JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 18, 2024
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The March 18, 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 Mark Farnham

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Gary Shaw

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

PRESENTATIONS

Sales and Use Update

Leslie Haase, Finance Director presented.

Sharity Homelessness Strategic Plan Report

Carol Wick, President of Sharity Global presented.

Capital Improvement Sales Tax Presentation

Ben Leavens, Chair of Capital Improvement Committee and Dan Johnson, Director of Public Works presented.

Athletic Complex Storage Facility

Paul Bloomberg, Director of Parks and Recreation presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

For those interested in being a first responder for our community, they should attend the Joplin Public Safety Expo on Saturday, April 6. It will run from 10 am to 3 pm at the Joplin Public Safety Training Facility, 5102 N. Swede Lane.

In addition to live demonstrations and static displays, there will be opportunities to meet with the Joplin Police Department, Joplin Fire Department, Metro Emergency Transport System, and staff from Joplin Emergency Communications Center, aka Dispatch, and other Public Safety divisions. This is a great time to get your questions answered and hear from those serving in these important positions right here in Joplin.

Citizens will soon see some improvements in Cunningham Park. Parks and Recreation staff will remove the Boomtown playground for safety reasons, which will then provide space for new park amenities. This wooden playground is 13 years old and has served our community well.

Sand volleyball courts will be added to this location next year as part of the improvements included in the Parks and Stormwater projects. Other outdoor game components are also being considered for this area at Cunningham. The City is working with an outside group to help with this effort, which will reduce expenses for the department. We'll provide updates to this project as it develops.

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 through education and support of both the parents and their new driver.

The City of Joplin Health Department is hosting this program on Tuesday, April 2 from 6 PM to 7:30 PM at the Joplin Public Safety Training Center at 5102 Swede Lane. 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.

Just a quick reminder - Joplin Recycling Center is hosting a Paper Shredding Event on Saturday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. 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 binder clips CD's before bringing their papers for disposal.

The Recycling Center hosts this event to help residents clear out papers and documents with sensitive information. The Center also offers a self-serve shredder to residents year-round.

It's March, and that means Downtown Joplin Alliance is hosting another fun season of Third Thursday events with the first one will be held this Thursday, March 21. Hope to see everyone out enjoying the fun.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Mary Price Requested to Speak on Fiscal Responsibility & Budgeted CIST items.

Ryan Jackson Requested to Speak on Sharity Global Study on Homelessness in Joplin.

Frank Thompson Requested to Speak on Joplin.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes Of the March 4, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes

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. **Ordinance No. 2024-039.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2024-040.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2024-041.**

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

SECOND AND THIRD READING

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. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2024-111 move to Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Shaw, 1. **Ordinance No. 2024-042.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-257

Mr. Copple 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. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2024-257 be tabled. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Farnham, Stinnett, 3. Nays: Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Monteleone, Williams 5. Absent: Shaw, 1. **Motion failed**.

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Copple to let a citizen speak. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Shaw, 1.

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Monteleone that Council Bill No. 2024-257 move to Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, and Williams, 4. Nays: Copple, DeTar, Farnham, Stinnett, 4. Absent: Shaw, 1. **Item failed.**

Mary Price and Max Myers Jr. spoke on this item.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy, City Clerk