JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
April 2, 2024
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The April 2, 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 Assistant City Clerk Roschelle Forsythe.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA was led by Phil Stinnett.

ROLL CALL

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Charles Copple, Keenan Cortez, Josh DeTar, 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.

PRESENTATIONS

VFW Post 5293 Joplin South Awards

David Wells Commander of VFW Post 5293 presented awards to Joseph Bean and Cpl. Timothy Hudson.

Arbor Day Proclamation

Paul Bloomberg Director of Parks and Recreation accepted the proclamation.

Fair Housing Month Proclamation

Tom Walters and Matt Moran; Representatives from the Community Housing Resource Board along with children from the Boys and Girls Club were present for this proclamation.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

Everyone is welcome to join Joplin Parks and Recreation, Wildcat Glades Nature Group, Liberty, the Chert Glades Chapter of Master Naturalists, and the Missouri Department of Conservation on Saturday, April 27, at Wildcat Park to defend and celebrate Earth and Arbor Day. The event runs from 10 AM to 2 PM.

The celebration will feature several Earth and Arbor-friendly community groups that will encourage the care of our planet through demonstrations, hands-on activities, and giveaways. Other activities include vendor booths, a native tree and plant sale, live music and local food vendors. They have also added a recycled art contest this year.

Watch Joplin Parks and Recreation's Facebook page for more information or call them at 417-625-4750.

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.

Also, as a friendly reminder for residents: If you have a storm shelter on your property within the City of Joplin, the Joplin Police and Fire Departments encourage you to register that information so first responders can find you more quickly should a natural disaster or other event occur. It's easy to do on the City's website at www.joplinmo.org and search "Storm Shelter". Or they scan the QR code to pull up the Storm Shelter registration form.

This information goes directly to our 9-1-1 Center, which is stored in our computer database and is privately held within 9-1-1 Center. For questions, please call 417-623-3131, ext. 1409. We encourage our community members to please visit our website or our Facebook page, as well as other departments' pages, for details on these announcements or other City items.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Mary Price Requested to Speak on Fiscal Accountability & Honesty to Taxpayers.

Kevin VanStory Requested to Speak on Natural Family month.

Frank Thompson Requested to Speak on the problem doesn't just go away.

Mary Price spoke on behalf of Brian Evans; does Joplin City Leadership Approve of It's Committee Members Removing Citizens Signs That Oppose the City's Prop Progress" Sales Tax Renewal on Properties Given Approval by Landowners.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-259

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2024-259- 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-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) to District M-2 (Heavy Industrial) property as described below and located at the NE Corner of 15th St and Missouri Ave. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Dr. Farnham to strike Council Bill No. 2024-259. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Council Bill No. 2024-259 was stricken.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-260

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing
Gary Powers spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-260

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2024-260- 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) to District C-3 (Commercial) property as described below and located at the NW Corner of E 26th St and S Virginia Ave. Motion by Mr. DeTar second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2024-258 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-260.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-261

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing
Oscar with Schuber Mitchell spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-261

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-261- 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) to District R-2 (Two-Family Residential) property as described below and located at 1921 S St Louis Ave. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2024-261 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-261.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Copple to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 9.

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RESOLUTIONS
ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-354

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2024-354-AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Nelson Enterprises for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 909 W A St. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Four Thousand Eight Hundred dollars ($4,800.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2024-354 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-043.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-355

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2024-355- AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Nelson Enterprises for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 1209 S Iowa Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Four Thousand Two Hundred dollars ($4,200.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause.
Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Ms. Williams that Council Bill No. 2024-355 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-044.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-356

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2024-356- AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and B&D Yardbuilders for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 509 N Byers Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Seven Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-nine dollars ($7,329.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2024-356 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-045.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-357

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2024-357- AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Clay Cole Trucking for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 2411 W Highland Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Three Thousand dollars ($3,000.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2024-357 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-046.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-610

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-610- AN ORDINANCE approving the purchase of annual insurance premiums from multiple insurance carriers to provide property, casualty, and liability coverage for the City of Joplin; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Contract by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2024-610 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: Farnham, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-047.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-110

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-110 - AN ORDINANCE approving an amended work authorization with Olsson, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of Thirty-Seven Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS ($37,000.00) for Glendale Parallel Interceptor Improvements 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. 2024-110 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-110.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-264

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2024-264 AN ORDINANCE approving the Development Agreement with ALLO Missouri, LLC to construct a fiber optic network that is able to offer high quality, fiber optic broadband to substantially all residents, anchor institutions, and businesses in the City that are accessible using public rights-of-way and similar public easements, ways and extension and additions thereto. The Network facilities shall be owned and operated by ALLO Missouri and located within the corporate limits of the City; authorizing the City Manager to execute said contract by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Ms. Williams that council bill No. 2024-264 be passed on first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-264.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Confirm Boards & Commissions Appointments

Motion by Ms. Williams, second by Mr. Copple to revote for residency requirement concern on Capital Improvement & Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Ms. Williams nominated Lee Ann Luebber to the Capital Improvement & Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 9.

Reappointments:
City Tree Board: Robert Dopp
Joplin Historical & Mineral Museum: Bob Harrington

New appointments:
ADA Committee-Dorris Lewis
ADA Committee- Jamy Spry
Airport Board- Joshua Oathout
Board of Adjustment- Anne Wells
Capital Improvement & Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee- Lee Ann Luebber
City Tree Board-Harvey Hutchinson
City Tree Board- Tom Robertson
Convention & Visitors Bureau Advisory Board- Jeremy Sickman
Historic Preservation- Jeff Millard
Joplin Historical Museum- Kelly Reddin
Joplin Historical Museum- Leecia Bloss
Joplin Redevelopment-Andrew Reynolds
Personnel Board- Pattria Sly
Proposition Action Implementation & Oversight Committee-Dottie Murphy
Solid Waste Commission-Justin Maskus

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Dr. Farnham to approve the reappointments and new appointments as presented. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 9.

Mr. Copple asked a couple things from the City Manager; an update on the progress on the firefighter incident program and also putting in a school zone on 20th street by the high school-he would like an update on that.

Mr. Copple wanted to give clarification regarding the Capital Improvement Public Safety Tax.

Mr. Stinnett wanted to recognize a few department heads and city employees he has had the opportunity to work with over the years.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully,

Roschelle Forsythe

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Assistant City Clerk