



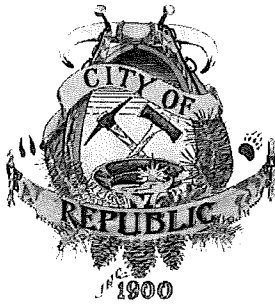
# CITY OF REPUBLIC

## MEETING AGENDA

Monday, June 15, 2026

5:00 PM

- CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 PM Action
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Action
- ROLL CALL Action
- AGENDA APPROVAL Action
- CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL Action
  - Review Minutes for June 1, 2026
  - Review payroll check #'s & Benefit's EBT Amount – TBD
  - Review accounts payable check #'s & amount – TBD
  - Review County Transmittal - TBD
- PUBLIC COMMENT Information
- CORRESPONDENCE Information
- OLD BUSINESS Information
- NEW BUSINESS Information
- ORDINANCES/RESOLUTION Action
  - Draft Ordinance 2026-02 – Removing Debt Fee and Updating W/S Rates
- DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS Information
- MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS Information
- ADJOURN Action



CITY OF REPUBLIC  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
June 1, 2026

**Those Present:**

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

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

**Meeting Called to Order:** 5:00 pm

**Roll Call:** All Present

**Agenda Approval:**

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

**Consent Agenda:**

- Review Minutes for May 18, 2026
- Review payroll check #'s & Benefit's EBT Amount - 4457 - 4460 - \$32,351.77
- Review accounts payable check #'s & amount - 66173 - 66191 - \$61,608.30
- Review State Transmittal - \$48,727.21

**Motion:** Unanimous approval, after a motion to approve with the time fixed on the closure of Clark Ave, for Prospector Days Friday Night for the May 18<sup>th</sup> minutes, for the Consent Agenda by Liz, seconded by Mari Jo.

**Public Comment:**

*Cherie Gorton- City Resident*

- Would like to see Portland Street not reopened. The reopening of Portland would be expensive, as a sewer manhole needs to be raised and the road requires extensive work. The neighborhood residents would have unwanted traffic in the area, as this street was used in the past to elude cops. Cherie proposed a gate if the city was to reestablish the roadway for emergency vehicles only.

*Marcella Lewis - City Resident*

- Expressed concerns regarding safety on West 9th St with the increase in traffic that the Peoples Pantry might create.
- Todd measured the parking area that the Pantry would and it measures 120 ft by 66 feet. If the People's Pantry were to stack the lined-up cars, they could potentially fit 30-36 cars and move them through without disturbing the neighbors or blocking driveways.

*Frank Betschart- City Resident*

- Speeding on Klondike Continues.

**Correspondence:** The Nugget

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Ordinances / Resolutions:** None

**Department Head Reports:**

*Ray Maycumber – Sheriff – Reported on the following:*

- Eastside Trailer Court dogs are still an issue.
- Dangerous Dog papers were kicked back to his desk from the prosecutor due to there still being no new City/County contracts. He will be resubmitting them to the court.
- May was a busy month with 71 calls for service in the City limits.
- New lateral Deputy started today.
- Hired 3 new deputies. 2 of them are scheduled to attend the academy in August and 1 in the fall class.
- They are still looking for Dispatchers.

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

- Finished up the flooring in the Chamber building.
- Preparing for Prospector Days.

*Nick Olsen - Clerk Treasurer - Reported on the following:*

- The \$15.55 debt service fee will go away as the USDA loan will be paid off soon. It was discussed, and the council advised increasing water and sewer rates by the amount that would be saved by removing the debt. This would be divided between the operations fund and the reserve fund for future projects. This will help lower loan amounts, saving the City on interest costs.

- Late notices- currently, there are no fees attached to this notice for billing. Currently processing 50-75 late notices a month, which costs on-time payers money to cover the cost of stamps/envelopes and the labor of sending these notices for delinquent payers. Council would like this addressed in the same Ordinance that adjusts the W/S rates.
- The library is currently paying its grant writer, Tower Consulting, and now that the library project is moving onto construction, the City could use a grant administrator to help Nick keep all the paperwork straight. Nick asked if the City would be ok hiring and paying Tower Consulting out of the grant money already secured to accomplish that. Council agreed. An agreement will be drafted and sent to the City attorney for approval at a future Council meeting.
- ICAA Building Conference is in October 2026. Nick would like to attend this conference to help find additional funding for the City's Water/Sewer projects. The cost will be \$711.65, and Nick will be out of the office from October 20 through October 22, 2026, to attend.
- The City was approved to use the Design-build alternative construction method for the library project after its presentation to the state last Friday.

**Mayor / Council Reports:**

*Mari Jo Olsen- Reported on the following:*

- Job Corp did a fantastic job today, picking up 100 bags of garbage throughout town.

*Marty Rugo- Reported on the following:*

- Reported that dirt bikes are racing up and down S. Louisiana Street.

*Heather Brice- Reported on the following:*

- Attended the RERC Community Workshop.

*Loni Simone- Reported on the following:*

- Reported there is a dirt bike speeding up and down Ponderosa and N Admas.

**Motion:** The meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM following a motion by Liz, seconded by Marty. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

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GABE BECKLIN- MAYOR

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ROBYN TURCOTTE – DEPUTY CLERK

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF REPUBLIC, WASHINGTON AMENDING CHAPTER 13.04.100 & 13.04.220 & 13.04.240 & 13.04.250 OF THE REPUBLIC MUNICIPAL CODE THAT ASSESS FEES, RATES, AND CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE OF THE CITY OF REPUBLIC AND REPEALING SECTION 13.04.360 IN ITS ENTIRETY**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 13.04.100 established monthly fees, rates and charges to be assessed for service charges for water in the City of Republic; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 13.04.220 established utility bill due dates and fees to be assessed for past due accounts; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 13.04.240 established monthly fees, rates and charges to be assessed for service charges for sewer service in the City of Republic; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 13.04.250 established a monthly surcharge on every active water and sewer connection to fund 409; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Republic is desirous of amending such fees, rates, and charges assessed pursuant to Chapter 13.04.100, 13.04.220, 13.04.240 & 13.04.250 of the Republic Municipal Code; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 13.04.360 established a \$15.55 debt service on every meterable water service connection to pay a loan obtained from the Farmers Home Administration and the United States Department of Agriculture; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Republic has paid off the USDA loans and no longer has a need for a debt service fee.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Republic has paid off the USDA loans and no longer has a need for Fund 406 – Debt Service and is desirous of closing that fund and transferring any remaining amount to fund 401 – Water & Sewer Fund

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Republic, Washington, does ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1. – AMENDMENT**

**A. RMC Section 13.04.100, which reads as follows:**

The charge for service and water consumed by customers inside the corporate limits of the city shall be based upon the applicable following schedule:

**Service Charge**

<b>Meter Size Inside</b>	<b>Rate</b>
3/4"	\$36.50
1"	37.85
1 1/4"	39.15
1 1/2"	40.15
2"	44.15
3"	46.85
4"	53.50
6"	66.80

<b>Meter Size Inside Irrigation</b>	<b>Rate</b>
3/4"	\$36.50
1"	37.85
1 1/4"	39.15
1 1/2"	40.15
2"	44.15
3"	46.85
4"	53.50
6"	66.80

<b>Hydrant</b>	<b>Rate</b>
2"	\$22.50
4"	24.50
6"	29.50

<b>Meter Size Outside</b>	<b>Rate</b>
3/4"	\$54.75
1"	56.77
1 1/4"	58.72
1 1/2"	60.22
2"	66.22
3"	70.27
4"	80.25
6"	100.20

<b>Meter Size Outside Irrigation</b>	<b>Rate</b>
3/4"	\$54.75
1"	56.77
1 1/4"	58.72
1 1/2"	60.22
2"	66.22
3"	70.27
4"	80.25
6"	100.20

Commercial service and water consumed by customers inside the corporate limits of the city shall be charged the residential service charge rate listed above for the applicable meter or hydrant size, plus an additional cost of \$0.50 per month for each

commercial service.

Any resident at least sixty-two (62) years of age (after providing sufficient proof of age) and has an annual combined income of \$27,000.00 or less, or 62 years of age with proof of disability and income over \$27,000.00 living in a separate family residence shall pay two dollars (\$2.00) less per month on the above service charges for a Single-family residential rate.

For water delivered based upon monthly meter readings, all amounts used over four thousand (4,000) gallons shall be charged at a rate of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per one thousand (1,000) gallon increments.

Commercial hydrant rate of \$24.00 will be charged per fill up for the first four thousand (4,000) gallons with an additional cost of \$1.50 for each thousand (1,000) thereafter, with \$24.00 minimum. An additional 10% utility tax will be added to the final bill. City Hall faucet rate of five dollars and no cents (\$5.00) per 100 gallons or (\$5.00) minimum per fill-up.

**Is hereby amended to read as follows:**

The charge for residential service and water consumed by customers inside the corporate limits of the city shall be based upon the applicable following schedule:

**Service Charge**

<b>Meter Size Inside</b>	<b>Rate</b>
3/4"	\$45.50
1"	46.85
1 1/4"	48.15
1 1/2"	49.15
2"	53.15
3"	55.85
4"	62.50
6"	75.80

<b>Meter Size Inside Irrigation</b>	<b>Rate</b>
3/4"	\$45.50
1"	46.85
1 1/4"	48.15
1 1/2"	49.15
2"	53.15
3"	55.85
4"	62.50
6"	75.80

<b>Hydrant</b>	<b>Rate</b>
2"	\$31.50
4"	33.50

6"	38.50
<b>Meter Size Outside</b>	<b>Rate</b>
¾"	\$68.25
1"	70.28
1 ¼"	72.23
1 ½"	73.73
2"	79.73
3"	83.78
4"	93.75
6"	113.70
<b>Meter Size Outside Irrigation</b>	<b>Rate</b>
¾"	\$68.25
1"	70.28
1 ¼"	72.23
1 ½"	73.73
2"	79.73
3"	83.78
4"	93.75
6"	113.70

Commercial service and water consumed by customers inside the corporate limits of the city shall be charged the residential service charge rate listed above for the applicable meter or hydrant size, plus an additional cost of \$0.50 per month for each commercial service.

Any resident at least sixty-two (62) years of age (after providing sufficient proof of age) and has an annual combined income of \$27,000.00 or less, or 62 years of age with proof of disability and income over \$27,000.00 living in a separate family residence shall pay two dollars (\$2.00) less per month on the above service charges for a Single-family residential rate.

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**B. RMC Section 13.04.220, which reads as follows:**

The water, sewer and solid waste disposal bill shall cover a period of one month and shall be issued upon a single statement. All charges for water, sewer and solid waste disposal

services shall be due and payable on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the month after the bill has been issued. This bill becomes delinquent after said fifteenth (15th) day. A late penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be charged on any bill not paid in full by the beginning of the next to the last working day of the month that a bill becomes delinquent, unless prior arrangements have been made. If water service is disconnected as provided in this chapter, except as otherwise provided herein, the outstanding balance and penalties, plus reconnect fees, must be paid in full before water service is reconnected.

**Is hereby amended to read as follows:**

The water, sewer and solid waste disposal bill shall cover a period of one month and shall be issued upon a single statement. All charges for water, sewer and solid waste disposal services shall be due and payable on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the month after the bill has been issued. This bill becomes delinquent after said fifteenth (15th) day. A late penalty of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) will be charged on any bill not paid in full on the sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) day when late notices are mailed out. A late penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be charged on any bill not paid in full by the beginning of the next-to-last working day of the month that a bill becomes delinquent, unless prior arrangements have been made. If water service is disconnected as provided in this chapter, except as otherwise provided herein, the outstanding balance and penalties, plus reconnect fees, must be paid in full before water service is reconnected.

**C. RMC Section 13.04.240, which reads as follows:**

Separate family residence (including each unit of an apartment, duplex, triplex, trailer house and each trailer court)	\$39.50 per month
Hotel, motel, rooming places	\$44.75 per month plus \$3.00 per unit
Schools, hospitals	\$77.75 per building
Churches	\$43.75 per month
All commercial and industrial users	\$43.75 per month

Any user who pays a sewer fee as adopted by the City who discontinues service during a calendar month shall only be responsible for the proportionate amount of the month that sewer service was provided to such user; provided, however, that such user shall be responsible for those fees incurred up to the date of discontinuance of service, which shall be the date in which the user notifies City Hall in writing that they have discontinued service.

Any resident at least sixty-two (62) years of age (after providing sufficient proof of age) and has an annual combined income of \$27,000.00 or less, or 62 years of age with proof of disability and income over \$27,000.00 living in a separate family residence shall pay two dollars (\$2.00) less per month on the above service charges for a Single-family residential rate.

**Is hereby amended to read as follows:**

Separate family residence (including each unit of an apartment, duplex, triplex, trailer house and each trailer court)	\$43.50 per month
Hotel, motel, rooming places	\$48.75 per month plus \$3.00 per unit
Schools, hospitals	\$81.75 per building
Churches	\$47.75 per month
All commercial and industrial users	\$47.75 per month

Any user who pays a sewer fee as adopted by the City who discontinues service during a calendar month shall only be responsible for the proportionate amount of the month that sewer service was provided to such user; provided, however, that such user shall be responsible for those fees incurred up to the date of discontinuance of service, which shall be the date in which the user notifies City Hall in writing that they have discontinued service.

Any resident at least sixty-two (62) years of age (after providing sufficient proof of age) and has an annual combined income of \$27,000.00 or less, or 62 years of age with proof of disability and income over \$27,000.00 living in a separate family residence shall pay two dollars (\$2.00) less per month on the above service charges for a Single-family residential rate.

**D. Chapter 13.04.250 of the Republic Municipal Code, which reads as follows:**

- A. Fund 409 is Established. All funds deposited into Fund 409 shall be used for maintaining the water/ sewer systems and other water/ sewer expenses deemed necessary.
- B. Two dollars and Fifty cents (\$2.50) shall be extracted from each monthly basic charge for water and sewer as of January 1, 2022. This dollar amount is to be deposited into Fund 409.

**Is hereby amended to read as follows:**

- A. Fund 409 is Established. All funds deposited into Fund 409 shall be used for maintaining the water/ sewer systems and other water/ sewer expenses deemed necessary.
- B. Five Dollars (\$3.00) shall be extracted from each monthly basic charge for water and Two Dollars (\$2.00) shall be extracted from each monthly basic charge for sewer as of August 1, 2026. This dollar amount is to be deposited into Fund 409.

**E. Closing Fund 406 & 407 & Transferring any remaining amount to Fund 401**

Fund 406 Debt Service – Transfer the entire balance to Fund 401 Water & Sewer Fund and then close Fund 406. ALSO CLOSE 407

Fund 407 Debt Service Reserve - Transfer the entire balance to Fund 401 Water & Sewer Fund and then close Fund 407.

**SECTION 2 – REPEALER** Section 13.04.360 – Utility debt service fund established is hereby repealed in its entirety.

**SECTION 3 – EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall become effective August \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 after its passage by the Council and five (5) days after publication as required by law.

PASSED THE BY CITY COUNCIL of the City of Republic, Washington this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

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GABRIEL BECKLIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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NICOLAS OLSEN, CLERK TREASURER