JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 3, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
The March 3, 2025, regular meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Keenan Cortez.

INVOCATION was read by Assistant City Clerk, Roschelle Forsythe

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA was led by the staff and volunteers of Ronald McDonald House

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

Absent: Gary Shaw

Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson to excuse the absence of Gary Shaw. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson and Lawson, 8. Absent: Shaw.

PRESENTATIONS
City Hall Elevator Update
Dan Johnson, Public Works Director presented

Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Update
Travis Stephens, president of the Chamber and Amy Kauffman, Director of MOKAN Partnership, presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
News from the Public Information Office
Lynn Onstot, Public Information Officer, presented.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS
Mary Price withdrew her request to speak.
Timothy Buckles spoke regarding animal welfare, enforcement and expansion of City Municipal Codes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
Public Hearing Procedures were read by Assistant City Clerk Roschelle Forsythe.

PUBLIC HEARING A VEHICLE FOR HIRE BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION-ARISE MOBILITY
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Tim Palow spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. DeTar that the application for the vehicle for hire business license-Arise Mobility be approved. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson and Lawson, 8. Absent: Shaw, 1.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-264
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Jared Nichols with Allgeier Martin spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-264
Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-264- AN ORDINANCE to vacate a utility easement, located at 7231 E 24th St, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill No. 2025-264 be placed on first reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, 8. Absent: Shaw, 1. This bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-264.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-260
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Morris Glaze spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-260
Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-260- AN ORDINANCE approving the voluntary annexation by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, of property generally described as approximately 328 acres at the SW corner of Old Scotland Rd and E 7th St, and approximately 480 feet east of the roundabout at I-44 and S Prigmor Ave, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. DeTar second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2024-260 be stricken. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson and Lawson. 8. Absent: Shaw, 1. Council Bill No. 2025-260 was stricken.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes of February 3, 2025, City Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-105 – AN ORDINANCE approving an amendment (Change Order 1) to the construction agreement with Sprouls Construction, Inc. in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and No Cents ($254,325.00) for the 4th and Murphy Blvd Geometric Improvements 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 2024-2025 as adopted by Ordinance 2024-151 on October 21, 2024; and, setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. **Ordinance No. 2025-020.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-108- AN ORDINANCE approving the issuance of a Purchase Order to Fabick Cat in the amount of Two Hundred Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and 00/100 Dollars ($210,780.00) for the purchase of a 2025 Weiler Model: G65 compact motor grader; and, setting a date when this ordinance shall become effective. **Ordinance No. 2025-021.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-250- AN ORDINANCE providing to vacate a utility easement, lying on property described as 3347 S Joplin Ave, City of Joplin, Newton County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2025-022.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-256- AN ORDINANCE approving the voluntary annexation by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, of property generally located at 18775 Apple Rd, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2025-023.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-258- 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 include in District M-2 (Heavy Industrial) property as described below and located at 8125 E 26th St, Jasper County, Missouri**. Ordinance No. 2025-024.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-604- AN ORDINANCE Authorizing the City of Joplin to issue a purchase order to Don Brown Chevrolet in the amount of Eight Hundred and Sixty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars and No Cents ($867,360.00) for the purchase of sixteen (16) Chevy Tahoe Police vehicles; authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin and setting an effective date. **Ordinance No. 2025-025.**

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-003

Mr. DeTar introduced Resolution No. 2025-003 - A resolution to appoint new members to the Finance Committee. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson, to approve Resolution No. 2025-003. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, 8. Absent: Shaw,1.

ORIDNANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-606

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2025-606 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 One-Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand, Four Hundred Seventy Dollars ($167,470.00); 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. Bard, second by Jackson, that Council Bill No. 2025-606 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson,8. Absent: Shaw,1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2025-026.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-607

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-607 AN ORDINANCE Authorizing the City of Joplin to issue a purchase order to Advanced Security Technologies in the amount of One Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred Nine Dollars and 00/100 Dollars ($179,209.00) for the purchase of a Modular Vehicle Barrier System; 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. 2025-607 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson and Lawson, 8. Absent: Shaw,1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2025-027.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-106

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-106- AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into a construction agreement with Blevins Asphalt Construction Company Inc. in the amount of Four Million Three Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Eight Cents, ($4,382,267.78) for the Mill and Overlay 2025 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 2024-2025 as adopted by Ordinance 2024-151 on October 21, 2024; and, setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill No. 2025-106 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson and Lawson. 8. Absent: Shaw,1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-106.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-110

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-110 -AN ORDINANCE approving Work Authorization OWN-OC-025-001 20th St. Widening with OWN, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of One Hundred Four Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Seven and 95/100 dollars ($104,497.95) for professional engineering and material testing services for the 20th St. Widening from Schifferdecker Ave. to Central City Road 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. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Copple, that Council Bill No. 2025-110 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson and Lawson. 8. Absent: Shaw,1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-110.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-111

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-111 - AN ORDINANCE approving an agreement with GFL Environmental Inc to provide trash and solid waste removal at city buildings and facilities 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. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill No. 2025-111 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson and Lawson. 8. Absent: Shaw,1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-111.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-259

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-259 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an Agreement with Olsson for Professional Planning Services relating to the creation of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Joplin Area Transportation Planning Organization (JATSO); authorizing the City Manager to execute said Agreement for the City of Joplin; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill No. 2025-259 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson and Lawson, 8. Absent: Shaw,1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-259.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-608

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2025-608 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to issue a purchase order to Southwest Solutions Group, Inc. in the amount of Two Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand Two Hundred and Two Dollars and Ninety-Three Cents ($295,202.93) for the purchase of a High-Density Evidence Storage System; authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin and setting an effective date. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Ms. Carlin that Council Bill No. 2025-608 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson and Lawson, 8. Absent: Shaw,1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-608.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-252

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-252 - AN ORDINANCE providing to vacate an alley way, lying near property described as 1036 S Range Line Rd, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2025-252 move to second reading, advance to third and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, 6. Nays: Carlin and Farnham, 2. Absent: Shaw, 1. **Ordinance No. 2025-028.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

SITE PLAN REVIEW CASE 006-25 -7231 E 24th St-Site Plan Review- A request to review a site plan-AM Properties TWO, LLC. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Bard to approve site plan 006-25. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson and Lawson, 8. Absent: Shaw,1.

Confirm Boards and Commissions Appointments

New Appointments:
Airport Board- Brett LaForest
Board of Adjustments: Payton Layne
Board of Adjustments: Jonathan Cook
Capital Improvements & Public Safety Oversight Committee: Erik Lynch
Capital Improvements & Public Safety Oversight Committee: Bethany McKinzie
City Tree Board: Matthew Livingston

Joplin Historical & Mineral Museum:Kristine Gustafson
Joplin Historical & Mineral Museum: Tom Robertson
Joplin Redevelopment Corporation(JRC): Joyce Allen
Solid Waste Commission: Matthew Livingston
Solid Waste Commission: Brian Cowles

Reappointments:
Capital Improvements & Public Safety Oversight Committee: Trevor Frerer
Capital Improvements & Public Safety Oversight Committee: Todd Patterson
City Tree Board: Kristi Brown

Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Ms. Carlin to accept the reappointments and new appointments as presented. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson and Lawson, 8. Absent: Shaw.

Dr. Farnham had concerns regarding inoperable vehicles in the community; Peter stated that he would look into it with the PA's office. Mayor Cortez suggested citizens defer to See Click Fix.

Mr. Jackson wanted to clear up a question concerning the dollar amount on CB2025-604.

Mr. Copple wanted to follow up on Mr. Buckles concerns; suggested may be something City Manager may need to look into.

Mr. Lawson wanted to give kudos to the Public Works Department for their wonderful job of clearing the streets in the last snow we had.

Mr. DeTar mentioned he attended the DORA groundbreaking; it was a great turn out and he is very excited to see this taking place.

Mayor Cortez took a moment to remember the officer involved shooting that took place, three years ago on March 8.

Vote to go into closed session, which shall pertain to the hiring, firing, disciplining, or promotion of an employee or particular employees of a governmental body involving personal information as set forth in Section 610.021(3) RSMo, as amended, 2020, more specifically for the purpose of evaluating certain Council employees. This meeting, record, and vote to be closed to the extent provided by law. The City Council shall adjourn at the end of the session. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard to go into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson and Lawson, 8. Absent: Shaw.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully,

Roschelle Forsythe
Assistant City Clerk