JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 15, 2021
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The March 15, 2021 regular meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Ryan Stanley.

INVOCATION was read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the United States of America was led by Mr. Cortez

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATIONS

Abigail Surbrugg presented an update of Joplin School events.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Consent Agenda was finalized.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Health Department Update:

Health Director Ryan Talken presented the latest COVID and vaccine statistics: cases and hospitalizations continue to decrease. Vaccine supplies continue to increase, and more independent vaccinators are administering vaccines. Phase 1 Tier 3 of the vaccination process was activated today, focusing on vaccinating what the state classifies as its "critical infrastructure". It includes teachers, childcare providers, grocery store employees and those who work in the food and agriculture industries. Mr. Talken made no recommendations or changes to the Recovery Plan.

News from Public Information Officer Lynn Onstot

Joplin Parks and Recreation has programs, leagues, and events for all ages. From age 4 to adults, you can enjoy softball, baseball, soccer, t-ball, and even a Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt. Watch the Parks and Rec Facebook page or their website at joplinparks.org to learn about upcoming activities; or by phone at 417-625-4750. Parks and Rec is also in the process of recruiting more than 150 seasonal workers to their Department, including laborers to help at the golf course, cemeteries, and parks maintenance divisions and staff to work at our pools this summer.

The City of Joplin is seeking applicants to fill openings on the following volunteer boards: Board of Adjustment; Convention and Visitors Advisory Bd.; Joplin Industrial Development Authority; Joplin Re-Development Corporation and Solid Waste Commission. A full listing of City's boards and commissions is available on our website. Applicants must be a registered voter of the State of Missouri, and some boards may have specific requirements for its members. Citizens can contact the City Clerk's office at 417-624-0820, ext. 220 for details.

The City's Tree Limb Drop Off Service will be open Saturday, March 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. This drop off site will be open the third Saturday of the month through October, unless there is a weather event that warrants another date being set. 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.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Joseph Johnson requested to speak on emergency preparedness for our homeless population. Mr. Johnson spoke on behalf of the Homeless Emergency Action Team (HEAT) and asked the City to partner with them to come up with a preparedness plan to provide food, safety, and shelter to the homeless community during times of crisis. The Council consented to allow city staff to work with Mr. Johnson and his group on a preparedness plan.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Lawson to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Minutes of the March 1, 2021 City Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-259 - an ordinance providing to vacate approximately 670' of a 75'-wide street right-of-way between S. Connecticut Ave. and E. 15th St. **Ordinance No. 2021-035**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-260 - an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2004-256, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, November 15, 2004, by removing from District M-1-PD and including in District R-1, property as described below and known as 4307 Swede Ln., City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2021-036**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-402 - an ordinance approving an Agreement with G & G Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of One Hundred Nine Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Nine and 50/100 dollars ($109,469.50) for construction of the Senior Center-Meals on Wheels Zone Improvement Project, and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin**. Ordinance No. 2021-037**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-403 - an ordinance approving an Agreement between the City of Joplin, Missouri, and Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission which will provide FHWA Metropolitan Planning Assistance and FTA Section 5303 assistance, hereafter known as Consolidated Planning Funds, from November 1, 2020, through October 31, 2021, in accordance with the rules of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) under 49 U.S.C. Section 5303 and 23 U.S. Code Sections 104(F) and 134 to conduct comprehensive and transportation planning programs, as the City of Joplin has been designated to conduct transportation planning programs for the Joplin Area Transportation Study Organization; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute said Agreement for the City. **Ordinance No. 2021-038**

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-005

Mr. Cortez introduced Resolution No. 2021-005 - a resolution approving the adoption of the official City of Joplin Brand. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Ms. Williams to table this item for further discussion. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Stanley, and Williams, 6. Nays: Lawson, Shaw, and Stinnett, 3. Resolution No. 2021-005 was **Tabled.**

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-506

Mr. Montleone introduced Council Bill No. 2021-506 - an ordinance approving a Contract by and between the City of Joplin and Etico Solutions Inc. to complete a Police Department Resource Allocation study; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Contract by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and, amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 as adopted by Ordinance 2020-156 on October 19, 2020 and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Monteleone, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No.2021-506 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2021-039**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-507

Mr. Monteleone introduced Council Bill No. 2021-507 - an ordinance approving a Contract by and between the City of Joplin and Canfield Jenkins & Associates, LLC. to complete a Fire Department Resource Allocation study; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Contract by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and, amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 as adopted by Ordinance 2020-156 on October 19, 2020 and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Monteleone, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No.2021-507 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Abstention: Copple, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2021-040**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-117

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2021-117 - an ordinance approving a construction agreement with Vance Brothers Inc. for Microsurfacing 2021 in the amount of Six Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Three and 12/100 Dollars ($662,623.12) for the Microsurfacing 2021 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. Lawson, second by Copple that Council Bill No. 2021-117 be passed on First Reading and advanced to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2021-117**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-118

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2021-118 -an ordinance approving a construction agreement with Pavement Management LLC for Parking Lots and Trails Sealing 2021 in the amount of Thirty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty- Nine and 52/100 Dollars ($38,929.52) for the Parking Lots and Trails Sealing 2021 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. Stinnett that Council Bill No. 2021-118 be passed on First Reading and advanced to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2021-118**

COUNCIL BILL NO.2021-119

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2021-119 - an ordinance approving the City of Joplin to enter into a construction agreement with G&G Construction Company Inc., in the amount of Two Hundred Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve and 58/100 Dollars ($211,812.58) for construction of the 10th and Chestnut Culvert Replacement 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. Stinnett, second by Dr. Reid Adams that

Council Bill No. 2021-119 be passed on First Reading and advanced to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2021-119**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-120

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2021-120 - an ordinance approving a purchase order for One Million One Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Nine and 00/100 Dollars ($1,127,979.00) with Ace Pipe Cleaning, Inc. for the 2021-2023 Evaluation and Rehabilitation Toolbox for Wastewater Collection System Project; 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. 2021-120 be passed on First Reading and advanced to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2021-120**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-121

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2021-121 - an ordinance approving a work authorization with Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of Ninety-Seven Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars ($97,500.00) for the Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation Toolbox 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. Lawson, second by Mr. Stinnett that Council Bill No. 2021-121 be passed on First Reading and advanced to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2021-121**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-404

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2021-404 - an ordinance approving an Agreement between the City of Joplin, Missouri, and the UP Development Planning, LLC that pertains to 2020 HOME Investment Partnership grant funds. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Monteleone that Council Bill No. 2021-404 be passed on First Reading and advanced to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2021-404**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-600

Mr. Monteleone introduced Council Bill No. 2021-600 - an ordinance approving an Agreement between Tempest and the City of Joplin for design-to-launch services for a new VisitJoplinMO.com website for the Joplin Convention & Visitors Bureau. This agreement additionally provides for the hosting of the website, following launch through FY2024. Motion by Mr. Monteleone, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill No. 2021-600 be passed on First Reading and advanced to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The bill was read as **Council Bill No.2021-600**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-601

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No.2021-601 - an ordinance approving an Agreement between Tempest and the City of Joplin for continued use of iDSS Cyclone Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software by the Convention & Visitors Bureau. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No.2021-601 be passed on First Reading and advanced to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2021-601**

ORDINANCES – SECOND AND THIRD READING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of HB920

Mr. Monteleone opened the discussion on HB920 and stated the bill would eliminate the April Municipal Election. There are already limited options throughout the year to hold elections, and decreasing these options negatively impacts the ability for voters to be engaged on local issues. The April ballot includes important local races for city council and school board representatives and moving the municipal election to November will make it more costly to educate voters about local ballot measures. After discussion, Mr. Monteleone made a motion to have the city attorney draft a resolution to declare opposition to HB 920, Elimination of the April Municipal Election, on behalf of the Joplin City Council. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Copple asked for an update on the seasonal pay issue. City Manager Nick Edwards replied that the Finance Dept. will provide an update at the next informal city council meeting.

Mr. Copple questioned the status of the Action Plan dealing with recruitment and retention in the police department that was discussed at the March 8 work session. After discussion of the status, City Staff was directed to implement the action steps to update a recruiting plan and conduct a study for implementation of a Recruitment Incentive Program, as presented by Chief Rowland.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully,

Barbara Gollhofer, City Clerk