



CITY OF REPUBLIC

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 16, 2024

Those Present:

Council: Mayor: Gabe Becklin, Council Members: Liz Stinson, Mari Jo Olsen, Eric Hulse & Jim Burnside

Employees: Clerk-Treasurer Nick Olsen & Public Works Director/Building Official Todd Cole

Meeting Called to Order:

Roll Call: Absent Marty Rugo

Motion: Unanimous approval to excuse Marty after motion by Jim, seconded by Eric.

Agenda Approval:

Motion: Unanimous approval after a motion by Mari Jo, seconded by Eric.

Consent Agenda:

- Review Minutes for December 2, 2024
- Review payroll check #'s & Benefit's EBT Amount - 4384 - \$831.15
- Review accounts payable check #'s & amount - 65431 - 65451 - \$150,933.37
- Review County Transmittal - \$7,784.47

Motion: Unanimous approval after a motion by Liz, seconded by Mari Jo.

Public Comment:

- Aaron Grady for Winterfest 2025. Aaron was not able to make it to the meeting due to the weather but his request was to close down the north section of Clark Ave. from 6th street to Delaware on Saturday the 11th from midnight to 5pm.

Motion: Unanimous approval after a motion by Jim to close that section of Winterfest from midnight until 5pm, seconded by Eric.

- Phillip Starr, EMS Director – Phillip let Council know that they plan on moving into their new station early next month. They are working with the engineer to go through the final project punch list.
- Casie Monge – Casie introduced herself as the new water/wastewater operator for the City.
- Emily Burt, Friends of the Republic Library. Emily let Council know that the contract for the owners representative has been completed. They are tentatively going to have a meet and greet with the owners rep, FORL, TEDD, Rural Resources and the City on January 15th. They will confirm with everyone once that date is set in stone.

Correspondence:

- Dept of Ecology – Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

Old Business:

- Tuition Reimbursement Policy – Unanimous approval after a motion by Jim to approve the tuition reimbursement policy, seconded by Mari Jo.

New Business: No New Business

Ordinances / Resolution:

- Ordinance 2024-07 Adopting 2025 Budget

Motion: Unanimous approval after a motion for Ordinance 2024-07 Adopting the 2025 Budget by Mari Jo, seconded by Jim.

- Ordinance 2024-08 Amending Ord 2023-07 – 2024 Budget

Motion: Unanimous approval after a motion for Ordinance 2024-08 Amending Ord 2023-07 – 2024 Budget by Jim, seconded by Mari Jo.

- Ordinance 2024-09 Amending Ord 2018-04 – Lodging Tax Funds

Motion: Unanimous approval after a motion for Ordinance 2024-09 Amending Ord 2018-04 – Lodging Tax Funds by Jim, seconded by Eric.

- Resolution 2024-05 Amending Resolution 2017-06 – Employee Spending Policy

Motion: Unanimous approval after a motion for Amending Resolution 2017-06 – Employee Spending Policy by Mari Jo, seconded by Eric.

Department Head Reports:

Todd Cole- Public Works Director/ Building Inspector- Todd reported on the following:

- Bolder Operations has fixed the main water leak by the Sheriffs office. There are 2 other main water leaks Todd would like to have them repair before the ground freezes.
- Todd has a fire safety inspection for the new EMS station scheduled for December 30th.

Nick Olsen – Clerk-Treasurer- Nick reported on the following:

- GIS software purchase

Motion: Unanimous approval after a motion to sign a 3 year contract for GIS and asset management program from IamGIS for \$4,000 a year and a \$1,000 startup fee by Liz, seconded by Eric.

- Sewer Camera Quote – Council all agreed that a sewer camera snake is needed. Since cameras can range from \$2,000 to \$10,000 they asked Todd to bring in 3 quotes to the next Council meeting.
- Quote to replace lights in Chamber Building

Motion: Unanimous approval after a motion for \$3,930.12 to upgrade the Chambers lights by Jim, seconded by Eric.

- The new operator Casie requested a 100' Probe water level indicator tape and a sampling pump for \$899.95.

Motion: Unanimous approval after a motion to purchase Casie's requested supplies for \$899.95 by Jim, seconded by Mari Jo.

- Mike Jaegar was looking at purchasing a piece of City property on 14th st by his property. Council would like to review the parcel before any decision is made.

Mayor/ Council Reports:

Gabe Becklin- Gabe reported on the following:

- He attended a meeting with TIB and Varela on why the City wasn't chosen to receive TIB grant money. TIB has lost some of its funding for next year and they also wanted to wait and see how the Otta Seal project turns out after winter. They might have some money available for any Otta Seal repairs since Republic was its pilot program.

Mari Jo Olsen- Mari Jo reported on the following:

- She presented a design of the playground equipment that she and the playground committee have been working on. In order to lock in 2024 prices the City needs to put a 50% deposit down this year.

Motion: Unanimous approval after a motion to spend up to \$25,000 to put a deposit down on new playground equipment by Jim, seconded by Eric.

Motion: The meeting adjourned at 6:06 PM following a motion by Liz, seconded by Mari Jo.

ATTEST:



GABE BECKLIN- MAYOR



NICOLAS OLSEN - CLERK-TREASURER