JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 15, 2024
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The April 15, 2024, regular meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Keenan Cortez.

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: Joshua Bard, Doris Carlin, Charles Copple, Keenan Cortez, Josh DeTar, Mark Farnham, Ryan Jackson, Doug Lawson, and Gary Shaw. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

PRESENTATIONS

CMAR for Ewert Splash Park with Ice Ribbon and Amenities Announcement
Leslie Haase, Finance Director presented.

Justice Center Presentation
Nick Edwards, City Manager presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

Mark your Calendar – on Friday, April 19, Joplin will be featured in a new show on the ***Food Network – Best Bite in Town.*** The show will air at 8 p.m. and highlight six of our local restaurants including Big R's BBQ, Blackstone Gastropub, Finn's, Ghetto Tacos, Hans Sushi and Hungry Monkey.

It was last August that our Convention and Visitors Bureau worked with Food Network who brought six chefs and 32 crew members to town to determine the Best Bite in Joplin from their six preselected restaurants. The show will highlight the process and menu items from each of the restaurants.

Patrick Tuttle, the director of the CVB, said there was no expense to the City for this project, other than labor in coordination and preparation. Patrick and his staff want to thank many who helped with the project, including the restaurants and their staff, Joplin Parks and Recreation and Mercy ground crews who prepared the site where the final segment was filmed. Projections of economic impact of a national show featuring local restaurants is an unknown factor, although it generally trends to the positive.

More information about the show and Joplin's specific episode can be found on the Food Network's Facebook page. As promised, the City of Joplin is bringing new energy to Ewert Park with the voter-approved renewal of the ¼-cent Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax.

The development of Ewert Splash Park will be the first aquatic amenity of its kind in the community. Its features will be utilized in both the summer and winter seasons and include:

- wet and dry play areas,
- a 12-foot wide ice skating ribbon,
- updated shade structures and seating,
- improvements to the current bathhouse building, and
- refreshed landscaping for year-round activities.

These improvements will not just be limited to the new Splash Park. Initial approved concepts for Ewert Park include:

- a new playground to replace the existing structure,
- a covered basketball/multi-use court,
- a modern amphitheater with sound systems and lighting for special events, and
- increased safety and security features, including lighting and cameras.

We recently opened a Virtual Public Open House online to collect feedback about the next steps on the initial ideas for the park's design and features. The "open house", which is similar to a survey, is available on the project website (www.ewertsplashpark.com) through April 22, 2024. They can also scan this QR code to get to the site.

For those who don't have computer access or would rather see the printed design ideas, they can visit the Joplin Public Library or Joplin City Hall to view the display boards. The Library display is on the west side of the Lobby – near the vending area; and City Hall's display is close to the grand staircase on the west side of the Main Lobby. There are printed comment forms to fill out and leave in the box near the display. This opportunity is available through April 22 as well.

We encourage everyone to please participate by sharing their input about this park revitalization.

Just a friendly reminder that Joplin Parks and Recreation is joining community partners including Wildcat Glades, Liberty, the Chert Glades Chapter of Master Naturalists, and the Missouri Department of Conservation on Saturday, April 27, to host MAY THE FOREST BE WITH YOU, a family friendly event at Wildcat Park.

It runs from 10 AM to 2 PM with activities, games, and music focusing on the care of our planet through demonstrations, hands-on activities, and giveaways. For more information about the event visit joplinmo.org/ArborDay or the Parks Facebook page.

The Joplin Recycling Center is hosting a **FREE Tire Collection Event on Saturday, May 11 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Center.** Automotive passenger tires, with or without rims, will be accepted with a ten-tire per household limit. Semi, tractor, ATV and racing tires will not be accepted.

This drop off event is available to residents of Joplin and counties of Jasper, Newton, McDonald, Barton and Vernon Counties. The Center is located at 1310 West A Street. Managed by Joplin's Recycling Center, this collection is partially funded by Region M Solid Waste District and Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Since the 1990s, when whole tires were banned from landfills to conserve landfill space and keep out hazardous materials, citizens need options to discard tires. Worse-case scenarios include tires becoming eyesores and mosquito havens when left in yards or ditches where they collect water. The City and our partners are pleased to offer this community service for our area.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes of the April 2, 2024, City Council Meeting

Minutes of the April 8, 2024, Special City Council Meeting

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. **Ordinance No. 2024-048.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2024-049.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2024-050.**

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-001

Mr. Lawson introduced Resolution No. 2024-001 – A RESOLUTION authorizing the filing of a One Year Action Plan with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as required for use of the City of Joplin's Community Development Block Grant Program (Entitlement) and the Joplin Consortium HOME Investment Partnership Program for program year 2024; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Plan for and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. DeTar to approve Resolution No. 2024-001. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 9.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-003

Mr. Lawson introduced Resolution No. 2024-003 – A RESOLUTION of the City of Joplin, Missouri, stating the intent to pursue a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant in the amount of $600,000.00 for the city-owned 7th Street Sidewalks Project; and, committing to the match funding for the remainder of the project, which is estimated to cost an additional approximate $1.4 million. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. DeTar to approve Resolution No. 2024-001. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 9.

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-116

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-116- AN ORDINANCE declaring the necessity of acquiring for public use certain real property for the purpose of Drainage Improvements near the 200 Block of N. Cox Avenue; authorizing the City Manager and his designees to negotiate for the purpose of acquiring the necessary interests in land; authorizing the City Attorney and his designees to institute condemnation proceedings if such interests in land cannot be acquired by purchase through good faith negotiations; and containing an emergency clause.

Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2024-116 be moved to Ordinances-first reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Farnham, and Jackson, 3. Nays: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, and Shaw, 5. Abstain: Carlin, 1.

Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2024-116 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, and Shaw, 5. Nays: Bard, Farnham, Jackson, 3. Abstain: Carlin, 1. The Council Bill did not pass with the 6 votes required for an emergency ordinance. The Council Bill will be heard again under second and third reading at the next meeting.

FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-113

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2024-113 AN ORDINANCE approving an agreement with G&G Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of One Million Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred and 00/100 DOLLARS ($1,012,700.00) for Miscellaneous WWTP Improvements 2024 and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Dr. Farnham to pass Council Bill No. 2024-113 on First Reading and to advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 9. This bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-113.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-115

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-115 AN ORDINANCE approving a work authorization with Olsson, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of Two Hundred Two Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 dollars ($202,500.00) for engineering services associated with the Route 66 Sanitary Sewer Improvements 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. Lawson to pass Council Bill No. 2024-115 on First Reading and to advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 9. This bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-115.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-450

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2024-450 AN ORDINANCE authorizing a Program Services Contract, by and between the State of Missouri, Department of Health and Senior Services, and the City of Joplin, Missouri, for the City of Joplin Health Department to receive compensation, for up to Fifty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars and no Cents, ($54,400.00); and, authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Copple to pass Council Bill No. 2024-450 on First Reading and to advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 9. This bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-450.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-264

Mr. Bard 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. Bard, second by Mr. Copple to pass Council Bill No. 2024-264 on second and third reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Nays: Farnham, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-051**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Stinnett addressed Council regarding a waiver from the cooling off period required for Council members to join a board or committee. Mr. Stinnett will submit a formal written waiver request to the mayor. This item will be brought forward at the May 6, 2024, City Council meeting.

Mr. Copple expressed concern regarding dump trucks on Newman Road and Hwy 249/Duquesne Road. He would like Council to consider installing no jake brake zone signage.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk