JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
INFORMAL MEETING NOTES
MARCH 3, 2025

Mayor Cortez called the March 3, 2025, Joplin City Council informal meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

In attendance were Council Members: Joshua Bard, Doris Carlin, Mark Farnham, Keenan Cortez, Charles Copple, Josh DeTar, Ryan Jackson, and Doug Lawson. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

Absent: Gary Shaw

Financial Information Update
Leslie Haase, Finance Director presented.

Fire Department Update
Gerald Ezell, Fire Chief presented.

Boards and Commissions Appointments
Mr. Jackson nominated Brett LaForest for the Airport Board. Mr. DeTar nominated David Weaver, later withdrew his nomination, being that Mr. Weaver is outside the city limits of Joplin. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson and Lawson, 8. Absent: Shaw, 1.

Mr. DeTar nominated Payton Layne for Board of Adjustment. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson and Lawson, 8. Absent: Shaw, 1.

Mr. Bard nominated Jonathan Cook for Board of Adjustment. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson and Lawson, 8. Absent: Shaw, 1.

Mr. DeTar nominated Erik Lynch for Capital Improvements & Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson and Lawson, 8. Absent: Shaw, 1.

Mr. Lawson nominated Bethany McKinzie for Capital Improvements & Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson and Lawson, 8. Absent: Shaw, 1.

Mr. Bard nominated Matthew Livingston for the City Tree Board. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson and Lawson, 8. Absent: Shaw, 1.

Mr. Jackson nominated Kristine Gustafson for the Joplin Historical & Mineral Museum. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson and Lawson, 8. Absent: Shaw, 1.

Mr. Bard nominated Caleb Lewis for the Joplin Historical & Mineral Museum. Ms. Carlin nominated Tom Robertson. Voting in favor of Caleb Lewis were Council Members: Bard, Cortez and Lawson,3. Voting in favor of Tom Robertson were Council Members: Carlin, Copple, DeTar, Farnham and Jackson,5. Absent: Shaw,1. Tom Robertson was appointed to the Joplin Historical & Mineral Museum Board.

Mr. DeTar nominated Bethany McKinzie for the Joplin Redevelopment Corporation (JRC). Mr. Copple nominated Joyce Allen. Voting in favor of Joyce Allen were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple,Cortez, Farnham, Jackson and Lawson, 7. Voting in favor of Bethany McKinzie was Council Member: DeTar,1. Absent: Shaw,1. Joyce Allen was appointed to JRC.

Mr. Bard nominated Matthew Livingston for the Solid Waste Commission. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson and Lawson, 8. Absent: Shaw, 1.

Mr. Jackson nominated Brian Cowles for the Solid Waste Commission. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson and Lawson, 8. Absent: Shaw, 1.

Reappointments:

Assistant City Clerk Roschelle Forsythe read the reappointments:
Capital Improvements and Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee: Trevor Frerer
Capital Improvements and Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee: Todd Patterson
City Tree Boad: Kristi Brown

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51p.m.

Roschelle Forsythe
Assistant City Clerk