JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 2, 2026
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
The March 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 Joplin Interfaith Coalition.

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

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
Marla LePage
Maurice Filson

PUBLIC HEARINGS
Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Holly Nagy

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-259
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing

No one spoke in favor or in opposition of this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-259
Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2026-259- AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-119, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District M-2 (Heavy Industrial) and include in C-2 (Central Business) property as described below and generally known as 1721 S Joplin Avenue, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. Jackson that Council Bill No. 2026-259 be approved. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 9.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson 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 17, 2026, Joplin City Council Meeting

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.
Ordinance No. 2026-043.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-005

Mr. Copple introduced Resolution No. 2026-005 - A RESOLUTION recognizing Joyce Doty upon her retirement from active service as the WIC Services Coordinator in the Health Department of the City of Joplin Missouri. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Jackson, to approve Resolution No. 2026-005. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 9.

ORIDNANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-604

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2026-604 - 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, and Hazardous Moving Violations Enforcement in the amount of Two Hundred Forty-Two Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty Dollars ($242,540); 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. Lawson, second by Mr. Bard that Council Bill No. 2026-604 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. 2026-044.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-504

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2026-504 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Cooperative Agreement among the City of Joplin, Missouri, the Joplin Sports Facility Community Improvement District, and Prospect Village, LLC; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City of Joplin, setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson that Council Bill No. 2026-504 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. 2026-504.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-505

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2026-505 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Cooperative Agreement among the City of Joplin, Missouri, the Woodsonia Marketplace Community Improvement District, and Prospect Village, LLC; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City of Joplin, setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill No. 2026-505 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. 2026-505.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-506

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2026-506 - AN ORDINANCE approving the Real Estate Contract by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, a Municipal Corporation, and Nathanial Dagley, for the sale of one parcel located at East Furnace Street – West of St Louis, totaling approximately 5,525 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. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson, that Council Bill No. 2026-506 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. 2026-506.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-507

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2026-507 - AN ORDINANCE approving the Real Estate Contract by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, a Municipal Corporation, and Nathanial Dagley, for the sale of one parcel located at North Street – West of St Louis, totaling approximately 7,225 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. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill No. 2026-507 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. 2026-507.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Chris Hammer addressed Council at this time.

Approval of Boards and Commissions Appointments

New Appointments:
Airport Board: Michelle Steverson
Capital Improvement Public Safety: Jon Thomas Buck
Capital Improvement Public Safety: Bobbie Sapp
Joplin Historical & Mineral Museum: Diane Reid Adams
Library Board: Mikh Gunderman

Traffic Commission: Justin Maskus
Traffic Commission: Cindy McDonald

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

Reappointments:
Capital Improvement & Public Safety Committee: Nathan Mordica
Capital Improvement & Public Safety Committee: Jamie Booker-Norman
City Tree Board: Harvey Hutchinson
City Tree Board: Matthew Livingston
Historic Preservation Commission: Kate DeTar
Historic Preservation Commission: William Mountz
Historic Preservation Commission: Greg Huff
Joplin Historical & Mineral Museum: Leecia Bloss
TIF: Mike McGavran
TIF: Russ Alcorn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk