JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 17, 2026
MEETING MINUTES
(Corley Auditorium)

CALL TO ORDER

The February 17, 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 Josh Bard.

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.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

The following residents addressed Council.
Amanda Bearden
Dora Pearl Reed
Barry Wingfield

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard to approve the consent agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 9.

Minutes of the February 2, 2026, Joplin City Council Meeting

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. **Ordinance No. 2026-032.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2026-033.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2026-034.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2026-035.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2026-036.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2026-037.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2026-038.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2026-039.**

RESOLUTIONS

ORIDNANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-502

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2026-502 AN ORDINANCE 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, to adjust appropriations and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr.DeTar, that Council Bill No. 2026-502 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 9. **Ordinance No. 2026-040.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-503

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2026-503 - 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. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill No. 2026-503 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. 2026-503.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-256

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2026-256- AN ORDINANCE approving the voluntary annexation by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, of property generally described as Approximately 540 Acres Southwest of the intersection of Central City Rd and W 20th Street, Jasper and Newton County, Missouri.

Troy Bolander entered the following exhibits into the record:

Exhibit A - Ordinance No. 2008-213
Exhibit B – A list of previous ordinances pertaining to Wildwood Ranch
Exhibit C – 2018 Wildwood Industrial Complex Master Plan

Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Bard to enter the exhibits into the record. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 9.

The following individuals spoke regarding this item.

Camille Lombardi-Olive, Derek Dixon, Missi Hesketh, Jeanne Matlock, Cherokee Lurch, Tess Decker, Ron Burch, Myrna Moser, Brenna Bower, Marla LePage, Chris Stockton , Rebecca Collins, Anthony Danley, Dan Shields, Kristopher Mantano, Lucas O'Toole, Natasha Klue-Michael, Robb Jones, Chris Hammer, Dora Pearl Reed, Jimmer Pinjuv, Susan Mitchell, Colvin Paige, Amanda Calderon-Kidston, Michaelyn Pinjuv, Pam Buttram.

Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill No. 2026-256 move to second reading, advance to third and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Cortez, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 6. Nays: Copple, DeTar, Farnham, 3. **Ordinance No. 2026-041**.

A break was taken at 8:05 PM. Meeting reconvened at 8:16 PM.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-257

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2026-257- 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 (Heavy Industrial) property as described below and generally known as Approximately 600.4 Acres Southwest of the intersection of Central City Rd and W 20th St., Joplin, Jasper and Newton County, Missouri.

The following individuals spoke regarding this item.

Marla LePage, Chris Stockton, Rebecca Collins, Lucas O'Toole, Robb Jones, Susan Mitchell, Amanda Calderon Kidston.

Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill No. 2026-257 move to second reading, advance to third and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 7. Nays: Copple, Farnham, 2. **Ordinance No. 2026-042**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk