JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 16, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m.by Mayor Gary Shaw.

INVOCATION was read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the United States of America was led by Mr. Monteleone.

ROLL CALL

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Taylor Brown, Melodee Colbert-Kean, Keenan Cortez, Doug Lawson, Anthony Monteleone, Diane Reid Adams, Gary Shaw, Ryan Stanley, and Phil Stinnett. Also, in attendance were Interim City Manager Dan Pekarek and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

PRESENTATIONS

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Consent Agenda was finalized.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Ryan Jackson, Chairman of the Capital Improvement and Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee presented the committee's Semi-Annual Report. The committee's observations are as follows:

As of the Oversight Committee's last meeting on November 20, 2019, it is agreed that the revenues from the ¼-cent parks and stormwater sales tax, the 3/8 cent capital improvements sales tax, and the ½-cent public safety sales tax are being collected above the projected level for the 2019 fiscal year.

The projects under Phase I of the Parks/Stormwater Sales Tax have been completed as promised. The projects under Phase II of the Parks/Stormwater Sales Tax are in progress as set forth to the voters.

The projects under Phase I of the Capital Improvements Sales Tax are all complete as promised, except one which is the Traffic Signal Upgrades. This project is expected to be completed during the 2020 fiscal year. The projects under Phase II of the Capital Improvements Sales Tax are in progress as set forth to the voters.

For the public safety sales tax, all capital items have been completed as promised except for the remaining East side fire station. All operational items have been completed except the staffing for the remaining East side fire station and the remaining street lights.

Chairman Jackson stated there was a consensus of the committee to use money freed up in the general fund from the half cent sales tax toward public safety raises and staffing of the East side Fire Station. He stated it is the committee's understanding there are already funds for the fire station, and they would like to move forward with the bid process for design and construction of it.

Chairman Jackson stated the committee also discussed if it should oversee the recently approved half cent sales tax for the police and fire pension and asked the city council to consider whether the committee should oversee the pension sales tax. He stated the committee feels it is their duty to oversee sales tax revenue that voters put into place and report on a semi-annual basis how the use and flow are going, watch where the funded level is supposed to meet as it was designated, and that it ends at the appropriate time.

Mr. Stinnett asked for further discussion on this and Mayor Shaw stated there will be more discussion in the future.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Shelly Kraft, 2701 Bird Ave, had requested to address the city council regarding Vision Joplin 2022, however she was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Shaw read a statement from Ms. Kraft that announced that she is resigning as Chairperson of Vision Joplin 2022, and that Clifford Wert will replace her as Chair. She thanked the city council, and everyone involved for their support.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Lawson to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 9 Nays: 0.

Minutes of the December 2, 2019 City Council Meeting

Council Bill No.2019-282 - an ordinance amending Ordinance No.2004-256, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, November 15, 2004, by removing from District R-1 and including in District C-1 property as described below and located 3209 Connecticut Ave, City of Joplin, Newton County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2019-191**

Council Bill No.2019-283 - an ordinance amending Ordinance No.2004-256, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, November 15, 2004, by removing from District M-2 and including in District C-2-PD property as described below and located Corner of Newman Road and Cattleman Drive, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2019-192**

Council Bill No. 2019-535 - an ordinance amending the City of Joplin Employee Manual, Policy Section 3.9 Rehire, Section 3.12 Probationary Period, Section 4.9 Prior Service Credit Benefit and Fringe Benefits Sections (2), (3), (9), (11), (13) and (18). **Ordinance No. 2019-193**

Council Bill No. 2019-536 - an ordinance adopting the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS) L-11 plan for public safety employees of the City of Joplin hired on or after February 1, 2020, in accordance with RSMo. Sections 70.600 through 70.755; and, setting a date when this ordinance shall become effective. **Ordinance No. 2019-194**

Council Bill No. 2019-537 - an ordinance amending the Policemen's and Firemen's Pension Plan of the City of Joplin, Missouri as adopted January 5, 2009, effective January 31, 2009 and amended September 24, 2012, May 1, 2013, January 21, 2014, December 7, 2015 and August 15, 2016, to close the Pension Plan to new hires effective February 1, 2020; and, setting a date when this ordinance shall become effective. **Ordinance No. 2019-195**

Council Bill No. 2019-619 - an ordinance amending Chapter 62, Health and Sanitation, by enacting a new Article X, Tobacco 21 Act. **Ordinance No. 2019-196**

Council Bill No.2019-620 - an ordinance repealing Chapter 30, Businesses, Article III, Licenses, Section 30-179, Sale of tobacco products or rolling papers to minors. **Ordinance No. 2019-197**

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

Mr. Brown introduced Council Bill No. 2019-162 - an ordinance approving the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc. in the amount of Five Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty and 24/100 dollars ($586,760.24) for the construction of Surface Project 4011, 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. Brown, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2019-162 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2019-198**

Mr. Stanley introduced Council Bill No. 2019-373 - an ordinance approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Nelson's Enterprises, LLC for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of lot area located at 422 N. Pearl Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Four Thousand One Hundred Eighty and 00/100 Dollars ($ 4,180.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Stanley, second by Dr. Reid Adams that Council Bill No. 2019-373 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2019-199**

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2019–374 - an ordinance approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Gator Demolition for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of lot area located at 819 Murphy Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Two Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-nine and 00/100 Dollars ($2,599.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2019-374 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2019-200**

Mr. Stanley introduced Council Bill No. 2019-538 - an ordinance amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 as adopted by Ordinance 2019-166 on October 21, 2019, to adjust appropriations and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Stanley, second by Mr. Brown that Council Bill No. 2019-538 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2019-201**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND THIRD READING

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2019-161 - an ordinance amending Chapter 118, Utilities, Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, Division 6 Rates and Charges, of the Joplin City Code, by repealing sections 118-201 through 118-202, inclusive, of Division 6 in their entirety and enacting new sections 118-201 through 118-202, inclusive of Divisions 6, Rates and Charges; dealing generally with the establishment of sewer rates for the City of Joplin, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2019-161 be passed on Second Reading, advanced to Third Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 8. Nays: Monteleone, 1 The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2019-202**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

News from the Public Information Officer, Lynn Onstot

The City of Joplin has three collection points for discarded, natural (live) Christmas trees starting December 26 and running through January 31. Trees, bare of any decorations can be placed near the "Christmas Tree" drop-off sign posted at one of these locations:

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

If discarding an artificial tree, the Joplin Recycling Center accepts these with or without lights throughout the year. The Recycling Center also accepts many discarded holiday items including, gift wrapping paper boxes, bottles, cans, greeting cards, cooking oil, and clean packing materials such as peanuts and bubble wrap.

City offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 25 and Wednesday, January 1 for the Christmas and New Year's holiday. This also includes MAPS, the Sunshine Lamp Trolley and the Recycling Center. During these two holiday weeks, residential trash service moves one day forward. Wednesday customers will have service on Thursday and so on continuing through Saturday for Friday customers. This shift will occur for both the week of Christmas and the week of New Year's Day. (Monday and Tuesday pickups do NOT change.)

City announcements can be found on the City's website and Facebook page.

On behalf of all of the City staff, we'd like to wish all of our citizens Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Joy-filled and Healthy new year! Thank you.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully,

Barbara J. Gollhofer, City Clerk