JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 21, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The April 21, 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 several friends with Habitat for Humanity: Megan, Crystal, Heather and Chris and their families, as well as Scott Clayton and Barbie Huff.

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

Grant Project Status Update

Leslie Haase, Finance Director, presented.

ALLO Quarterly Update

Brandon Warren and Kami Balthazor with ALLO, presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

Lynn Onstot, Public Information Officer, presented.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Donald Dunker spoke on City's Internet Policy.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes of April 7, 2025, City Council Meeting

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-044.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-045.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-046.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-047.**

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 S Sergeant Ave, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2025-048.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-049.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-050.**

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-006

Mr. DeTar introduced Resolution No. 2025-006- A RESOLUTION authorizing the filing of a Five-year Consolidated Plan and 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 years 2025 to 2029; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Plan for and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Ms. Carlin to approve Resolution No. 2025-006. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

ORIDNANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-118

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2025-118 -AN ORDINANCE Authorizing the approval of the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) Grant Agreement for Air Service Promotion and Marketing at the Joplin Regional Airport, authorizing the City Manager 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, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill NO. 2025-118 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. **Ordinance No. 2025-051.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-352

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-352- AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Environmental Operations Inc. for the removal of the asbestos located at 2008 S. Sergeant Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Sixty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred dollars ($63,900.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause.

Council Bill's 2025-352,354 and 271 were all presented together; Rand with Terracon addressed Council on the assessment and findings of the property.

Mary Price and Tara Johnston addressed Council regarding these Council Bills.

Tom Walters, Planner with the City of Joplin; Ryan Peterson with ESC and Scott Clayton with Habitat for Humanity/JEHDI addressed Council as to what would be done if the property is cleared.

Discussion ensued.

Motion by Mr. Copple second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill NO. 2025-352 be passed on an emergency basis . Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. **Ordinance No. 2025-052.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025- 354

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-354 - AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Denton Excavations for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 2008 S. Sergeant Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Three Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Three Hundred dollars ($331,300.00); 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. 2025-354 be passed on an emergency basis . Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. **Ordinance No. 2025-053.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-116

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-116- AN ORDINANCE approving a Work Authorization with Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS ($150,000.00) for engineering services associated with MS4 Permit and Floodplain Management Support and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill NO. 2025-116 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, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-116.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-117

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-117 – 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 Seventy-Nine Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars ($79,500.00) for the 2025 Evaluation and Rehabilitation Toolbox for Wastewater Collection System 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. Jackson second by Mr. Bard that Council Bill NO. 2025-117 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, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-117.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-121

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-121 - AN ORDINANCE approving an amended work authorization with Olsson Inc. in the not to exceed amount of One Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Dollars ($199,580.00) for ARPA Stormwater additional design scope 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. Lawson, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill NO. 2025-121 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, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-121.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-271

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-271 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin, Missouri, to enter into an Agreement with the Economic Security Corporation, for the purpose of cooperation in the provision of affordable housing; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill NO. 2025-271 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, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-271.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-266

Mr. Copple 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. Copple, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill NO. 2025-266 move to second reading, advance to third and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson and Shaw, 7. Nays: Bard and Jackson, 2. **Ordinance No. 2025-054.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully,

Roschelle Forsythe
Assistant City Clerk