JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 17, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The March 17, 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 Teddy Steen and her group from Ascent Recovery Program/The ROCC.

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 Assistant City Manager Tony Robyn 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 of Joplin's 152nd Birthday & 20th Anniversary of City Hall in the Newman Building
Members of the Joplin Celebrations Commission presented, Patrick Tuttle, Brad Belk & Dr. Chad Stebbins.

MSSU Update
Dr. Van Galen, President of MSSU presented.

Downtown Joplin Alliance Update
Lori Haun, Executive Director of DJA presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Kay Jones requested to speak on Discriminatory practices related Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Services. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Bard to give Ms. Jones an additional one minute of time. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson and Lawson, 8. Absent: Shaw, 1.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Lawson 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 March 3, 2025, City Council Meeting

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-029.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-030.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-031.**

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 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. **Ordinance No. 2025-032.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-264- AN ORDINANCE providing to vacate a utility easement, located at 7231 E 24th St, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2025-033.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-034.**

RESOLUTIONS

ORIDNANCES – EMERGENCY

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-001

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-001- AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 86 – Parks and Recreation, Article II – Park Rules and Regulations; specifically, Section 86-37. Camping. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Ms. Carlin, that Council Bill No. 2025-001 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. 2025-001.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-002

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-002- AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 82. Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Section 82-50. Receiving Stolen Property. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill No. 2025-002 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. 2025-002.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-112

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-112 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into a work authorization with Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. for engineering consultation services in the not to exceed amount of Three Hundred Sixty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($360,000.00) for the Turkey Creek WWTP Aeration Renovations 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. Copple, that Council Bill No. 2025-112 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. 2025-112.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-113

Ms. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2025-113 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into a work authorization with Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. for engineering consultation services in the not to exceed amount of One Hundred Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($110,000.00) for the Miscellaneous WWTP Improvements 2025 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. Bard second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill No. 2025-113 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. 2025-113.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-450

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2025-450 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into a Pharmaceutical Services Agreement by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, and ScriptClaim Systems, LLC, a MO LLC, operating a full service pharmaceutical operation at Walmart and Walmart Neighborhood Market locations, providing generally for the utilization of Walmart and Walmart Neighborhood Market locations pharmacies as the City Health Department's pharmaceutical provider. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. Jackson that Council Bill No. 2025-450 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. 2025-450.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-605

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-605 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Purchase Order to be issued to Superion, LLC., to cover the annual support payment for the financial software and related systems as budgeted in the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as adopted by Council Bill 2024-514 on October 21, 2024; and establishing a date when it shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill No. 2025-605 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. 2025-605.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. DeTar reported that he and City Manager Nick Edwards and a few others in the community traveled to Jefferson City last week to meet with state representatives; not just from our area but from different areas of the state. Mr. DeTar stated it was a great experience and hopefully something they will be doing more of; met with a lot of people and it was a very busy day.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully,

Roschelle Forsythe
Assistant City Clerk