, Pool, Deichman, and Franklin. 0 Nay. Motion carried.
- 2. 19-33 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 II, "Public Health, Safety and Welfare," Chapter 240, "Parks and Recreation User Fees," Regarding Fees.**

Council Member Russell motioned for a second reading by title only. Council Member Deichman seconded. 6 Aye-Wilson, Self, Franklin, Pool, Russell, and Deichman. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Jared Keeling was available to answer questions from Council. Council Member Deichman motioned for passage of Ordinance 19-33. Council Member Pool seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye – Wilson, Self, Franklin, Deichman, Russell, and Pool. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.
- 3. 19-34 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 VI, "Business and Occupation," Regarding Medical Marijuana.**

Council Member Wilson motioned for a second reading by title only. Council Member Franklin seconded. 6 Aye- Wilson, Self, Franklin, Pool, Russell and Deichman. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Council Member Wilson motioned for passage of Ordinance 19-34. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye – Russell, Wilson, Self, Franklin, Pool, and Deichman. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.
- 4. 19-35 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Republic, Missouri, and the City of Springfield, Missouri, for the Acquisition of**

**"Pictometry" Providing a More Accurate Geographical Information System.**

Council Member Wilson motioned for a second reading by title only. Council Member Pool seconded. 6 Aye- Wilson, Self, Franklin, Pool, Russell and Deichman. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Garrett Tyson was available to answer any questions regarding this bill. Council Member Self motioned for passage of Ordinance 19-35. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Wilson, Russell, Pool, Self, and Franklin. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

5. **19-36 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.**

Council Member Russell motioned for a second reading by title only. Council Member Pool seconded. 6 Aye- Wilson, Self, Franklin, Pool, Russell and Deichman. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Andrew Nelson was available to answer any questions regarding this bill. Council Member Self motioned for passage of Ordinance 19-36. Council Member Russell seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Russell, Deichman, Wilson, Pool, Franklin, and Self. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

6. **19-37 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 IV, "Land Use," Chapter 410, "Subdivision Regulations," Article IV, "Major Subdivision-Improvements," and Article VI, "General Principles of Design and Minimum Requirements for the Layout of Subdivision" Regarding Financial Guarantees and Public Utilities.**

Council Member Wilson motioned for a second reading by title only. Council Member Pool seconded. 6 Aye-Wilson, Self, Franklin, Pool, Russell and Deichman. 0 Nay. Motion Carried. Garrett Tyson was available to answer any questions regarding this bill. Council Member Pool motioned for passage of Ordinance 19-37. Council Member Franklin seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Russell, Pool, Self, Franklin, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS (FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES):**

1. **20-01 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into a Development Agreement with the Republic R-3 School District for Water Line Public Improvements for the New Early Childhood Education Center.**

Motion was made by Council Member Russell and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have the first reading of Bill 20-01 by title only. The vote was 6 Aye – Franklin, Pool, Russell, Deichman, Self, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion carried. Andrew Nelson provided an overview of the bill and answered questions from Council. Mayor Ussery reminded Council this was a first read and to contact Mr. Nelson with questions prior to the next meeting.

### OTHER BUSINESS (RESOLUTIONS):

**1. 20-R-01 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Authorizing the Purchase of Equipment for the Upgrade of Lift Station 2.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wilson for passage of 20-R-01. Council Member Deichman Seconded. Andrew Nelson gave an overview of this Resolution. The vote was 6 Aye-Deichman, Russell, Pool, Franklin, Self, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.

### REPORTS FROM STAFF:


1. Report from City Administrator David Cameron.
  - a. City Administrator David Cameron wished everyone a Happy New Year. Mr. Cameron spoke of the small price of the Lift Station to provide sewer services to up to 500 acres and tie in the south side of town for OTC. Mr. Cameron spoke of the job well done by staff involved in this project.
  - b. City Administrator David Cameron spoke about the City doing more development agreements to maximize taxpayer's money. Mr. Cameron commended Council for taking on these agreements and commended staff on the work they do on these projects.
  - c. City Administrator David Cameron shared the recent changes in the Public Works Department and congratulated Garrett Brickner for his promotion to Assistant Public Works Director and Jason Davis for his promotion to Operations Manager. This change will allow the department to work together to dispatch services using multiple service crews. Mr. Cameron shared this will address the community's needs without costing more tax dollars or requiring more staff. This will also provide cross training for staff and allow more people to be on deck as needed to help. This will help with the limited Streets budget as well.
  - d. City Administrator David Cameron spoke about an upcoming Council Retreat and requested Council Members' schedule availability for a full day retreat or provided the opportunity for several work sessions before Council Meetings. Mr. Cameron shared that this Retreat will be unveiling the City's Master Plan. Mr. Cameron reported we will also discuss ballot measure questions and funding needs. The Council agreed on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 8-5 for the Council Retreat.
  - e. City Administrator David Cameron announced a MoDOT public meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6 at the Community Center. This will be to discuss the Highway 60 Transportation Study. They will interview several staff members before the meeting. Mr. Cameron encouraged anyone able to attend to be there.
  - f. City Administrator David Cameron reported two financial purchases that were not budgeted. The first was a \$17,360 insulated hood on a Lift Station as well as \$22,274.18 on improvements to all the Lift Stations. Mr. Cameron spoke about the efforts the Wastewater Department made to save money; however this upgrade will save them from having to go check each Lift Station daily and instead view the information online. This will save a lot on their processes.

- g. Mr. Cameron spoke about the number of development applications for 2019: 169 permits have been issued. Mr. Cameron shared he looks forward to seeing the developments next year. Mr. Cameron spoke of the process improvements in Community Development getting the reviews by staff down to an average of 13 days. Mr. Cameron shared the best is yet to come.
- 2. Report from Mayor Jeff Ussery.
  - a. Mayor Jeff Ussery congratulated Garrett Brickner on his new position and shared it is nice to see internal staff getting promotions.
  - b. Mayor Jeff Ussery spoke about the upcoming weather forecast and reminded people there are snow routes that are the priority for plowing. Mayor Ussery reminded everyone that residential streets may not get plowed. Mr. Nelson shared that due to liability, residential streets need six or more inches to be plowed.
  - c. Mayor Ussery spoke about the development agreements and shared that money follows trust. Mayor Ussery shared that Council has seen that they can trust staff to do the right thing and not leave the taxpayers holding the bag. Mayor Ussery spoke about the number of development agreements the City has done in the last few years while decreasing debt. Mayor Ussery shared we are still expanding infrastructure despite having a decreased budget for this year.
- 3. Report from Council.
  - a. Council Member Self thanked Garrett Tyson for help with a citizen whose neighbor has parked in front of her mailbox over and over. Mr. Self shared that the citizen's children did not get presents on Christmas due to this. Mr. Self shared he looks forward to talks about how to respond to these issues in the future.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Ussery adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

  
Jeff Ussery, Mayor