JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 2, 2026
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The February 2, 2026, 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 MSSU Student Senate

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

Financial Update
Leslie Haase, Finance Director, presented.

Popular Annual Financial Report
Leslie Haase, Finance Director, presented.

AoPP Transit Study Final Presentation
Tony Robyn, Assistant City Manager and representative of TransPro presented.

Recycling Education and Outreach Program Marketing Presentation
Drew Douglas, Director of Marketing and Communications, presented.

CVB Review of Memorial Hall Proposal
Patrick Tuttle, Director of CVB and Joshua Shackles chair of the CVB presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

The following residents addressed Council.
Amanda Bearden
Maurice Filson
Chianne Xiong
Chris Hammer

A break was taken at 8:02 PM. Meeting reconvened at 8:09 PM. Ms. Carlin left the meeting at this time.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Holly Nagy

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-258
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing

The following spoke in favor of this item:
Jake Preem
Wayne Stevenson

No one spoke in opposition of this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-258
Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2026-258- AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-119, 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 M-2 PD (Heavy Industrial, Planned Development Overlay) property as described below and generally known as property located at the NW corner of the intersection of Industrial Park Rd and E Kennedy Ln, Joplin, Jasper and Newton County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Jackson that Council Bill No. 2026-258 be approved. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 8. Absent: Carlin, 1.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes of the January 5, 2026, Joplin City Council Meeting

Minutes of the January 20, 2026, Joplin City Council Special Called Meeting

Minutes of the January 20, 2026, Joplin City Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-100 - AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Sprouls Construction Incorporated in the amount of Eighty thousand two hundred and 00/100 dollars ($80,200.00) for 24 Trolley Shelter Metal projects 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 the Ordinance shall become effective. **Ordinance No. 2026-024.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-106 - AN ORDINANCE Authorizing the approval of the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) Grant Agreement for Air Service Promotion and Marketing at the Joplin Regional Airport, authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin and setting an effective date. **Ordinance No. 2026-025.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-107- AN ORDINANCE authorizing the acceptance of an agreement by and between the City of Joplin and Crawford, Murphy and Tilley for an Aviation Project Consultant Agreement for a new Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Application at the Joplin Regional Airport in the not to exceed amount of Forty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Five and 78/100 Dollars ($49,155.78); authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute this agreement by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as adopted by Ordinance 2025-143 on October 20, 2025; and, setting an effective date. **Ordinance No. 2026-026.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-500 - AN ORDINANCE approving the Real Estate Contract by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, a Municipal Corporation, and Land Scout, LLC., for the sale of one parcel located at 1304 Kentucky Avenue, totaling approximately 6,000 square feet of land; and authorizing the City Manager 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. 2026-027.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-501 - AN ORDINANCE amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as adopted by Ordinance 2025-143 on October 20, 2025, to adjust appropriations; and, setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. **Ordinance No. 2026-028.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-600 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin, Missouri, to enter into a Ground Lease Agreement with Liberty Enterprise Group, LLC, a Missouri Corporation, for the purpose of hosting the 2026 World Street Painting Festival during the Route 66 Centennial; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. **Ordinance No. 2026-029.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-602 - AN ORDINANCE approving the issuance of a Purchase Order to Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc. to cover the purchase of three tornado sirens manufactured by Federal Warning Systems as approved in the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as adopted by Ordinance 2025-151 on October 20, 2025; authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, and setting an effective date. **Ordinance No. 2026-030.**

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-002

Mr. Copple introduced Resolution No. 2026-002 - A RESOLUTION establishing a Police and Fire Sales Tax Citizens Committee to assist with the April 7, 2026 election relating to the replacement of the current "Prop B" ½ cent general sales tax with a ½-cent public safety sales tax, which results in no increase to the current sales tax rate, to be named "Proposition Police and Fire."

Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. Jackson, to add Chris Stockton to the list of members. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 8. Absent: Carlin, 1.

Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Jackson, to approve amended Resolution No. 2026-002. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 8. Absent: Carlin, 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-003

Mr. Jackson introduced Resolution No. 2026-003 - A RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Mark Matlock for his lifelong commitment to outdoor education, environmental stewardship, and community service, and for his role in creating a premier park legacy by naming the trailhead at Grand Falls the "Dr. Mark Matlock Trailhead." Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Bard, to approve Resolution No. 2026-003. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 8. Absent: Carlin, 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-004

Mr. DeTar introduced Resolution No. 2026-004 - A RESOLUTION to provide "Free Ride Day!" on the Transit system at no cost to citizens, in recognition of the anniversary of the Sunshine Lamp Trolley relaunch in February of 2025. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson, to approve Resolution No. 2026-004. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 8. Absent: Carlin, 1.

ORIDNANCES – EMERGENCY

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-108

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2026-108 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into a real estate purchase agreement for the Grand Falls Visitor Parking area with Stephen M. Matlock and Alex E. Matlock for approximately one acre of land; 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. Jackson, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2026-108 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. 2026-108.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-109

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2026-109 - AN ORDINANCE approving an agreement with Trojan Technologies in the amount of Five Hundred Thirty Six Thousand One Hundred Sixty Four and 92/100 DOLLARS ($536,164.92) for the Rehabilitation of Turkey Creek WWTP Ultraviolet (UV) Disinfection System 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. Bard that Council Bill No. 2026-109 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. 2026-109.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-110

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2026-110 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Jeff Asbell Excavating & Trucking, Inc. for the 7th Street Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project in the amount of Two Million Seven Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Five and 92/100 DOLLARS ($2,738,795.92) 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. Bard that Council Bill No. 2026-110 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. 2026-110.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-111

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2026-111 - AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into a construction agreement with ATS Contractors LLC., for the On Call Infrastructure and Utility Cuts 2026 project; 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. Copple, second by Mr. Bard that Council Bill No. 2026-111 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. 2026-111.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-254

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2026-254 - AN ORDINANCE establishing grades and accepting the Final Plat of the Cottages at Emerald Glades 1st Addition located at 642 E Fountain Rd, in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill No. 2026-254 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. 2026-254.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-255

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2026-255 - AN ORDINANCE establishing grades and accepting the Final Plat of the Cottages at Emerald Glades 2nd Addition located at 642 E Fountain Rd, in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard that Council Bill No. 2026-255 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. 2026-255.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-603

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2026-603 - AN ORDINANCE Authorizing the City of Joplin to issue a purchase order to Tek84 in the amount of One Hundred and Eighty-One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents ($181,500.00) for the purchase of a Full Body Scanning System; 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. Lawson, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2026-603 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. 2026-603.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-017

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-017- AN ORDINANCE approving a Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement (MOU) by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, a Municipal Corporation, and Friends of Joplin Memorial Hall, a not-for-profit corporation, for the purpose of renovating Memorial Hall. Lori Haun and Former Council person Melodee Colbert- Kean addressed Council on behalf of the Friends of Memorial Hall group.

Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. DeTar to remove Council Bill No. 2025-017 off the table. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 8. Absent: Carlin, 1.

Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard to add the following language to Section 2 of the MOU: Alternatively, if the city is able to increase the lodging tax as a license fee in lieu of the state legislative change, friends and the local hotel industry will be supportive of the increase consistent with the terms in the in the MOU. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 8. Absent: Carlin, 1.

Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. DeTar to amend Section 4A of the MOU to reflect 57% majority of hoteliers. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, and Shaw. 7. Nays: Lawson, 1. Absent: Carlin, 1.

Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson that amended Council Bill No. 2025-017 move to second reading, advance to third and pass. **Ordinance No. 2026-031**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Jackson requested that the City Attorney look at changes to the rules to address council.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk