JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting for 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 was led by Christina Williams

READING OF THE SPECIAL CALL

City Clerk Holly Nagy read the Special Call:
Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, will hold a Special Meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2024, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 602 S. Main Street, Joplin, Missouri, for the purpose of receiving the official report of the April 2, 2024, General Municipal Election; administering the Oaths of Office of the newly elected council members; and electing the 2024-2026 Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: 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.

RESULTS OF THE APRIL 2, 2024, GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The City Clerk's office has received the official returns of the April 2, 2024, General Municipal Election as verified by the County Clerks of Jasper and Newton Counties.

It is found and declared that the results are as follows:

For General Council Members 2-year term

Doris Carlin – 2,693

For General Council Members 4-year term

Keenan T. Cortez – 2,106
Joshua Bard – 1,889
Natasha Klue-Michael – 1,426

For Zone II Council Member

Charles "Chuck" Copple – 2,643

For Zone III Council Member

Ryan Jackson – 2,577

Proposition Progress passed with 2,143 voting yes and 1,394 voting no.

For the record 3,561 persons voted in this general municipal election.

Doris Carlin is the candidate that received the greatest number of votes for office of General Council Member and is declared elected to a two-year term.

Keenan T. Cortez and Joshua Bard are the candidates who received the greatest number of votes for the office of General Council Member and is declared elected to a four-year term.

Charles Copple is the candidate who received the greatest number of votes for the office of Zone II Council Member and is declared elected to a four-year term.

Ryan Jackson is the candidate who received the greatest number of votes for the office of Zone III Council Member and is declared elected to a four-year term.

Respectfully submitted, Holly Nagy, City Clerk

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar to approve the April 2, 2024, general municipal election results. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

RECOGNITION FOR OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Lawson recognized outgoing Council Members Christina Williams, Phil Stinnett, and Anthony Monteleone with an appreciation plaque for their years of service on the Joplin City Council.

RECOGNITION FOR MAYOR LAWSON

Mayor Pro Tem Keenan Cortez recognized outgoing mayor Doug Lawson for his service to the city and community as Mayor. Mr. Cortez presented Mr. Lawson with a plaque, a wooden city seal, a United States flag and a Joplin flag that flew over the city hall on the date of Mayor Lawson's inauguration.

NEW BUSINESS

Adjourn Sine Die of the current Council.

Mayor Lawson closed the Joplin City Council meeting. Outgoing council members Christina Williams, Phil Stinnett and Anthony Monteleone stepped down from the dais.

City Clerk Holly Nagy took the mayor's chair and called the meeting to order.
Judge Podleski approached the dais to administer the oaths of office to the newly elected and re-elected Council Members. The order of swearing-in is determined by the number of votes received, starting with the highest number of votes. Judge Podleski administered the oaths of office to:

General Council Member/2 yrs.: Doris Carlin
Zone II Council Member/4 yrs: Charles Copple
Zone III Council Member/4 yrs.: Ryan Jackson
General Council Member/4 yrs.: Keenan T. Cortez
General Council Member/4 yrs: Joshua Bard

Election of Mayor

City Attorney Edwards read the procedures for the election of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Joplin as directed by Charter. Ms. Nagy conducted the election of the Mayor by asking for nominations. Mr. Jackson nominated Keenan Cortez. No other nominations were made. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Jackson, and Shaw 9. Nays: 0.

Mr. Cortez was declared Mayor.

Election of Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Cortez took the mayor's seat and conducted the election of Mayor Pro Tem.

Mr. Bard nominated Josh DeTar. Mayor Cortez nominated Charles Copple.

Voting in favor of Josh DeTar were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, DeTar, Jackson, Shaw, 5.

Voting in favor of Charles Copple were Council Members: Cortez, Copple, Farnham, Lawson, 4.

Mr. DeTar was declared Mayor Pro Tem.

There being no further business to come before council the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Nagy, City Clerk