JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 4, 2024
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The March 4, 2024, 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 Christina Williams

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Josh DeTar

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

PRESENTATIONS

Police Department 2024 Goals & Initiatives

Richard Pearson, Police Chief presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

On Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 11 AM State Emergency Management and the National Weather Service will conduct a Statewide Severe Weather Tornado Drill. This drill is weather permitting, and there will not be a backup date.

Every school, citizen, and business is encouraged to participate in the drill. Residents should treat the drill as if it were an actual Tornado Warning.

The National Weather Service will issue a Routine Weekly Test (RWT) to NOAA Weather Radios to initiate the drill. The City of Joplin will observe this tornado drill by sounding the warning sirens for a full three minutes, the same amount that would occur in an actual warning.

Joplin/Jasper County, Carthage & Webb City are moving their March monthly regional outdoor warning siren test to coincide with the statewide tornado drill on Wednesday.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) is creating the Master Plan on Aging to ensure Missouri is the best environment for an aging population. A town hall meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 8, from 2 to 4 pm for anyone involved or interested in aging programs and access.

This Town Hall meeting will be held at the Joplin Senior Center, 2616 S. Picher Ave. Members of DHSS will be present to gather input, offering presentations and breakout sessions on transportation, whole-person health, family caregivers, daily life and employment.

For more information on the Master Plan on Aging, contact the Area Agency on Aging at 417-781-7562 or go to health.mo.gov/seniors/masterplanaging .

It's that time again and the yard work is calling! The City's monthly tree limb and brush drop-off site opens this month. It will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16. This program is open the third Saturday of the month and the Friday preceding that day from March through October. The drop-off site is located at 1702 North Schifferdecker Avenue, six-tenths of a mile north of Belle Center Road on the west side of Schifferdecker.

This free drop-off service is for Joplin residents only and has no load limits. Leaves, grass clippings, treated wood, railroad ties, or construction debris will not be accepted. This program is not intended for commercial tree trimming/removal service providers or contractors.

Mark your calendar and start clearing out your desk drawers and cubby holes! Joplin Recycling Center is hosting a Paper Shredding Event set for Saturday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (or when the truck is full. – This is a popular program.)

This free event is held at the Recycling Center at 1310 West A Street and has a limit of 12 standard-sized file boxes per car. Non-paper materials like cardboard, packing paper and brown paper sacks will not be accepted. We also remind residents to remove binders, binder clips, or CD's before bringing their papers for disposal.

The document shredding company, Big Bear Shredding, will have their mobile shred truck at the Center and we look forward to helping residents clear out papers they've been storing in their homes.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Mary Price Requested to Speak on Fiscal Responsibility & Safety to Citizens.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Holly Nagy

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-258

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Dick Russman spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-258

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-258 - AN ORDINANCE providing to vacate part of an alley way, lying on property described as the SE Corner of 32nd St and Connecticut Ave., City of Joplin, Newton County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Ms. Williams that Council Bill No. 2024-258 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: DeTar, Shaw, 2. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-258.

Mr. Shaw left the meeting at 6:58 PM, before the vote took place.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-257

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Joel Standeford spoke in favor of this item.

Max Myers and Debbie Hertzman spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

There was a protest occurrence of 15.4903%.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-257

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2024-257 AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District C-3 (Commercial) to District M-2 (Heavy Industrial) property as described below and located at the SW Corner of 20th and Prosperity Ave. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Monteleone that Council Bill No. 2024-257 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, and Williams, 4. Nays: Copple, Stinnett, Farnham, 3. Absent: DeTar, Shaw, 2. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-257.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Copple to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: DeTar, Shaw, 2.

Minutes Of the February 20, 2024, Joplin City Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-256 - AN ORDINANCE approving a contract by and between the City of Joplin and Alvarez & Marsal (A&M) to provide Professional Administrative Services and Technical Assistance for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Community Revitalization Program; authorizing the City Manager to execute said contract by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. **Ordinance No. 2024-035**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-608 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Recruitment Incentive Program designed to attract qualified candidates for vacant positions at the City of Joplin; amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 as adopted by Ordinance 2023-158 on October 16, 2023; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. **Ordinance No. 2024-036.**

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-504

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-504 - AN ORDINANCE amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 as adopted by Ordinance 2023-158 on October 16, 2023, to adjust appropriations and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Ms. Williams that Council Bill No. 2024-504 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: DeTar, Shaw, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-037**.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-101

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2024-101 - AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into a construction agreement with Rosetta Construction, LLC in the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Four and 00/100 Dollars ($2,550,624.00) for the Glendale Parallel Interceptor - Lower Reach project; and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Monteleone that Council Bill No. 2024-101 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: DeTar, Shaw, 2. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-101.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-111

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-111 - AN ORDINANCE approving an agreement and work authorization with Burns and McDonnell, Inc., Inc. in the amount of Sixty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Six no/100 Dollars ($68,426) for the 2025 Sewer Rate Study project and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2024-111 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2024-111 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, and Williams, 5. Nays: Stinnett, Farnham 2. Absent: DeTar, Shaw, 2. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-111.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-609

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-609 AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 82 – Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article V – Offenses Against Health and Safety, by enacting a new Section, 82-200, Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Monteleone that Council Bill No. 2024-609 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: DeTar, Shaw, 2. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-609.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-106

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-106 - AN ORDINANCE approving an agreement with Satterlee Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning Co. in the amount of Five Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-six and 00/100 DOLLARS ($597,756.00) for Justice Center Water Line Replacement and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2024-106 move to Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Stinnett, and Williams, 6. Nays: Farnham, 1. Absent: DeTar, Shaw, 2. **Ordinance No. 2024-038.**

Frank Thompson spoke on this item.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Riz Shaw addressed Council.

Mr. Monteleone would like to see more being done in regard to the 20th street school crosswalk. Mr. Copple and Mr. Stinnett support additional changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy, City Clerk