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**CITY OF REPUBLIC
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING
October 4, 2007**

The budget session meeting of the City Council of the City of Republic, Greene County, Missouri, was called to order by Mayor Jim Collins at 6:58 p.m. at the Police Department Training Room, located at 540 Civic Boulevard. Councilmen in attendance were Wes Cafourek, Gerry Pool, Steve Ward, Shane Grooms, Jim Huntsinger, Keith Roberts, Dennis Robbins, Garry Wilson and Ron Oswalt. Councilman Buckner was absent for the meeting. Staff members present included Assistant City Administrator Chris Coulter, Director of Finance Pete Harris, Fire Chief Duane Compton, Deputy Fire Chief in Charge of Fire Department Operations Dick Neal, Police Chief Mark Lowe, Major Vernon Watson, Administrative Assistant - Legal Department Karen Freeman and Executive Assistant Connie Moller.

OPENING PRAYER: The prayer was led by Mayor Jim Collins.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Collins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET: Mark Lowe, Police Chief, presented the Police Department budget. Chief Lowe answered questions concerning the department and the budget.

DISCUSSION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET: Fire Chief Duane Compton presented the 2008 Fire Department budget. Questions were asked concerning items such as departmental response time, replacement of vehicles, status of the construction on the facilities, etc.

DISCUSSION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BUDGET: Due to the absence of Deputy Fire Chief over Emergency Operations Lynn Hollandworth, Fire Chief Duane Compton presented the Emergency Management budget. Discussion was held concerning the storm sirens and the impact fees to replace or add more sirens. Mayor Collins suggested the City consider increasing the impact fees and place the issue on the ballot in April.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Collins adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk Brenda Jackson

Mayor James H. Collins