JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 7, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The April 7, 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 winners of the poster contest; Kaiden Warren, Ben Lee, Rielynn Reeves, Lakelynn McCleary and Chase Taylor.

ROLL CALL

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Joshua Bard, Doris Carlin, Charles Copple, Keenan Cortez, Josh DeTar, Mark Farnham and Doug Lawson. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

Absent: Ryan Jackson and Gary Shaw

Motion by Ms. Carlin, Second by Mr. DeTar to excuse the absence of Ryan Jackson and Gary Shaw. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, and Lawson, 7. Absent: Jackson and Shaw.

PRESENTATIONS

Fair Housing Month Proclamation
Mayor Cortez presented the proclamation.

VFW Post 5293 Annual Awards Presentation
David Wells Post 5293 commander presented awards to:
Firefighter: Driver/Engineer Brad Gillen
Police Officer: Corporal Andrew Moreno

Arbor Day Proclamation
Mayor Cortez presented the proclamation.

Mike Seibert Proclamation
Mayor Cortez presented the proclamation.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Kathy Martin spoke on sustainable housing.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing procedures were read by Assistant City Clerk Roschelle Forsythe

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-261

Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Jeff Cole spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-261

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-261 - 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) and include in District M-2 (Heavy Industrial) property as described below and located at 601 S McKinley Ave, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill 2025-261 be passed on the first reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham and Lawson, 7. Absent: Jackson and Shaw, 2.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-262

Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Oscar Saracino spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-262

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-262 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District M-2 (Heavy Industrial) and include in District R-2 (Two-Family Residential) property as described below and located at 1517 W A St, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar, that Council Bill 2025-262 be passed on the first reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham and Lawson, 7. Absent: Jackson and Shaw, 2.

PUBLIC HEARING COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-266

Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
David Glenn, Travis Hurley, Nate Schluder, John King and Josh Shackles spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-266

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-266 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District M-2 (Heavy Industrial) and include in District MP (Manufactured Home Park & Small Format Home District) property as described below and generally known as approximately seven acres between E 12th St and E 14th St, East of Iowa Ave

and West of the railroad track, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Dr. Farnham, that Council Bill 2025-266 be passed on the first reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham and Lawson, 6. Nays: Bard, 1. Absent: Jackson and Shaw, 2.

PUBLIC HEARING COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-265
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Troy Dunlap, William Hillegus, John King and Travis Hurley spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-265
Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-265- AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District M-2 (Heavy Industrial) and include in District MP (Manufactured Home Park & Small Format Home District) property as described below and located at 1201 S Byers Ave, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Ms. Carlin, that Council Bill 2025-265 be passed on the first reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, and Lawson, 6. Abstained: Farnham, 1. Absent: Jackson and Shaw, 2.

PUBLIC HEARING COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-263
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Kerri Clark spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

This Council Bill was posted incorrectly and read as *2022-263,* is in fact *2025-263-scrivener's error.*

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-263
Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-263- 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-3 (Commercial) and include in District R-1 (Single-Family Residential) property as described below and located at 707 Sergeant Ave, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill 2025-263 be passed on the first reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham and Lawson, 7. Absent: Jackson and Shaw, 2.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Ms. Carlin to approve the consent agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham and Lawson, 7. Absent: Jackson and Shaw 2.

Minutes of March 17, 2025, City Council Meeting
COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-001 - AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 86 – Parks and Recreation, Article II – Park Rules and Regulations; specifically, Section 86-37. Camping.

Ordinance No. 2025-035.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-002 - AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 82. Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Section 82-50. Receiving Stolen Property. **Ordinance No. 2025-036.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-037.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-038.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-039.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-040.**

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-004

Mr. Copple introduced Resolution No. 2025-004- A RESOLUTION amending the RULES AND REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THE TRANSACTIONS OF BUSINESS BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, by deleting Sections 2.39, 2.40, and 2.41 in their entirety and adopting new Sections 2.39, 2.40, and 2.41 in lieu thereof. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar, to approve Resolution No. 2025-004 . Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham and Lawson, 7. Absent: Jackson and Shaw, 2.

RESOLUTION NO.2025-005

Mr. DeTar introduced Resolution No. 2025-005- A RESOLUTION demonstrating the City of Joplin's commitment to public safety, including a commitment to reduce violent crime within its jurisdiction. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Copple to approve Resolution No. 2025-005. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham and Lawson, 7. Absent: Jackson and Shaw, 2.

ORIDNANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-350

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-350 - AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and USA Demolition for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 2722 E Rolla St. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty dollars ($7,950.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill No. 2025-350 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham and Lawson, 7. Absent: Jackson and Shaw, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled. **Ordinance No.2025-041.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-351

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-351- 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 302 S Connor Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Ten Thousand dollars ($10,000.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause.
Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill No. 2025-351 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham and Lawson, 7. Absent: Jackson and Shaw, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled. **Ordinance No.2025-042.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025- 512

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-512 - AN ORDINANCE 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, to adjust appropriations and containing an emergency clause.
Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill No. 2025-512 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham and Lawson, 7. Absent: Jackson and Shaw, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled. **Ordinance No.2025-043.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-114

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-114- AN ORDINANCE approving an agreement with Cedar Crest Investment, LLC, to provide sanitary sewer to property located at 4500 South Rangeline Road, 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 2025-114 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council

Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham and Lawson, 7. Absent: Jackson and Shaw, 2. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-114.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-115

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-115 – AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with G&G Construction Co. Inc. in the amount of Two Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars ($2,950,500.00) for construction services on the Turkey Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Trickling Filter Media Installation 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. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill 2025-115 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham and Lawson, 7. Absent: Jackson and Shaw, 2. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-115.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-610

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-610 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into a lease agreement with Roper KIA in the amount of Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Five Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents ($14,945.33) for the purpose of leasing three (3) vehicles; authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin and setting an effective date. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Lawson, that Council Bill 2025-610 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham and Lawson, 7. Absent: Jackson and Shaw, 2. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-610.

SECOND AND THIRD READING
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Copple asked the City Manager to have Building Department look into zoning MP designations.

Vote to go into closed session, which shall pertain to legal action, causes of action, or litigation including a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys pursuant to state law, as set forth in Section 610.021 (1) RSMo, as amended, 2020. This meeting, record, and vote to be closed. The City Council shall adjourn at the end of the session. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson, to go into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham and Lawson, 7. Absent: Jackson and Shaw, 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00p.m.

Respectfully,

Roschelle Forsythe
Assistant City Clerk