



CITY OF REPUBLIC  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, November 18, 2024

**Those Present:**

*Council:* Mayor: Gabe Becklin, Council Members: Liz Stinson, Marty Rugo, Mari Jo Olsen, Eric Hulse and Jim Burnside

*Employees:* Clerk-Treasurer Nick Olsen, Deputy Clerk Robyn Turcotte, Public Work Director/Building Official Todd Cole

**Meeting Called to Order:**

**Roll Call:** All present

**Agenda Approval:**

**Motion:** Unanimous approval after a motion by Jim, seconded by Eric.

**Consent Agenda:**

- Review Minutes for November 4, 2024
- Review payroll check #'s & Benefit's EBT amount -4377-\$ 3,926.52
- Review accounts payable check #'s & amount - 65398-65416-\$48,852.00
- Review County Transmittal- \$33,316.93

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

**Public Hearing- 2025 Water/Sewer Rates**

Clerk-Treasurer Nick Olsen- Began audio recording at 5:02, Mayor Gabe Becklin called the public hearing to order 5:02pm.

Clerk-Treasurer Nick Olsen discussed a rate increase of \$0.25 for residential water and sewer, effective January 1, 2025. Council asked for comparable for commercial rate increases.

Mayor Gabe Becklin ended the public hearing at 5:07 pm at which time Nick Olsen ended the audio recording.

**Public Hearing- 2025 Budget**

Mayor Gabe Becklin called the public hearing to order 5:08pm.

Clerk -Treasurer Nick Olsen- Began audio recording at 5:08, Nick Olsen discussed budget including a couple of big projects next year.

Mayor Gabe Becklin ended the public hearing at 5:09 pm at which time Nick Olsen ended the audio recording.

**Public Hearing- 2025 Property Tax Levy**

Mayor Gabe Becklin called the public hearing to order 5:09pm.

Clerk -Treasurer Nick Olsen- Began audio recording at 5:10, Racheal Siracuse Ferry County Assessor discussed the rate increase and how the rates are affected by new construction in the city limits.

Mayor Gabe Becklin ended the public hearing at 5:15 pm at which time Nick Olsen ended the audio recording.

**Public Comment:**

Joyce Schertenlieb and Jae Hightower – Requested clarification on building permit procedures.

Joyce and Jae requested fees for the mechanical permit be waived if possible.

Jon Ricard- Jon thanked the City for providing the American Flag to the Library.

Mike Siracuse- Mike commented on library flag logistics.

**Correspondence:**

America250 is requesting Partnership proposal for events celebrating the 250th birthday of America in 2026.

**Old Business:** No Old Business

**New Business:** No New Business

**Ordinances / Resolution:**

Resolution 2024-04 property Tax Levy

**Motion:** Unanimous approval after a motion for Resolution 2024-04 Property Tax Levy Increase by Liz, seconded by Marty.

Ordinance 2024-06 Water/Sewer Rates tabled until December 2, 2024 meeting.

### **Department Head Reports**

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

- Hiring of Jerry Kirkham in Public Works
- Leak on 8<sup>th</sup> Street is fixed
- Snow plows are ready for season.
- Lagoons are in bad shape discussed options to help clean them up.
- Dewatering box for the lagoons.

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

- Discussed meetings (Department of Commerce, Law & Order, 2025 Budget).
- Personnel Policy final draft presented.
- Water Operator- received seconded letter from Dept. of Health,

**Motion:** Unanimous approved after motion for Mayor authorized to negotiate contracts with a Water Operator for up to \$2,000/month, Motion by Mari Jo, seconded by Eric.

*Robyn Turcotte-* Robyn presented a leak forgiveness for Donna Brisbane. Donna requested the amount of 265.50.

**Motion:** Unanimous approved after motion for Donna Brisbane leak forgiveness in the amount of \$265.50 by Jim, seconded by Eric.

### **Mayor/ Council Reports:**

*Gabe Becklin-* Gabe reported the following:

- *Light Pole for west of town by Erdman Street is unrepairable*
- *Battery for Speed sign has been ordered.*
- *Bolder Operations is scheduled to fix the water leak at Tessie and Jefferson Street this week.*
- *Ecology blocks from Stotts Construction*
- *Full crew in Public works*
- *Backhoe needs new tires- Will get a quote from WR Tires.*

*Liz Stinson-* Liz inquired about the following:

- Confirming the dates for Holiday Decorations going up by the 28<sup>th</sup> of November.

*Marty Rugo*- Marty inquired about the following:

- Security company quotes

**Motion:** The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM following a motion by Liz, seconded by Mari Jo.

ATTEST:

  
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GABE BECKLIN- MAYOR

  
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ROBYN TURCOTTE- DEPUTY CLERK

