JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 21, 2023
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The February 21, 2023, 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 Mr. Phil Stinnett.

ROLL CALL

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Charles Copple, Keenan Cortez, Josh DeTar, Mark Farnham, Doug Lawson, Gary Shaw, Phil Stinnett, and Christina Williams. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

Absent: Kate Spencer

Motion by Mr. Cortez to excuse the absence of Ms. Spencer, second by Dr. Farnham. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams 8. Nays: 0 Absent: Spencer, 1.

PRESENTATIONS

Woodsonia Update

Drew Snyder and Carson Stratman from Woodsonia presented.

Housing Revitalization Plan

Nick Edwards, City Manager presented.

Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Ms. Williams that the round 1 applicants for the incentivization housing project be reduced from a 10 - year to a 3-year period. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams 8. Nays: 0 Absent: Spencer, 1.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

<u>News from the Public Information Office</u>

Have a teen getting behind the wheel soon? Check out First Impact, a 90-minute traffic safety program that educates parents and teen drivers about Missouri's Graduated Driver's License law. The program is designed to reduce the number of motor vehicle

fatalities, injuries and accidents among teen drivers by increasing parental awareness and enforcement of Missouri's GDL law.

The City of Joplin Health Department is hosting this program on Thursday, March 2 from 6 PM to 7:30 PM at the Joplin Public Library. Registration is required. For more information contact the Health Department at 417-623-6122, ext. 1286 or find the news release on the city's website at joplinmo.org.

The Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce reported last week that Joplin has been identified as one of the nation's best locations for remote workers according to The Wall Street Journal's list "Top 10 Places for Remote Workers."

These findings were based on a national study of remote workers who identified characteristics that make a city ideal for remote work. Available data on each of these factors was gathered for metropolitan areas across the country and then compared against the weighted results of the study.

Coming in second overall, Joplin ranked in the 97th percentile for a low cost of living and currently boasts an unemployment rate of 2.35 percent %. For details and to read the article, check out the Chamber's website at Joplinbusinessoutlook.com

Medical professionals echo the call for more people to learn CPR after thousands watching a national football league game witnessed Damar Hamlin's cardiac arrest on the field and how quickly CPR was administered to assist him through the medical crisis. Doctors have stated administering CPR outside the hospital can save thousands of lives annually, but about half of Americans say they don't know how to do it.

To help those of us in the Joplin area, our Joplin Health Department offers CPR classes on a regular basis for the public. Classes are a part of the American Heart Association's training. There are two classes of CPR scheduled for Thursday, March 16 at the Joplin Public Library.

The Friends and Family® CPR will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. that day, and is a great class for new parents, grandparents, babysitters, and others. Cost is $25 per person.

AHA HeartCode® BLS Skills Checkoff will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. on March 16, and is designed for those who have already completed the online portion of the HeartCode® BLS course. This is the hands-on skills session check-off to complete the certification for HeartCode® BLS. Cost is $20 per person.

Preregistration and pre-payment are required to attend either of these classes. Participants can complete these steps by going to the Joplin Parks registration website at joplinparks.org.

Classes are listed under the Adult Programs division of this registration site. For more information, please contact the Health Department at 417-623-6122, ext. 1258.

Congratulations to Joplin's Parks and Recreation Department. At the recent Missouri Parks and Recreation Association annual conference, Jessica Johnson, Recreation Coordinator for our Parks and Rec Department received the Aquatics Section - Outstanding New Professional Award.

Jessica started working part-time for the City as a Lifeguard in 2009. She was hired as a full-time employee in 2013 and then promoted in 2015 to Recreation Coordinator. Jessica has managed numerous Aquatic and Parks programs and recently developed several new ones including the Holiday Tree Trail, Roll and Stroll, and Recreation Activity Kits. She's an instrumental part of Joplin's Parks and Recreation Department.

Another important role in Parks and Recreation is the maintenance work needed to manage the 930-plus acres of park land we have in Joplin. Staff members who work countless hours keeping our parks beautiful were also recognized at their conference, because Joplin Parks and Rec entered a team in the State's Parks and Recreation Maintenance Rodeo & Joplin took First Place in the competition!

The challenges in the rodeo included events that demonstrated the skills they use on a daily basis. Categories were: A Backpack Blower contest, a Truck and Trailer obstacle course, Skid Loading, Zero-turn Mowing and Project Assembly.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Mary Price spoke regarding fiscal issues.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Shaw to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams 8. Nays: 0 Absent: Spencer, 1.

Minutes of the February 6, 2023, City Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-254 - 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) and including in District R-2 (Two-Family Residential) property as described below and located approximately at 1027 and 1029 S. Porter Ave. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-022.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-255 - AN ORDINANCE providing to vacate approximately 161 feet of 25 feet-wide right-of-way of 24th St. East of S. Golf Link Rd, approximately 161 feet of 25 feet-wide right-of-way of 23rd St East of S. Golf Link Rd., and approximately 825 feet of 25 feet-wide right-of-way of S. Golf Link Rd. South of W. 22nd St., City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-023.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-256 - 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 including in District R-3 (Apartment House) property as described below and located approximately at 3504 W 24th St. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-024**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-257 - AN ORDINANCE approving the voluntary annexation by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, of property located West of S Twin Hills Dr. and South of W. Par Ln. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-025.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-258 - AN ORDINANCE establishing grades and accepting the Final Plat of Par Lane 2nd Addition located at property West of S Twin Hills Dr and South of W Par Ln, in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-026**.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-002

Mr. Stinnett introduced Resolution No. 2023-002- A RESOLUTION authorizing the filing of a Third Substantial Amendment to the Program Year 2019 One Year Action Plan with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as required for use of the City of Joplin's Community Development Block Grant Program (Entitlement) and the Joplin Consortium HOME Investment Partnership Program for fiscal year 2019; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Plan for and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. DeTar that Resolution No. 2023-002 be passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams 8. Nays: 0 Absent: Spencer, 1.

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-105

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-105 - AN ORDINANCE approving a construction agreement with Jeff Asbell Excavating & Trucking, Inc. in the amount of One Million, Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty-two and 53/100 Dollars ($1,004,882.53) for the East Town Infrastructure – Sanitary Sewer, Phase 2 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 2022-2023 as adopted by Ordinance 2022-161 on October 17, 2022; and, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-002 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams 8. Nays: 0 Absent: Spencer, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-027**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-602

Dr. Farnham introduced Council Bill No. 2023-602 - 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, Hazardous Moving Violations Enforcement, and DWI Enforcement in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand, and Twenty Dollars ($124,020.00); 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 Dr. Farnham, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2023-602 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams 8. Nays: 0 Absent: Spencer, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-028.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-603

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-603 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by and between the City of Joplin and the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce to participate in a partnership with the Joplin Regional Alliance for Health Care and Health Science and approving a contribution of $80,000.00 for the purpose of pursuing an economic development plan. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2023-603 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams 7. Nays: 0 Absent: Spencer, 1. Abstain: Cortez, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-603.

Mr. Cortez abstained from the discussion and the vote on Council Bill No. 2023-603.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-450

Dr. Farnham introduced Council Bill No. 2023-450 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the purchase of a health vehicle for mobile medical services from TriVan Truck Body, LLC, a Washington Limited Liability Company, for the amount of One Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Thirteen and 00/100 Dollars ($134,013.00); authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri; amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as adopted by Ordinance 2022-161 on October 17, 2022; and, containing a contingency clause. Motion by Dr. Farnham, second by Mr. Copple to pass Council Bill No. 2020-450 on Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams 8. Nays: 0 Absent: Spencer, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-029**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS
Confirm Boards and Commissions Appointments

Reappointments
Capital Improvement: Ken Copeland
Capital Improvement: Fred Osborn
Capital Improvement: Jamie Booker-Norman
City Tree Board: Christian Woods
City Tree Board: Michael Luse
Joplin Historical & Mineral Museum: Kyle Denham

Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. DeTar to approve the reappointments as presented. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams 8. Nays: 0 Absent: Spencer, 1.

Appointments
ADA: Lisa Stewart
Airport: Michael King
CVB: Jina Scott
Joplin Historical & Mineral Museum: Allison Riechman-Bennett
JRC: Victor Sly
TIF: Jim West

Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Copple to approve the appointments as presented. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams 8. Nays: 0 Absent: Spencer, 1.

Vote To Go Into Closed Session, Which Shall Pertain To Legal Action, Causes Of Action, Or Litigation Including A Public Governmental Body And Any Confidential Or Privileged Communications Between A Governmental Body Or Its Representatives And Its Attorneys Pursuant To State Law, And To Discuss Leasing, Purchase Or Sale Of Real Estate By A Governmental Body Where Public Knowledge Of The Transaction Might Adversely Affect The Legal Consideration Thereof, Pursuant To State Law; As Set Forth In Section 610.021 (1) (2) RSMo, As Amended, 2020. This Meeting, Record, And Vote To Be Closed. Council Shall Adjourn At The End Of The Session.

Mr. Copple would like to be provided more information and options on doing a rotation of audits of all departments.

Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Cortez to adjourn into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams 8. Nays: 0 Absent: Spencer, 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy, City Clerk, MRCC