JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 20, 2024
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The February 20, 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 Christina Williams

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

Presentation from the State Auditor's Office

Lori Melton, Audit Manager presented.

Essential Air Service Bid Results

Bart Starkey, Airport Manager presented.

Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Cortez, to accept the Skywest proposal. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

The Joplin Animal Control Officers remind everyone that February is Spay/Neuter Awareness Month. They encourage everyone to show their love for their pets and our community by spaying or neutering their pets. In doing this, it can reduce health risks for the pet. It also decreases roaming, running away, and aggressive behavior.

For more information, contact your veterinarian, the Joplin Humane Society, or the Joplin Health Department. The Health Department also has a voucher program that may provide

financial assistance for qualifying residents. Application must be made prior to the surgery. Details are listed on the City's Health Dept.'s website listed.

If residents need to contact a Joplin Animal Control officer, call the Joplin Health Department at 417-623-6122 during business hours. After 5 pm, on weekends or holidays, call the non-emergency number at the Joplin Police Department at 417-623-3131. Service is limited on weekends.

Parents and Grandparents - There is still time to sign up for youth soccer with Joplin Parks and Rec Department this spring. The deadline to register is February 28th.

The league is open to players ages 5 - 14 years and offers a great opportunity for all skill levels focusing on participation, fun, sportsmanship, and a non-competitive, recreational approach to sports. Registration is $50 per player, with each receiving a jersey, shorts, and socks.

Practices begin the week of March 12th and are determined by each coach. Games will be on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday nights, depending on the child's age, beginning the week of April 1st.

To register or for more information, go to joplinparks.org or call 417-625-4750.

In case you missed it, the City welcomed new firefighters and opened the new Fire Station 7 earlier this month.

Fire Station 7 is a 7,900-square-foot facility with 3 double-depth drive-thru bays. Fire Chief Gerald Ezell noted that in addition to general firefighting practices, Station 7 is strategically located near industries and major traffic corridors, including Interstate 44.

As a component of the Public Safety needs analysis in 2006 and a recent Fire Dept. resource study, adding a station on the City's southeast borders will benefit existing residents and businesses, and future development. This project and the staffing for Station 7 are funded by the Public Safety Tax initiative approved by voters in the November 2006 election.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Mary Price spoke on fiscal accountability and Joplin audit.

Brian Evans spoke on behalf of Frank Thompson regarding deceit and dishonesty.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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 February 5, 2024, City Council Meeting

Minutes Of the February 12, 2024, Special City Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-251 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District M-2 (Heavy Industrial) to District R-3 (Multi-Family Residential) property as described below and located at 2012 W 2nd St. **Ordinance No. 2024-024.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-252 - AN ORDINANCE approving the voluntary annexation by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, of property generally located West of the Intersection of Wildwood Ranch Parkway Ave and Nellie Mae. **Ordinance No. 2024-025.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-253 - AN ORDINANCE changing the name of S McKee Avenue, beginning at E 3rd Street and extending North along said public right-of-way to E Central Street, to "JD Love Way" in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri.
Ordinance No. 2024-026.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-254 - AN ORDINANCE establishing grades and accepting the Final Plat of Eagle's Edge 3rd Addition located West of the Intersection of Wildwood Ranch Parkway and Nellie Mae, in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri.
Ordinance No. 2024-027.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-255 - AN ORDINANCE establishing grades and accepting the Final Plat of Eagle's Edge 4th Addition located West of the Intersection of Wildwood Ranch Parkway and Nellie Mae, in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri.
Ordinance No. 2024-028.

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-109

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-109 - AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Municipal Pipe Tool Company, LLC in the amount of Three Million, Six Hundred Eighteen Thousand, Three Hundred Sixty-Nine and 07/100 dollars ($3,618,369.07) for construction of the ARPA Sanitary Sewer Renovations 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. Monteleone that Council Bill No. 2024-109 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. 2024-029.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-503

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-503 - 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. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2024-503 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. 2024-030**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-606

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2024-606 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Contract by and between the City of Joplin and SWT Design, "not to exceed" in the amount of Six Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Five Dollars and Seventy Cents ($691,845.70) for Professional Engineering Consulting Services to include a scope of work and fees for engineering services of the Dover Outdoor Recreational Area Bicycle Park project; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Contract by and on behalf of the City of Joplin and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2024-606 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. 2024-031.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-607

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2024-607 AN ORDINANCE approving a Contract for grant money by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri and the Missouri Department of Transportation dealing generally with the Full Time DWI Unit, DWI Enforcement, Hazardous Moving Violations Enforcement, and Pedestrian Safety Education and Enforcement in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty-Eight Dollars ($227,258.00); authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2024-607 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. 2024-032.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-256

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-256 - AN ORDINANCE approving a contract by and between the City of Joplin and Alvarez & Marsal (A&M) to provide Professional Administrative Services and Technical Assistance for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Community Revitalization Program; authorizing the City Manager to execute said contract by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Monteleone that Council Bill No. 2024-256 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. 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. 2024-256.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-608

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-608 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Recruitment Incentive Program designed to attract qualified candidates for vacant positions at 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 setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective.

Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Monteleone to amend the Council Bill No. 2024 - 608 to change the limit from 1 to 3 within a fiscal year on referral bonuses. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar to amend Council Bill No. 2024-608 to change the wording from no previous city of Joplin employee eligible to, no person employed by the City of Joplin within the consecutive 5 years be eligible for this bonus. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Dr. Farnham that amended Council Bill No. 2024-608 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. 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. 2024-608.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-541

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2020-541 - AN ORDINANCE approving Redevelopment Project 4 of the 32nd Street Place Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and adopting Tax Increment Financing therein. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Cortez to remove this item from the table and hear under second and third reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar to approve Council Bill No. 2020-541 on second and third reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: Farnham, 1.
Ordinance No. 2024-033.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-107

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-107 - AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into a construction agreement with R.E. Smith Construction Company in the amount of Four Hundred Nineteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars, ($419,000.00) for the Interior Renovations at Joplin City Hall; 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. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar to approve Council Bill No. 2024-107 on second and third reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: Shaw, 1. **Ordinance No. 2024-034.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Downtown Trees Streetscape

This item was moved from the February 20th Informal Meeting.

Nick Edwards, City Manager presented.

Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Ms. Williams to approve brining back a budget amendment for the additional trees. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Mr. Stinnett discussed concerns regarding an email received from the City Manager regarding the Memorial Hall RFQs.

Mr. DeTar, Mr. Monteleone, Mayor Lawson concur with Mr. Stinnett's comments.

Mr. Copple proposes taking cyber security to another level and developing an incentive program.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy, City Clerk