

**CITY OF REPUBLIC
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING
September 8, 2005**

The budget session meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Republic, Greene County, Missouri, was called to order by Mayor Jim Collins at 7:02 p.m. at the Republic Community Center. Aldermen in attendance were: Garry Wilson, Josh Morris, Gerry Pool, Brian Buckner, Dennis Robbins, Keith Roberts, Steve Ward, O.K. Armstrong Jr., and Jim Huntsinger. Aldermen absent: Don Murray. Others in attendance included: City Administrator Dean Thompson, Assistant City Administrator Chris Coulter, City Attorney Ron Dirickson, City Clerk Beth Anne West, Public Works Director David Brock, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Parks and Recreation Director Jared Keeling, Police Chief Mark Lowe, IT Director Toby Schaefer, Director of Finance Pete Harris, and Deputy Fire Chief Lynn Hollandworth.

OPENING PRAYER: Mayor Collins recited a prayer.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Collins.

DISCUSSION OF 2006 BUDGET PROCESS: City Administrator Dean P. Thompson handed out a form for all in attendance to fill out as a team building exercise to get to know one another. Mr. Thompson provided an overview of the Budget Guidance document for those in attendance. Alderman Buckner asked if a separate Capital Improvement Budget would be created in the near future. Mr. Thompson explained that this was the City's goal to create Capital Improvement Budget in order to set and meet specific goals. Mayor Collins stated that the City may have to seek out some bond financing to make the needed capital improvements within the City. Mayor Collins asked Mr. Thompson to put together some material on how to get a bond project passed to provide to the Board. Mr. Thompson stated he would include this in the action plan. Mr. Thompson provided the Board and Staff with a goal setting exercise based on the recent "Katrina" Hurricane experience then asked the Board and Staff to give their perspectives on how to handle the crisis in a role-reversal situation. Mr. Thompson provided the Board members with copies of the material that was provided at the Working Together Seminars held in 2004 and asked that they review them and contact him directly, if they had any questions. Mr. Thompson asked the Board to review the following documents when setting their goals for the City for 2006; Citizen Survey 2005, Employee Satisfaction Survey 2004, the 2006 Budget Guidance and the Missouri Community Assessment Program. Mr. Thompson explained how the Board would determine the 2006 Action Plan for the next budget by filling out a questionnaire, holding a brainstorming exercise

and refining the Action Plan. Mr. Thompson stated that at the following Budget meeting to be held next Thursday, September 15, 2005, and everyone should have their documentation filled out to complete the Action Plan. Mayor Collins discussed the main goals the City had for 2005, which included the following; Consolidation of Brookline, a Business Park, Resolution of Terrell Creek Project, and the Home Rule Charter. Mayor Collins stated that the budget would be brought to the Board unbalanced and they would need to decide what would need to be trimmed to make it balance before the end of the budget process. Mr. Thompson stated that if the Board members were unable to attend any of the Budget meetings and had input to contact him directly. Mayor Collins mentioned the Make-A-Difference Rally to be held on the 13th of October 2005 at the High School Football Stadium and that he would like to see everyone support the event.

Mayor adjourned the budget meeting at 9:11 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk Beth Anne West

Mayor James H. Collins

Reading and Vote:

Date Minutes Approved: