

CITY OF REPUBLIC

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2026

Those Present:

Council: Mayor Gabe Becklin, Council Members: Liz Stinson, Mari Jo Olsen, Heather Brice & Loni Simone

Employees: Clerk-Treasurer Nick Olsen, Deputy Clerk Robyn Turcotte & PW Director Todd Cole

Meeting Called to Order: 5:00 pm

Roll Call: Absent Marty Rugo

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

Agenda Approval:

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

Consent Agenda:

- Review Minutes for May 4, 2026
- Review payroll check #'s & Benefit's EBT Amount - 4456 - \$831.15
- Review accounts payable check #'s & amount - 66159 - 66172 - \$31,674.88
- Review County Transmittal - \$72,840.68

Motion: Unanimous approval after a motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Liz, seconded by Mari Jo.

Public Comment:

Kim Tanner - Chamber of Commerce

- Requested approval to shut down Clark Ave from Delaware to 6th Street beginning Friday at approximately 9:00 PM through completion of the 3-on-3 basketball tournaments on Saturday, June 14.
- Requested permission to close Clark Ave from Klondike to 8th Street from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM for the parade.
- Reported that the Chamber is expanding activities this year, including:
 - Kids games on Keller Street across from Fat Guys.
 - Rodeo at the Ferry County Fairgrounds on Friday starting at 4:00 PM with music afterwards.

Marcella Lewis - City Resident

- Expressed concerns regarding the People's Pantry moving onto West 9th St.
- Main concern centered on safety issues caused by increased traffic, potentially blocking emergency vehicle access.

Maragret - President People's Pantry

- Attended with volunteers to hear neighborhood concerns.
- Stated willingness to work with West 9th Street residents.

Council advised:

- Holding a neighborhood meeting to address concerns.
- Implementing traffic control measures to minimize congestion since the city does not have zoning regulations.

Rick Buffer - City Resident

- Voiced concerns regarding roadway size and lack of additional shoulder parking.

Emily Burt - FORL

- Spokane Boys & Girls Club withdrew from the Early Childhood Learning Center project to focus on Spokane-area needs.
- Project Review Committee presentation scheduled for May 29, 2026.

Kevin Berry - City Resident

- Thanked local volunteer firefighters for their service to the community.
- Asked about alternate routes for youth riding dirt bikes and ATVs into town due to the closure of the Perry Wilderness ORV trail.
 - Requested signage at the Lower Clark Ave trail entrance indicating the ORV trail is closed to through traffic.
 - Signs have already been ordered.

Buffy - Republic Librarian

- Thanked the council for the restroom step stool for children.
- Reported that library bunting will be installed in June.

Shannette Kirwin - City Resident

- Requested yellow curb painting on N. Keller to better identify driveways and curbs due to people blocking business entrances.
 - Council approved and will ask Job Corp to do it next week.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Ordinances / Resolutions:

- Resolution 2026-03 Property Surplus- Black F-150

Motion: Unanimous approval after a motion to approve Resolution 2026-01 by Mari Jo; seconded by Loni.

Department Head Reports:

Todd Cole – Public Works Director – Reported on the following:

- ORV trail signage ordered.
- Purchase of a new Public Works truck from the County.
- Introduction of new employee Caleb McKenzie.
- Ongoing new water service installations.

Nick Olsen - Clerk Treasurer - Reported on the following:

- Western State CAT Generator Contract

Motion: Unanimous approval after a motion to approve Western States CAT Generator Contract by Mari Jo; seconded by Heather.

Mayor / Council Reports:

Mari Jo Olsen- Reported on the following:

- Finalizing the Job Corps work schedule for the City-Wide Clean-up week.

Liz Stinson- Reported on the following:

- Inquired about the Porta Potty for the skate Park.

Heather Brice- Reported on the following:

- Attended the Library Garden Party.
- Will be attending the TEDD Meeting
- Will be attending the SWAC Meeting

Loni Simone- Reported on the following:


- Attended the Michael Baumgartner Town hall at the school.

Motion: The meeting adjourned at 5:46 PM following a motion by Liz, seconded by Mari Jo. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:



GABE BECKLIN- MAYOR



ROBYN TURCOTTE – DEPUTY CLERK

