JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 5, 2026
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
The January 5, 2026, regular meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Keenan Cortez.

INVOCATION was read by City Clerk, Holly Nagy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA was led by Joplin Little Theatre.

ROLL CALL
Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Joshua Bard, Doris Carlin, Charles Copple, Keenan Cortez, Josh DeTar, Mark Farnham, Ryan Jackson, Doug Lawson and Gary Shaw. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

PRESENTATIONS
Presentation of the Chief's Cross
Chief Gerald Ezell presented.

Solid Waste Procurement Process Presentation
Dan Johnson, Director of Public Works and a representative from Burns McDonnell presented.

Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Update
Betsy Mense from the Chamber and Amy Kaufman from MoKAN presented.

Charter Review Commission – Final Report
Chuck Brown, Chairman for the commission presented.

Diane Reid Adams and Tom Robertson spoke on this item.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
News from the Public Information Office
Lynn Onstot, Public Information Officer presented.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS
The following residents addressed Council on the following items:
Teresa McCoy – Hopeful Bites
Andrew Leitz – Camping and transient ordinances
Sabrina Cole – Camping ordinances

A break was taken at 8:00 PM. Meeting reconvened at 8:10 PM.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Holly Nagy

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-250
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing

The following spoke in favor of this item:
Heath Landon

No one spoke in opposition of this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-250
Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2026-250- AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-119, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District M-2 (Heavy Industrial) and include in District R-2 (Two-Family Residential) property as described below and generally known as 1531 S Iowa Ave, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri.

Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Ms. Carlin that Council Bill No. 2026 - 250 be approved. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 9.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-251
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Derrick Lee spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-251
Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2026-251- AN ORDINANCE approving the voluntary annexation by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, of property generally described as 4549 S Hwy 43, Newton County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Ms. Carlin that Council Bill No. 2026-251 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-252
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
No one spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-252
Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2026-252- AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-119, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District R-1 (Single-Family Residential) and include in District C-3 (Commercial) property as described below and generally known as 4549 S Hwy 43, Joplin, Newton County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Bard that Council Bill No. 2026-252 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-253
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
No one spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-253
Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2026-253- AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-119, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District M-2 (Heavy Industrial) and include in District C-3 (Commercial) property as described below and generally known as approximately 67 Acres SE of E 20th St and S Geneva Ave, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Ms. Carlin that Council Bill No. 2026-253 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Bard to approve the consent agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

Minutes of the December 15, 2025, City Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-153 - AN ORDINANCE - approving the issuance of a Purchase Order to Southern Bus & Mobility, Inc., in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Thirty-Four and 00/100 Dollars ($224,034.00) for the purchase of a two (2) light duty cutaway vehicles, 2026 Ford E450 Diamond Coach with Americans with Disabilities (ADA) compliant lifts; and, setting a date when this ordinance shall become effective.
Ordinance No. 2026 - 001

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-156 - AN ORDINANCE approving Amendment 1 to Work Authorization OLS-WIL-02 with Olsson in the not to exceed amount of Six Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand and 00/100 dollars ($647,000.00) for professional engineering services for the Willow Branch Improvements project and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as adopted by Ordinance 2025-143 on October 20, 2025; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. **Ordinance No. 2026 - 002**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-554 - AN ORDINANCE repealing Section 30-121, License Classifications and Fees, of Article III, Licenses, Division 2, Schedule of Fees, of Chapter 30, Businesses, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 30-121, License Classifications and Fees, of Article III, Licenses, Division 2, Schedule of Fees, of Chapter 30, Businesses, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin to implement certain classification changes; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. **Ordinance No. 2026 - 003**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-555 - AN ORDINANCE amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as adopted by Ordinance 2025-143 on October 20, 2025, to adjust appropriations; and, setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. **Ordinance No. 2026 - 004**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-624 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Purchase Order to be issued to Turn-Key Mobile, Inc., to cover the purchase of replacement mobile data computers for the Police Department and Animal Control Officers as budgeted in the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as adopted by Ordinance 2025-538 on October 20, 2025; and setting an effective date. **Ordinance No. 2026 - 005**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-625 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Mid-America Sports Construction for the purpose of removing and installing synthetic turf at Joe Becker and Wendell Redden Baseball Stadiums and installing synthetic turf on four fields at the Gene Bassman Softball Complex for the not to exceed price of One Million Five Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-One Dollars ($1,589,851.00); authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and, amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as adopted by Ordinance 2025-143 on October 20, 2025. **Ordinance No. 2026 - 006**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-627 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with OMNIA Partners Cooperative for the purchase of a Groundsmaster 4000-D Rough Mower through Professional Turf Products, L.P. for the not to exceed price of One Hundred Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and Twenty-Seven Cents ($105,749.27) and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. **Ordinance No. 2026 - 007**

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Bard introduced Resolution No. 2026-001 - A RESOLUTION authorizing the submission of a Missouri Department of Economic Development grant amendment as required to reallocate $1,000,000 from ARPA Demolition to the ARPA Down Payment Assistance/Home Repairs budget. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. Jackson, that Resolution No. 2026-001 be approved. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

ORIDNANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-001

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2026-001- AN ORDINANCE approving the 2026 Labor Agreement by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, and the Joplin Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 59, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City; and, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill No. 2026-001 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Abstained: Copple, 1. **Ordinance No. 2026-008.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-287

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-287 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-119, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) and include in District R-1 (Single-Family Residential) property as described below and generally known as the Northeast Corner of W 20th Street and South Empire Avenue, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2025-287 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-287.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-002

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2026-002 - AN ORDINANCE amending throughout Chapter 30 – BUSINESS, Article III. Licenses, Division 6. Hotel, Motel, and Tourist Courts to include short-term rentals under the hotel/motel tax paid by transient guests; and establishing a time for this ordinance to become effective. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson that Council Bill No. 2026-002 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2026-002.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-101

Dr. Farnham introduced Council Bill No. 2026-101- AN ORDINANCE approving an agreement with G&G Construction Company Inc. in the amount of Seven Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS ($729,000.00) for the Turkey Creek WWTP Trickling Filter Drive Renovation and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and, setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Dr. Farnham, second by Mr. Jackson that Council Bill No. 2026-101 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2026-101.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-102

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2026-102 - AN ORDINANCE approving an agreement with Pediatrics Plus Therapy Services, to provide sanitary sewer service to a portion of the property on 4445 E 7th St. in Jasper County, Missouri, authorizing the City Manager, or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and setting a date when this ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Ms. Carlin, that Council Bill No. 2026-102 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2026-102.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-103

Dr. Farnham introduced Council Bill No. 2026-103 - AN ORDINANCE approving the issuance of a Purchase Order to Henderson Products, Inc., in the amount of Five Hundred Three Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Nine and 38/100 Dollars ($503,799.38) for the purchase of two (2) 2027 Freightliner 108SD+ Single Axle Dump Trucks with Henderson Comprehensive Snow Removal Package; amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as adopted by Ordinance 2025-143 on October 20, 2025; and, setting a date when this ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Dr. Farnham, second by Mr. Jackson that Council Bill No. 2026-103 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2026-103.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-104

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2026-104 - AN ORDINANCE approving the issuance of a Purchase Order to Henderson Products, Inc., in the amount of Two Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Eight and 12/100 Dollars ($234,658.12) for the purchase of one (1) 2027 Freightliner 108SD+ Tandem Axle Dump Truck with Henderson Anti-Ice Package; amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as adopted by Ordinance 2025-143 on October 20, 2025; and, setting a date when this ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2026-104 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2026-104.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-400
Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2026-400 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement between the City of Joplin, Missouri, and the Homeless Coalition that pertains to 2025 CDBG public service grant funds; authorizing the City Manager to execute same on behalf of the City. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2026-400 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2026-400.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-601
Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2026-601 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Contract by and between the City of Joplin and Upanup Studios Inc. to provide comprehensive website design, development and technology implementation services for the City of Joplin; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Contract by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and establishing a time for this ordinance to become effective. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill No. 2026-601 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2026-601.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS
Mr. William Lee addressed Council regarding homelessness.
Mr. Chris Stockton addressed Council regarding enforcing ordinances.

Confirm Boards and Commissions Appointments

Tanya Bogenrief for CVB (hotel)
Jason Williams for CVB (attractions)
Jeremiah Cook for CVB (media)

Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard, to approve the CVB appointments. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk