JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 4, 2026
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The May 4, 2026, regular meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Rob O'Brian.

INVOCATION was read by City Clerk, Holly Nagy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA was led by Lynn Onstot.

ROLL CALL

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Joshua Bard, Charles Copple, Keenan Cortez, Brian Cowles, Josh DeTar, Eli Moran, Rob O'Brian and Mary Price. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

Absent: Ryan Jackson

Motion by Mr. Cowles, second by Ms. Price to excuse the absence of Mr. Jackson. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Cowles, DeTar, Moran, O'Brian and Price, 8. Absent: Jackson, 1.

PRESENTATIONS

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

Lynn Onstot, Public Information Officer presented.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

The following residents addressed Council.

Maurice Filson

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-266

Mayor O'Brian opened the Public Hearing
Andrea Snyder, applicant, spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-266

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2026-266- AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-119, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District M-2 (Heavy Industrial) and District C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) and include in District C-3 (Commercial) property as described below and generally known as 730 N Schifferdecker Ave, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2026-266 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Cowles, DeTar, Moran, O'Brian and Price, 8. Absent: Jackson, 1.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESOLUTION NO. 2026-008

Mayor O'Brian opened the Public Hearing
No one spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-008

Mr. Copple introduced Resolution No. 2026-008- A RESOLUTION granting a Special Use Permit (1st Request) for a Duplex, located at 1721 S Joplin Ave, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Cortez that Resolution No. 2026-008 be passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Cowles, DeTar, Moran, O'Brian and Price, 8. Absent: Jackson, 1.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-268

Mayor O'Brian opened the Public Hearing
No one spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-268

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2026-268- AN ORDINANCE providing to vacate right-of-way for property known as Old McIntosh Cir., lying near property described as 3201 McIntosh Cir., City of Joplin, Newton County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard that Council Bill No. 2026-268 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Cowles, DeTar, Moran, O'Brian and Price, 8. Absent: Jackson, 1.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar to approve the consent agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Cowles, DeTar, Moran, O'Brian and Price, 8. Absent: Jackson, 1.

Minutes of the April 20, 2026, Joplin City Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-113 -AN ORDINANCE approving the issuance of a Purchase Order to Central States Bus Sales Inc., in the amount of Ninety-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars ($96,750.00) for the purchase of one (1) 2026 Ford Transit Van with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant lift and Q'Straint System; by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and. Setting a date when this ordinance shall be effective. **Ordinance No. 2026-069.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-119 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement between the City of Joplin, the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission, and the Missouri & Northern Arkansas Railroad Company, Inc. that pertains to improved warning devices at the Enterprise Avenue railroad crossing; 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. 2026-070.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-123 - AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Masters Elevator Co. LLC in the amount of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Three Hundred Eighty- Three and 20/100 dollars ($180,383.20) for Elevator Modifications and upgrades of the Elevator located at Donald E. Clark Justice Center & an Elevator located at Fire Station #4 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. 2026-071.**

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-007

Mr. Bard introduced Resolution No. 2026-007 - 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 2026; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Plan for and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Ms. Price, that Resolution No. 2026-007 be approved. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Cowles, DeTar, Moran, O'Brian and Price, 8. Absent: Jackson, 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-009

Mr. DeTar introduced Resolution No. 2026-009 - A RESOLUTION recognizing Lynn Onstot upon her retirement from active service as Public Information Officer in the Marketing & Communications Department of the City of Joplin, Missouri. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Cortez, that Resolution No. 2026-009 be approved. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Cowles, DeTar, Moran, O'Brian and Price, 8. Absent: Jackson, 1.

ORIDNANCES – EXPEDITED

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-350

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2026-350 - AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Prime Contracting Inc. for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 403 W. 19th Street; providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an expedited clause. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Ms. Price, that Council Bill No. 2026-350 be passed on an expedited basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Cowles, DeTar, Moran, O'Brian and Price, 8. Absent: Jackson, 1. **Ordinance No. 2026-072.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-351

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2026-351 - AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Courtney Construction for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 202 N. Florida Ave; providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an expedited clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill No. 2026-351 be passed on an expedited basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Cowles, DeTar, Moran, O'Brian and Price, 8. Absent: Jackson, 1. **Ordinance No. 2026-073**.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-006

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2026-006 - AN ORDINANCE repealing and replacing the Joplin City Code, Chapter 114 - Traffic, Article III - Operation of Vehicles; Division 1. - Generally; Section 114-171 - Driving while intoxicated; driving with unlawful blood alcohol content, and repealing Section 114-172 - Driving while under the influence of drugs; and establishing a time for such ordinance to become effective. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill No. 2026-006 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Cowles, DeTar, Moran, O'Brian and Price, 8. Absent: Jackson, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2026-006.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-510

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2026-510 - AN ORDINANCE repealing Section 86-5, Fees at Schifferdecker Golf Course, of Article I, In General, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 86-5, Fees at Schifferdecker Golf Course, of Article I, In General, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin to implement certain fee changes; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective.

Mr. Phil Stinnett addressed Council on this topic.

Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill No. 2026-510 be **stricken**. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Cowles, DeTar, Moran, O'Brian and Price, 8. Absent: Jackson, 1. The Bill was **STRIKEN**.

This item will be discussed under Issues and Options during budget work sessions.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-609

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2026-609 - AN ORDINANCE approving the applications of Tuff Bull Productions and Bright Futures/Safe and Sound Schools for utilization of FY2026 Festivals and Celebrations support pursuant to Ordinance No. 2000-148, as authorized by the voters on November 7, 2000; authorizing the City Manager to execute appropriate agreements with each such organization for the utilization of such funds. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill No. 2026-609 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Cowles, DeTar, Moran, O'Brian and Price, 8. Absent: Jackson, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2026-609.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor O'Brian would like to set up a half day goal setting session for Council in June.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk