JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 2, 2024
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The January 2, 2024, 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 Phil Stinnett.

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

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

If citizens want to know more about the Joplin Police Department, they have a great opportunity to enroll in the upcoming Citizens Police Academy. Offered as a 14-week program, the Academy is FREE of charge and provides an interactive, behind-the-scenes program taught by police officers.

The classes are every Thursday evening starting February 1 from 6 to 9 p.m. The Citizens Academy ends on May 2 with a closing ceremony and dinner. The class size is limited to 25 participants. Applicants must be 21 years or older and pass a background check. If interested, citizens can contact the Police Department or go to the Police Department's website at joplinpolice.org.

If wanting to learn something new this year, the Joplin Health Department offers CPR classes throughout the year as a part of the American Heart Association's training. Doctors have stated administering CPR outside the hospital can save thousands of lives annually, but about half of Americans say they don't know how to do it.

The next classes are scheduled for Thursday, January 18. AHA Heartsaver CPR and AED training is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and trains participants to give CPR and use an automated external defibrillator (AED) in a safe, timely, and effective manner. Students receive a certification upon completion. Fee for the course is $50 per person.

AHA HeartCode® BLS Skills Checkoff will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. on January 18, and is designed for those who have already completed the online portion of the HeartCode® BLS course. This is the hands-on skills session check-off to complete the certification for HeartCode® BLS. Cost is $20 per person.

Preregistration and pre-payment are required to attend either of these classes. Participants can complete these steps by going to the Joplin Parks registration website at joplinparks.org.

Classes are listed under the Adult Programs division of this registration site. For questions, contact the Health Department at 417-623-6122, ext. 1258.

Tickets for the 24th annual Daddy Daughter Date Night event are now on sale! Joplin Parks and Recreation invites all dads and their daughters to this popular event scheduled for February 18 and 19. Enjoy music, dancing, games, buffet dinner, and prizes. A complimentary photograph is included in the ticket price to commemorate the evening. Tickets are $50/couple and $25 for an additional daughter.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Parks Department at 417-625-4750 or go to joplinparks.org

Just a quick reminder if residents missed the news about the City's Christmas tree drop off locations. Drop off trees, that are stripped of any decorations, 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.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Mary Price spoke on budget, fiscal accountability, capital improvements tax.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Holly Nagy

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-250

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

No one spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-250

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2024-250 AN ORDINANCE approving the deannexation by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, of property generally located at 3031 N Arizona Ave. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2024-250 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-250.

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 18, 2023, City Council Meeting

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. **Ordinance No. 2024-001**.

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. **Ordinance No. 2024-002**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-614 - AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 86 – Parks and Recreation, Article II – Park Rules and Regulations. **Ordinance No. 2024-003**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-615 - AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 86 – Parks and Recreation, Article VI – Trails, Section 86-200 – Trail rules. **Ordinance No. 2024-004**.

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-100

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2024-100 - AN ORDINANCE approving a purchase agreement between the City of Joplin and Trapeze Software Group Inc. d.b.a TripSpark Technologies (TripSpark), for the purchase of transit scheduling software license and maintenance services; and, amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 as adopted by Ordinance 2023-158 on October 16, 2023; and, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2024-100 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. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-005**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-102

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-102 - AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Emery Sapp and Sons Inc. in the amount of Three Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Seven and 76/100 dollars ($374,887.76) for construction of the East Town Sidewalks 2023 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 2023-2024 as adopted by Ordinance 2023-158 on October 16, 2023; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2024-102 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. 2024-006**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-103

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-103 - AN ORDINANCE approving an agreement with Joplin Industrial Electric Co., Inc. in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Forty-four and 00/100 DOLLARS ($299,044.00) for Justice Center Electrical 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. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2024-103 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. 2024-007**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-350

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2024-350 - AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and USA Demolition for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 926 S Chestnut Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Five Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Five dollars ($5,495.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Stinnett that Council Bill No. 2024-350 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. 2024-008.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-351

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2024-351 - AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and USA Demolition for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 1202 S Jackson Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Four Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Five dollars ($4,395.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2024-351 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. 2024-009**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-500

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2024-500 - AN ORDINANCE amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 as adopted by Ordinance 2023-158 on October 16, 2023, to adjust appropriations and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2024-500 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. 2024-010**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-600

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-600 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin, Missouri, to enter into an Agreement with Higginbotham Inc., for the purpose of professional brokering and other loss control services not to exceed price of Sixty Thousand Dollars ($60,000.00) per year, for a three (3) year contract term; authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Monteleone that Council Bill No. 2024-600 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. 2024-011**.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING
SECOND AND THIRD READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-542

Mr. Cortez 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. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar to pass Council Bill No. 2023-542 on Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. 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. 2024-012**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Frank Thompson spoke on the citizens of Joplin.

Mr. Stinnett would like future Council Bills to explain why one vendor was chosen over another.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy, City Clerk