JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 3, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
The February 3, 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 VFW Post 5293.

ROLL CALL
Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Joshua Bard, 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.

Absent: Doris Carlin

Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson to excuse the absence of Doris Carlin. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Carlin, 1.

PRESENTATIONS
VFW Post 5293 Joplin South Awards Presentation
David Wells, Post 5293 commander presented awards to:

Chief Cannon and the family of Cpl. Ben Cooper.

Greater Joplin Toastmasters Club Proclamation
Mayor Cortez presented the proclamation.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson to move Items 8.3, 8.4, and 8.5 to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 8. Absent: Carlin, 1.

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

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS
Brian Evans addressed Council and Brian Evans spoke on behalf of Mary Price.

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

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-250
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Bill Endicott spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-250
Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-250- AN ORDINANCE providing to vacate a utility easement, lying on property described as 3347 S Joplin Ave, City of Joplin, Newton County, Missouri.

Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Bard that Council Bill No. 2025-250 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 8. Absent: Carlin, 1.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-258
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Glen Bailey spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-258
Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-258- 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-1 (Single-Family Residential) and include in District M-2 (Heavy Industrial) property as described below and located at 8125 E 26th St, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill No. 2024-258 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 8. Absent: Carlin, 1.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-256
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. 2025-256
Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-256 AN ORDINANCE approving the voluntary annexation by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, of property generally located at 18775 Apple Rd, Jasper County, Missouri. Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Jackson that Council Bill No. 2024-256 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 8. Absent: Carlin, 1.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-257
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. 2025-257
Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-257 - AN ORDINANCE approving the voluntary annexation by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, of property generally located at NE corner of Prigmore and I-44, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2025-257 be **stricken**. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 8. Absent: Carlin, 1.

This item will come back at a future date once the legal description has been corrected.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-252
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing

The following spoke in favor of this item:
Andrew Seamiller
Morris Glaze
Phil Stinnett
Jay O'Dell

The following spoke in opposition of this item:
Norman Cramer

Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson to give Mr. Cramer one more minute of speaking time. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 8. Absent: Carlin, 1.

Martha Pope
Gary Williams

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-252
Mr. Bard 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. Bard, second by Mr. DeTar to be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 7. Nays: Farnham, 1. Absent: Carlin, 1.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Jackson to approve the consent agenda as amended and finalized. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 8. Absent: Carlin, 1.

Minutes of the January 21, 2025, City Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-104 - AN ORDINANCE approving Amendment 3 to Work Authorization no. OLS-OC20-04-P1 with Olsson in the not to exceed amount of Two Hundred Sixty Thousand and 00/100 dollars ($260,000.00) for professional engineering consulting services for Glendale Parallel Interceptor – Lower Reach 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. **Ordinance No. 2025-013.**

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-002

Mr. Lawson introduced Resolution No. 2025-002 –A RESOLUTION authorizing the filing of a Twenty-fourth Amendment of the Round 1 Action Plan with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as required for the use of the City of Joplin's Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program (Round 1); and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Amendment for and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Copple to approve Resolution No. 2025-002. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 8. Absent: Carlin, 1.

ORIDNANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-107

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-107- AN ORDINANCE approving an agreement with Dirks Heavy Contractors, LLC in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen and 45/100 DOLLARS ($290,319.45) for Turkey Creek WWTP Digester Line Replacement 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. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill No. 2025-107 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Carlin, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2025-014.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-511

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-511- 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. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson, that Council Bill No. 2025-511 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Carlin, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2025-015.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-105

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-105 - AN ORDINANCE approving an amendment (Change Order 1) to the construction agreement with Sprouls Construction, Inc. in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and No Cents ($254,325.00) for the 4th and Murphy Blvd Geometric Improvements project, 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 2024-2025 as adopted by Ordinance 2024-151 on October 21, 2024; and, setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson that Council Bill No. 2025-105 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Carlin, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-105.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-108

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-108 - AN ORDINANCE approving the issuance of a Purchase Order to Fabick Cat in the amount of Two Hundred Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and 00/100 Dollars ($210,780.00) for the purchase of a 2025 Weiler Model: G65 compact motor grader; and, setting a date when this ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2025-108 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Carlin, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-106.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-604

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-604 - AN ORDINANCE Authorizing the City of Joplin to issue a purchase order to Don Brown Chevrolet in the amount of Eight Hundred and Sixty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars and No Cents ($867,360.00) for the purchase of sixteen (16) 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 Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2025-604 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Carlin, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-604.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-400

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-400 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement between the City of Joplin, Missouri, and Vita Nova Village that pertains to CDBG-CV public service grant funds; authorizing the City Manager to execute same on behalf of the City. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard that Council Bill No. 2025-400 move to Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 7. Abstained: Farnham, 1. Absent: Carlin, 1. **Ordinance No. 2025-016.**

Dr. Farnham noted for the record that he meant to abstain from this vote at the last meeting and failed to do so.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-500

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-500 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Petition to Establish the Joplin Sports Facility Community Improvement District and creating the Joplin Sports Facility Community Improvement District; approving a Cooperative Agreement among the City of Joplin, Missouri, the Joplin Sports Facility Community Improvement District, and Prospect Village, LLC; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Joplin.

Bryan Wade, Counsel for Home Depot addressed Council on this item, and would like for Council to consider adding a Home Depot representative to CID Board.

Discussion ensued.

Tom Robertson addressed Council on this item.

Discussion ensued.

Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson that Council Bill No. 2025-500 move to Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Carlin, 1. **Ordinance No. 2025-017.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-501

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-501 - AN ORDINANCE approving the Prospect Village Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Projects; establishing a redevelopment area and redevelopment project areas; designating Prospect Village, LLC, as the developer of Redevelopment Projects 1A, 1B, 2, 3A, 3B, 5, and 6; approving a Tax Increment Financing Contract between the City of Joplin, Missouri and Prospect Village, LLC; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the Contract on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Bard that Council Bill No. 2025-501 move to Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Carlin, 1. **Ordinance No. 2025-018.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-509

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-509 - AN ORDINANCE enacting Article XIII, Public Transit, Section 114-846, Public Transit Fees and Section 114-847 through Section 114-850, Reserved of Chapter 114, Traffic of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin to implement certain fees; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard that Council Bill No. 2025-509 move to Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 7. Nays: Copple, 1. Absent: Carlin, 1. **Ordinance No. 2025-019.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Eileen Donnelly addressed Council.

Mr. Copple requested that Public Works look at the traffic light timing at 4th and Joplin Ave.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk