JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 18, 2023
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The December 18, 2023, regular meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Doug Lawson.

INVOCATION was read by City Clerk Holly Nagy.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA was led by Charles Copple.

ROLL CALL

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Charles Copple, Keenan Cortez, Josh DeTar, Mark Farnham, Doug Lawson, Anthony Monteleone, Gary Shaw, Phil Stinnett, and Christina Williams. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

PRESENTATIONS

Swearing in of Anthony Monteleone by Municipal Judge John Podleski

Missouri American Water Lead Service Line Replacement Program

Matt Barnhart and Susan Harris from Missouri American Water presented.

Broadband Deployment Status Update

The following were present for the update:

James Pittman Alvarez & Marsal
Tim Arbeiter A&M team / Finley Engineering
Jack Schaler A&M team / Olsson
Lee Davenport US Ignite

Semi-Annual Capital Improvement Oversight Committee Report

Leslie Haase and Lori Haun presented.

Sunnyvale Improvements

Dan Johnson, Director of Public Works presented.

Special Projects Update

Nick Edwards, City Manager presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

If you haven't made it out to the Holiday Tree Trail at Mercy Park hosted by Joplin Parks and Recreation, there's still time to go and view all the creatively decorated trees. The Tree Trail is open every night until 10 p.m. through December 31. And guests are encouraged to vote for their favorite tree through December 20. Joplin Parks and Rec added a few special surprises along the trail this year, so we invite everyone to enjoy this fun holiday display.

Well, the holidays are upon us and I wanted to remind everyone that City offices will be closed on Monday, December 25, and Monday, January 1 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. This also includes MAPS and the Recycling Center.
Since these holidays both fall on Monday, residential trash and curbside recycling service will shift one day back through the week, using Saturday to pick up Friday service.
Also, the holiday will move the next Council meeting to Tuesday, January 2.

The City's Leaf Pick-Up Program is ongoing, and residents can utilize a progressive map to track when crews will be in their area. The Leaf Pick-Up map can be found at www.joplinmo.org/leafpickup

By viewing this online map, citizens can better prepare for crews' arrival to pick up their leaves. For questions, please refer to this website or call the Public Works Center at 417-624-0820, ext. 1566.

So in about a week or so, residents may be taking down their Christmas tree and wondering what to do with it. Well, they can drop it off at one of the City's three collection points for discarded, natural (live) Christmas trees starting December 26. Citizens should bring their tree, completely stripped of all decorations, and place it near the "Christmas Tree Drop-Off" sign posted at one of the following locations:

- Humphrey Park on Utica Street in the Royal Heights area;
- McIndoe Park at Glendale Road and Jackson Avenue – place trees in southwest corner of parking lot;
- Public Works Center at 1301 West 2nd Street.

The City will be accepting these trees through January 31. People are welcome to pick up the discarded trees at these locations for use in establishing fish habitats. City staff will take the remaining trees to the City's processing site to be chipped.
When discarding other holiday items, please remember Joplin Recycling Center accepts many of these items including gift wrapping, paper boxes, bottles, cans, greeting cards, and cooking oil.

The Center is located at 1310 West A Street. Hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 12 noon to 6 p.m. and Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Recycling Center will be closed on Saturday, December 23, through Christmas Day, and Saturday,

December 30, through New Year's Day. The Center is always closed on Sundays. For more information, call 417-624-0820, ext. 1501.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Mary Breedlove spoke regarding an idea for the new police station.

Brian Evans spoke on Joplin City Government Ordinances and Joplin Government's Representation of citizens.

Mary Price spoke on budgets and fiscal accountability.

Frank Thompson requested to speak on responsibility and accountability.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Minutes Of the December 4, 2023, City Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-291 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District R-1 (Single-Family Residential) to District M-2 (Heavy Industrial) property as described below and located at the NE Corner of Rob O'Brian Way and E 26th St. **Ordinance No. 2023-207.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-292 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District R-3 (Multi-Family Residential) and including in District R-3 HP (Multi-Family Residential – Historic Preservation Overlay) property as described below and located at 524 W 5th St. **Ordinance No. 2023-208.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-293 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District R-1 (Single-Family Residential) to District R-2 (Two-Family Residential) property as described below and located approximately 190 ft. west from the intersection of 16th Street and Picher Ave. **Ordinance No. 2023-209.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-294 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District M-2 (Heavy Industrial) and including in District C-2 (Central business) property as described below and located at 216 E 12th St. **Ordinance No. 2023-210.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-295 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District R-1 (Single-Family Residential) and including in District M-2 (Heavy Industrial) property as described below and located at the NE Corner of Rob O'Brian Way and E 26th St. **Ordinance No. 2023-211**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-296 - AN ORDINANCE providing to vacate a 10' utility easement, lying on property described as the SW Corner of S Montana Pl and E 24th St., City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2023-212.**

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-158

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2023-158 - AN ORDINANCE approving an agreement with Joplin Industrial Electric Co., Inc. in the amount of One Million Ninety-Four Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars and Fifty Cents ($1,094,534.50) for Joplin WWTF's SCADA Upgrades and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2023-158 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: Farnham, 1. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-213**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-159

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-159 - AN ORDINANCE approving an agreement with Latasha Vick to provide sanitary sewer to property located at 1901 Crow Rd., authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-159 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-214**.

Dr. Farnham left the meeting at this time.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-407

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-407 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement between the City of Joplin, Missouri, and the Economic Security Corporation that pertains to 2023 CDBG public service grant funds; authorizing the City Manager to execute same on behalf of the City. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2023-407 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-407.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-408

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-408 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement between the City of Joplin, Missouri, and the Homeless Coalition that pertains to 2023 CDBG public service grant funds; authorizing the City Manager to execute same on behalf of the City. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-408 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-408.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-542

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-542 - AN ORDINANCE adopting a new step pay plan by reference the City Salary Administration Plan; establishing the annual salary of certain Classified and Unclassified positions for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Ms. Williams that Council Bill No. 2023-542 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: Monteleone, 1. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-542.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-614

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-614 - AN ORDINANCE amending Article II. - Park Rules and Regulations. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Ms. Williams that subsection L be amended to state that Director regulation with Council approval be enacted on this ordinance. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Monteleone that Council Bill No. 2023-614 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-614.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-615

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-615 - AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 86 – Parks and Recreation, Article VI – Trails, Section 86-200 – Trail rules. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-615 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-615.

SECOND AND THIRD READING
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy, City Clerk, MRCC