**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL**
**JANUARY 20, 2026**
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**
**CLOSED SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER**
The January 20, 2026, special meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Keenan Cortez.

**READING OF SPECIAL CALLED**
Holly Nagy, City Clerk read the Special Called.

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

Absent: Doris Carlin, Mark Farnham

**NEW BUSINESS**
Vote to go into closed session, which shall pertain to legal action, causes of action, or litigation including a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys pursuant to state law, as set forth in Section 610.021 (1) RSMo, as amended, 2020. This meeting, record, and vote to be closed. Council shall adjourn at the end of the session. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson to convene into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 7. Absent: Carlin, Farnham, 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk