JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 6, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
The January 6, 2025, 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 Police Department Sentinels.

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
McAuley Cross Country Proclamation
Mayor Cortez presented the proclamation.

Finance Committee Presentation
Russ Alcorn, Chairman presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS
Mary Price withdrew her request to speak.

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

PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESOLUTION NO. 2025-001
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing

The following spoke in favor of this item:
Jeff Morrow
Susie Shank
Jim Haney
Carl Newbert
Todd Williams
Meryl Shank
Steve Morrow
Caleb Brand

Wendy Mellaman spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-001

Mr. DeTar introduced Resolution No. 2025-001- A RESOLUTION granting a Special Use Permit (2nd Request) for the operation of a Concert House, located at 2120 E 24th St, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri.

Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard that Resolution No. 2025-001 be amended to change the occupancy level from 49 to 90. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, and Lawson. 8. Nays: Shaw, 1.

Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson that Amended Resolution No. 2025-001 be approved. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, and Lawson. 8. Nays: Shaw, 1.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-253

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. 2025-253

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-253- AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District C-2 PD (Central Business – Planned Development) and include in District C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) property as described below and located at 1222 E 32nd St, Newton County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Jackson that Council Bill No. 2024-253 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

Break at 8:10 PM
Back from break at 8:16 PM

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-251

Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Linda Mosely spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-251

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-251- 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 include in District R-3 HP (Multi-Family Residential – Historic Preservation Overlay) property as described below and located at 117 N Moffet Ave, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Bard that Council Bill No. 2024-251 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. 2025-252

Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
No one spoke in favor of this item.
Martha Pope spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-252

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-252- AN ORDINANCE providing to vacate an alley way, lying near property described as 1036 S Range Line Rd, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. DeTar to continue this item until the February 3, 2025, City Council Meeting. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Nays: Carlin, 1.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Jackson to approve the minutes of December 16, 2024, City Council meeting. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar to move Council Bill No. 2024-165 to second and third reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

ORIDNANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-603

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-603- AN ORDINANCE approving the issuance of a Purchase Order to Leo M Ellebracht Company to cover the purchase of a mid-size attack hose package as approved in the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Ms. Carlin, that Council Bill No. 2025-603 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 9. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2025-001.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-100

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-100 - AN ORDINANCE approving the issuance of a Purchase Order to Premier Truck Group of Joplin in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen and 00/100 Dollars ($128,916.00) for the purchase of a 2026 Freightliner 114SD; and, setting a date when this ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Jackson that Council Bill No. 2025-100 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. 2025-100.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-101

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-101 - AN ORDINANCE approving the issuance of a Purchase Order to S&H Farm Supply, Inc in the amount of Two hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Five and 00/100 Dollars ($224,275.00) for the purchase of a 2025 New Holland T6.155EC Tractor & BB25 Bengal Boom Mower Package; and, setting a date when this ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Bard that Council Bill No. 2025-101 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. 2025-101.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-600

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-600- AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 114, Traffic, Article III, Operation of Vehicles, by enacting Division 6, Sections 114-351 through 114-357, for the purpose of adopting the "Siddens Bening Hands Free Law;" prohibiting the use of electronic communication devices while driving. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard that Council Bill No. 2025-600 be **stricken** from the record. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-601

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-601 - AN ORDINANCE Authorizing the City of Joplin to issue a purchase order to Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand, One Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and 00/100 Dollars ($114,128.00) for the purchase of a remote dispatch console; authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin and setting an effective date. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson that Council Bill No. 2025-601 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. 2025-601.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-602

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-602 - AN ORDINANCE Authorizing the City of Joplin to issue a purchase order to Don Brown Chevrolet in the amount of One Hundred and Eight Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Dollars and No Cents ($108,420.00) for the purchase of two (2) replacement Chevy Tahoe Police vehicles; authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin and setting an effective date. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2025-602 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. 2025-602.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-403

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2024-403 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement between the City of Joplin, Missouri, and the Homeless Coalition that pertains to 2024 CDBG public service grant funds, authorizing the City Manager to execute same on behalf of the City. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Ms. Carlin that Council Bill No. 2024-403 move to Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Nay: Jackson, 1. **Ordinance No. 2025-002.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-629

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-629- AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into a Funding Agreement and MOA with the Regional Commission on Homelessness for the purpose of coordinating implementation of homelessness issues and efforts with the qualified Collaborative Entity/Lead Agency and Joplin Homeless Coalition (The Partners) within the Joplin region; identify, aggregate, and direct significant donations, resources, and in-kind services to address the agreed upon homelessness priorities as edified and in annual work plan adopted by The Partners; and, authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute said Agreement by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill No. 2024-629 move to Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson and Shaw, 6. Nay: Bard, Farnham, Jackson, 3.

Ordinance No. 2025-003.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-165

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2024-165 - AN ORDINANCE approving the issuance of a purchase order to Mechanical Sales Midwest Inc. in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Six and 00/100 DOLLARS ($299,426.00) for purchase, and delivery of 4 Multistack Modular Chillers for the City Hall Facility 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 Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill No. 2024-165 move to Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson and Shaw, 7. Nay: Bard, Jackson, 2. **Ordinance No. 2025-004.**

The City Clerk read a statement into the record for Mr. Frank Thompson pertaining to this Council Bill.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk