JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 1, 2023
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The May 1, 2023, regular meeting of 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 TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA was led by Ms. Kate Spencer.

ROLL CALL

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Keenan Cortez, Josh DeTar, Mark Farnham Doug Lawson, Gary Shaw, Phil Stinnett, Kate Spencer, and Christina Williams. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

Absent: Charles Copple

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar to excuse the absence of Chuck Copple. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, 1.

PRESENTATIONS

Leadership Joplin Sound Garden Playground Presentation

Members of the Class of 2023 Leadership Joplin group presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

Believe it or not – school will be out before we know it. Now is the time to start looking for different activities and events that will be fun for the kids this summer, as well as the adults.

Be sure to keep an eye on Joplin Parks and Recreation's Facebook page and website. Their staff does an excellent job of posting news about their upcoming leagues, programs, and other entertaining activities. Just go to joplinmo.org/parks or their Facebook page at Joplin Parks and Recreation to learn more.

Saturday, May 13 - that's the day for the City-wide Iris Gardens Tour. The tour is a self–guided tour from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those interested in the event should start by going to the Joplin History and Mineral Museum, located in Schifferdecker Park, and picking up a printed map of participating locations that have Iris in their flower beds.

The Iris is the official City Flower, and many residents have planted Iris Gardens through the years. It should be a fun time to get out and see these flowers as well as enjoy Joplin in its Sesquicentennial Year.

Iconic Joplin! For those who may have heard this phrase but weren't sure what it meant, I'm here to explain.

Iconic Joplin is an official event of Joplin's 150th Birthday Celebration. The parent organization of this event is Landmark Builds! which partnered with host organizations: The Creative Learning Alliance, Joplin History and Mineral Museum, and Joplin Public Library to offer Iconic Joplin as an opportunity for area youth to learn more about Joplin history while being VERY CREATIVE with Lego bricks.

Teams of youth, ages 12 to 16, were challenged to recreate local landmarks from LEGO bricks. This also included historical research to learn more about their featured landmark. There are six landmarks including Crystal Cave, Bonnie and Clyde Hideout, Grand Falls, Joplin Union Depot, Joplin Public Library, and Olivia Apartments.
There is a vote for the People's Choice Award for these six landmarks. They are currently displayed at Spiva Center for the Arts in the Cornell Arts and Entertainment Complex until May 13. They'll then move to the Chrisman Building at 5th and Main Street. The deadline for online voting is June 1. If unable to get to these locations, the public can also check out one-minute videos about each landmark and vote for their favorite by visiting https://tally.so/r/3q4lK7. There is also a QR code that viewers can scan with their smartphones.

Just a quick reminder - the Joplin Recycling Center will host a FREE Tire Collection Event on Saturday, May 13 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Center. Automotive passenger tires, with or without rims, will be accepted with a ten-tire per household limit.
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. This collection is funded by the City of Joplin as a community service to help beautify our communities. For more information, contact the Joplin Recycling Center at 417-624-0820, ext. 1501.

There are different days or weeks throughout the year that are designated to recognize various organizations, careers, or even a common initiative, and Next Week is one we should all celebrate! It's Local Government Week. This week recognizes the many ways local government impacts each of us in Joplin, Jasper County and Newton County. Working together, cities, counties and schools are the backbone of our community.

Missouri celebrates Local Government Week from May 7 – 13 and there are many ways local government serves the community, and it couldn't be done without the hundreds of volunteers who serve on boards, commissions, and task forces, as well as our elected City and County officials. This is also time to recognize the many who work in local government agencies, including here at the City of Joplin, Joplin Schools, other cities and school districts and both Jasper and Newton Counties.

This year's theme does a nice job summing it up - All Day. Every Day. Local Government Works for You. Thank you all who have a role in this field.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Tom Robertson spoke regarding public safety tax revenue.

Mary Price spoke regarding continued financial discrepancies, lack of fiscal responsibility.

Brian Evans spoke regarding concerns and former meeting with Council about city finance and public safety.

LaNetta Lewis spoke regarding a rebuttal to Jon Buck on 50mil/shooter ban.

Ayush Patel spoke regarding being against banning 50 mil bottles in Joplin.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Holly Nagy

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-268

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Hoan Van Nguyen spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-268

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-268 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 C-3 (Commercial) property as described below and located at 2927 E 9th St. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Ms. Spencer that Council Bill No. 2023-268 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-268.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESOLUTION NO. 2023-006

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Lillian Bryant spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-006

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-006 - A RESOLUTION granting a Special Use Permit (1st Request) for the operation of a Dominos restaurant with a drive through, located at 2907 E 22nd St in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Ms. Williams that Resolution No. 2023-006 be approved. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, 1.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESOLUTION NO. 2023-007

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Carrie Swanford spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-007

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-007 - A RESOLUTION granting a Special Use Permit (1st Request) for the operation of a Group Day Care Home, located at 4429 W 27th Pl in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer and Stinnett, 7. Nays: 0. Abstained: Williams, 1. Absent: Farnham, 1. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Stinnett that Resolution No. 2023-007 be approved. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, 1.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-269

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Lisa Barnett Percell spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-269

Ms. Spencer introduced Council Bill No. 2023-269 - 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-3 (Apartment House) to R-3 HP (Apartment House, Historic Preservation) property as described below and located at 216 N Wall Ave. Motion by Ms. Spencer, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2023-269 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer and Stinnett, 7. Nays: 0. Abstention: Williams, 1. Absent: Copple, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-269.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, 1.

Minutes of the April 17, 2023, City Council Meeting

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-121

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-121 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Rosetta Construction, Inc., in the amount of Three Million Six Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Nine and 00/100 Dollars ($3,653,729.00) for the East Baker's Branch Sewer Extension, Phases 1 and 2 project; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Stinnett that Council Bill No. 2023-121 be stricken from the agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, 1.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-122

Dr. Farnham introduced Council Bill No. 2023-122 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Rosetta Construction, Inc., in the amount of Seven Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Five and 00/100 Dollars ($794,155.00) for the E. 7th Street Sewer Extension, Phase 2 project; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Dr. Farnham, second by Mr. Stinnett that Council Bill No. 2023-122 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-062.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-354

Ms. Spencer introduced Council Bill No. 2023-354 - AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and B & D Yardbuilders for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 2703 W D St. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Nine dollars & Ninety-Seven cents ($3,899.97); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Ms. Spencer, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2023-354 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-063.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-506

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-506 - AN ORDINANCE adopting a new step pay plan by reference the City Salary Administration Plan; establishing the annual salary of certain Classified and Unclassified positions and Part-Time/Seasonal positions for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as adopted by Ordinance 2022-161 on October 17, 2022; and, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-506 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, and Williams, 5. Nays: Farnham, Spencer, and Stinnett, 3. Absent: Copple, 1. The Council Bill moved to second and third reading.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-007

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-007 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with RestoreSpiva, LLC, and the Community Foundation of the Ozarks for the purpose of RestoreSpiva, LLC, conducting a capital campaign to restore Spiva Park in the City of Joplin; establishing responsibilities for RestoreSpiva, LLC, and the City in maintaining and operating Spiva Park; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Memorandum of Understanding by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Ms. Williams that Council Bill No. 2023-007 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-007.

SECOND AND THIRD READING
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

SITE PLAN REVIEW CASE 020-23 -2907 E 22nd St - Site Plan Review – A Request to review a Site Plan for a drive through Dominos restaurant – Bates Building. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Cortez to approve the site plan. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, 1.

Declare Excess Surplus Property for the City of Joplin Fire Department. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Cortez to declare the property surplus. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, 1.

Confirm Boards and Commissions Appointments

Reappointments:
ADA: Naomi Gonzales
ADA: Jerry Phommachack
Airport: Michael King
Airport: Fred Osborn
Board of Adjustment: Christopher Briley
Building Board of Appeals: Gary Duncan
Housing Authority: Holly Stone
Housing Authority: Eric Colbert
JIDA: Kevin Parker
Traffic Commission: John Bowling
JSA: Hunter Perry
JSA : Jhan Hurn
JSA: David Compton
Library Board: Lisa Erickson
Library Board: Jennifer Baldwin
Personnel Board: Audrey Johnson
Personnel Board: Jeff Hughey
Planning & Zoning: Mary Anne Phillips
Planning & Zoning: Drew Kimble
Traffic Commission: Cassandra Maxfield

Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Cortez to approve the reappointments. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, 1.

Appointments:
Airport: Nathan Keiser
Board of Adjustment: Cassanda Maxfield
Building Board: Michael Wicklund
Capital Improvement: Nathan Mordica
JRC: Steve Holt
Library Board: Diane Reid Adams
Parks & Rec Board: Greg Matzer
Personnel Board: Robert Green
Planning and Zoning Commission: Cole Landis
TIF: Derek Edwards
Traffic Commission: Melissa Zolnierz

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar to approve the appointments. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, 1.

Mr. Stinnett would like to be notified of Requests for Information. Mr. Stinnett also stated that the co-chairs of the Finance Committee would like to request a meeting with Council.

Vote to go into closed session, which shall pertain to leasing, purchasing or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefore as set forth in Section 610.021 (2) RSMo, as amended, 2020. This meeting, record, and vote to be closed to the extent provided by law. The City Council shall adjourn at the end of the session. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar to go into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, 1.

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

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy, City Clerk, MRCC