JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2018

CALL TO ORDER
The regular meeting for the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m.by Mayor Gary Shaw.

INVOCATION - read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the United States of America was led by Mr. Stanley.

ROLL CALL – Answering Roll Call were Taylor Brown, Melodee Colbert-Kean, Douglas Lawson, Diane Reid Adams, Gary Shaw; Ryan Stanley, Phil Stinnett, and Jim West. Also in attendance were City Manager Sam Anselm and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

PRESENTATIONS

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA –There being no further business to come before the Council, the Consent Agenda was finalized.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
Staffing Update from Chief Stewart. Police Chief Stewart presented the city council with a Police Staffing and Reduction in Services Plan. According to the report, Chief Stewart stated the police department has been faced with staffing shortages for quite some time and as a result there will be a reduction of currently provided services. After some discussion, Mayor Shaw stated that the city council and city staff are working to get this problem solved.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS
Morris Glaze, 3321 Delaware Ave., Joplin, to address the city council regarding golf course items. Mr. Glaze stated he had appeared before the city council at a work session in October 2017 to address some issues at Schifferdecker Golf Course and he still has not heard anything back from the city. City Manager Sam Anselm replied that at the time Mr. Glaze addressed Council in 2017, the City was in the process of putting together the budget for 2017-2018. Sam stated that Parks & Rec. Director Bloomberg gave him additional information today that golf course employees Maron and Daryn looked ahead at the next three years to see what the capital needs for the golf course are going to be. They have included some restrooms, some cart path replacements and potentially some green replacement program. Sam said it would be appropriate to include in the budget request that is submitted to Council and Council can discuss those items over the course of the work sessions this summer and decide whether to put those items in the budget this year or the following two years. Mr. Glaze suggested the City Clerk or Parks Director provide a copy of the Larry Flatt Golf Course Study. Mayor Shaw stated we would follow up on that.

Additional Request: Motion by Mr. West, second by Mr. Stanley to allow Brent Baker to address council. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Lawson, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and West, 8. Nays: 0.
Brent Baker, 602 Joplin St. Joplin, addressed the city council on the Liberty Utilities Customer Savings Plan. Mr. Baker asked the council if there is any way he could help the council understand the current settlement – anything that's missing – to be able to convince the council to support this project. Mr. Stanley asked for a current run down with bullet points on what the new offering is from Empire Liberty. Mr. Baker disclosed the concerns that he was allowed to disclose: 1) protections around the energy marketplace and the risk of negative pricing; Liberty offered a $35 million protection (over the worst-case scenario estimate of $22 million) to customers, meaning they would take their rate requirement down by that amount-whatever that amount is that the customers would have been harmed by. So, if there is a harm, we understood the concern and brought that rate down, so there's more than enough protection over the next 10 years for that; 2). Identification of a contractor, tax equity partner and location of the wind projects. This information cannot be disclosed at this time. Mr. Baker went on to review previous items of discussions. Mayor Shaw stated some of the information presented tonight was new information and that he would like to have the new information given to the council and city attorney in order to make better decisions.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
Public Hearing Procedures – read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer

Mayor Shaw opened the Public Hearing for Resolution No. 2018-011

Bailey Austin, 3132 E. 12th Street, appeared in favor of this item.

No one appeared in opposition to this item.

The public hearing was closed.

Mr. West introduced Resolution No. 2018-011 - a resolution granting a Special Use Permit to Bailey Austin for the operation of a day care center located 3132 E. 12th Street in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. West, second by Mrs. Colbert-Kean to approve Resolution No. 2018-011. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Lawson, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and West. 8.

Mayor Shaw opened the Public Hearing for Council Bill No. 2018-254.

No one appeared in favor of, or in opposition to, this item.

The public hearing was closed.

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2018-254 - an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2004-256, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, November 15, 2004, by removing from District R-1 and including in District C-3 property as described below and located at 1430 S. Range

Line Road, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Requested by Ralph Gray. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second Mr. Brown, to place Council Bill No. 2018-254 on First Reading and advance to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Lawson, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and West, 8. Nays: 0. The council bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2018-254**

Mayor Shaw opened the Public Hearing for Council Bill No. 2018-255.

No one appeared in favor.

Steve Weldon, 1901 Quincy St., appeared in opposition to this item, citing historic value in the home on this property.

Ria Ross, 407 Noel Rd, Joplin, appeared in opposition and asked the city council to consider making this property a city or state park.

The public hearing was closed.

Mr. West introduced Council Bill No. 2018-255 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2004-256, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, November 15, 2004, by removing from District R-1 and including in District R-3 property as described below and located at 210 S. Duquesne Road, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Requested by The Doris Carlin Team for RBC Enterprises Limited Inc. Motion by Mr. West, second by Mr. Brown to **Strike** Council Bill No. 2018-255. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Lawson, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett and West, 7. Nays: 0. Abstention: Stanley, 1 **The council bill was stricken from the agenda.**

Mayor Shaw opened the Public Hearing for Council Bill No. 2018-256.

Bill Richert, 6033 S. Quebec, Tulsa OK appeared in favor of this item.

Casey VanStory, 1601 S. Outer Rd. Joplin, appeared in opposition, stating many of her relatives built near this property because it was family land and zoned residential for single family dwellings. Mrs. VanStory is opposed to the out of state developer who owns the property and she clarified that she's not opposed to future rezoning of the property, but to wait until a serious buyer can be identified and the zoning can be addressed to meet the change of use.

The public hearing was closed.

Mr. West introduced Council Bill No. 2018-256 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2004-256, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, November 15, 2004, by removing from District R-1 and including in District C-3 property as described below and located at Adjacent and South of I-44 at Exit 1, City of Joplin, Newton County, Missouri. Requested by Bill Richert. Motion by Mr. West, second Mr. Stinnett, to **deny** Council Bill No. 2018-256 Voting in favor to deny were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Lawson, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett and West, 7. Nays: Stanley, 1. **Council Bill No. 2018-256 was denied.**

Mayor Shaw opened the Public Hearing for Council Bill No. 2018-257.

Linda Brown, 318 Fox Fire Court, appeared in favor of this item and stated it was ideal for commercial use.

No one appeared in opposition to this item.

The public hearing was closed.

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2018-257-AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2004-256, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, November 15, 2004, by removing from District R-1 and including in District C-3 property as described below and located at 7548 E. 20th Street, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second Mr. West, to place Council Bill No. 2018-257 on First Reading and advance to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Lawson, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and West, 8. Nays: 0. The council bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2018-257**

CONSENT AGENDA. Motion by Mr. Stanley, second by Mr. Stinnett to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Lawson, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and West, 8. Nays: 0

Minutes of the April 16, 2018 Council Meeting

Minutes of the April 27, 2018 Special Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2018-253 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2004-256, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, November 15, 2004, by removing from District R-1 and including in District C-1 property as described below and located 7414 East 32nd Street in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Requested by Thomas Christensen. **Ordinance No. 2018-052**

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

Mr. Stanley introduced Council Bill No. 2018-117 - AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with A-Y-1, LLC for the construction of the Highview Avenue Sidewalk Project in the amount of Four Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand One Hundred Nine-Three and 82/100 dollars ($425,193.82); and 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. Stanley, second by Mrs. Reid Adams, that Council Bill No. 2018-117 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Lawson, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and West, 8. Nays: 0. The council bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2018-053**

Mr. Stanley introduced Council Bill No. 2018-409 - an ordinance authorizing the City of Joplin to amend the Developer Agreement with Joplin Bungalows, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Economic Security Corporation of the Southwest Area, to allocate an additional $154,900 for the acquisition of properties corresponding to the development of the Joplin Bungalows senior housing development project and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute said Agreement; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Stanley, second by Mr. West, that Council Bill No. 2018-409 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Lawson, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and West, 8. Nays: 0. The council bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2018-054**

Ordinances – First Reading

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2018-606-an ordinance approving an Agreement by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri and Publication Printers Corporation, a Colorado Corporation, in the amount of $20,821.00 for the publication of 60,000 copies of the Convention & Visitors Bureau's 2018 Joplin Visitor's Guide; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Agreement by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri; and amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 as adopted by Ordinance 2017-167 on October 16, 2017. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Brown, that Council Bill No. 2018-606 be passed on First Reading and advanced to Second and Third Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Lawson, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and West, 8. Nays: 0. The council bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2018-606**.

Ordinances – Second Reading and Third Reading

Unfinished Business

New Business

Discussion of filling the council vacancy.

City Attorney Peter Edwards explained the process to fill the general council seat vacancy is to accept applications from interested citizens who meet the qualifications for this seat. Once the application process is complete, the applicants will be invited to the May 21, 2018 city council meeting to be interviewed by the city council.

Mr. Stanley suggested setting the deadline to receive applications as 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 to give the council members time to review them before interviewing the applicants at the May 21, meeting. Mr. Stinnett stated he did not want the council to make a decision on May 21 but perhaps be prepared with a decision for a potential special meeting to be scheduled later that week. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. West that the City Clerk's office begins accepting applications at 8:00 a.m. on May 8, 2018 and closing the application process at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2018; meet with the applicants at the May 21 city council meeting, then set the date of the special meeting to appoint a candidate to fill the vacancy. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Lawson, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and West, 8. Nays: 0.

News and announcements from Public Information officer, Lynn Onstot:
Because the Joplin Municipal Court recognizes the difficulties some citizens may have in meeting their obligations with the Municipal Court, it will hold an ***Amnesty Day*** on ***Friday, May 18, 2018.***

Whether someone missed their court date or let a ticket lapse, Amnesty Day gives people the opportunity to take care of cases without the fear of being arrested. This program is productive for both the citizens we serve and the City. Amnesty Day i**s for Joplin Municipal City warrants only.** Persons wanting to learn if they have an outstanding warrant can call 417-627-2930.

The Historic Preservation Commission is hosting 3-day boot camp teaching students to remove, restore and re-install double hung windows in accordance with standards of historic properties. The workshop is scheduled for May 18 through May 20 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Preservation expert Bob Yapp, brings 40-plus years of experience to lead students during the work shop. Participation is $100 per student and spots are limited. Interested individuals may contact Tom Walters in Planning and Community Development. Details for both these events are listed on the City's website.

Announcements from Patrick Tuttle, Director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau:

1988 was a politically active year with a presidential election in which George H.W. Bush beat out Michael Dukakis, and singer Sonny Bono was elected mayor of Palm Springs, CA., and indictments were handed down in the Iran-Contra affair. In the movies, 1988 brought use *Rain Man, Coming to America, Die Hard, Beetlejuice,* and *A Fish Called Wanda.* On the music scene, George Michael convinced us that we had to have "Faith," and Guns N Roses hit it huge with "Sweet Child O' Mine." Both *Roseanne* and *The Wonder Years* pulled us to the small screen. The Winter Olympics were in Calgary, and the Washington Redskins won Super Bowl XXII. The anthem for the year came from Bobby McFerrin – "Don't Worry, Be Happy".

In 1988, Joplin took a new stand to attract guests to the community. In March voters supported the ballot initiative for a 2% lodging tax that, on June 1st created the Joplin Convention & Visitors Bureau (JCVB); providing a tourism marketing effort for the City of Joplin (a second ballot in 2000 brought the Joplin-based lodging tax to its current rate of 4%).

We are excited to announce that June 1, 2018, the Joplin Convention & Visitors Bureau will mark 30 years of *putting out the welcome mat* and bringing guests to Joplin. To mark this anniversary an Open House and Ribbon Cutting are planned to bring together our tourism partners, showcase the Joplin experience, and thank our many supporters. For Joplin Tourism, 2018 is a milestone year!!

National Travel and Tourism Week will be May 6-12, 2018 - celebrates the contributions and accomplishments of the U.S. travel community. The annual tradition brings industry professionals together to highlight the value of travel and consider the broad impact it holds for communities across the country. In 2018, 35 years after National Travel and Tourism Week was established by a congressional resolution, the industry will celebrate with a new theme: "Travel Then and Now." The theme is a challenge to industry leaders to reflect on travel successes of years past while advocating for policies that promote growth for the future.

As in past years the Joplin Convention & Visitors Bureau will support the national effort in recognizing local members of the local tourism industry. The Visitors Bureau, located on the 1st floor of City Hall, 602 S. Main, will hold an Open House, Monday through Thursday, **May 7-11**, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. & 2:00-4:00 p.m.

In line with the national theme of *Travel Then and Now*, the 1st floor of City Hall will host an exhibit of enlarged postcards featuring former Joplin motels. The exhibit, "Joplin Motels: Postcards from the Past," will be available for viewing during regular business hours in May and June.

June 1, 2018 will mark the 30th anniversary of the formation of the JCVB. The public is invited to a **30TH ANNIVERSARY RIBBON CUTTING** at 2:00 p.m. at the WELCOME TO JOPLIN sign in front of Cracker Barrel. Following the brief ceremony, a reception will follow in the lobby of TownePlace Suites by Marriott, 4026 S. Arizona Avenue.

Additionally, the Joplin Convention & Visitors Bureau will be the co-host for the May *Third Thursday*.

As part of the May 17 Third Thursday, the area of Main & 6th Streets which wraps around City Hall will be dotted with tourism partners representing five different categories - Attraction, Arts, Events, Lodging and Sports. Though each will showcase their own events and offerings, they are all important contributors to the overall local tourism & hospitality industry.

For this Third Thursday, the 1st floor of City Hall will be open to allow access to the Visitors Bureau and visitor information, and for the public to view *Joplin Motels: Post Cards from the Past*, an exhibit featuring former Joplin motels through vintage post cards.

Comments from City Council members:
Mr. Stinnett stated: I would hope that we would remember to be civil when we're up here and when someone comes to make a request and goes through the process to speak, I think we need to be as civil as we possibly can; and I hope we set that example.

Mr. Stinnett also commented that Mr. Baker (from Liberty Empire) implied that the city attorney hadn't kept the council totally informed on the wind energy project; however, Mr. Stinnett felt the city attorney did exactly as he's paid to do as the city's counsel.

Mayor Shaw agreed that the city attorney did an outstanding job.

Mrs. Colbert-Kean asked if there are any plans for the current senior citizen building that will soon be vacant. Troy Bolander, Planning and Community Development Director stated there are no plans at this time. Mrs. Colbert-Kean asked about the possibility of relocating NALA to the senior citizen building and selling the current NALA building (the old Social Security building). City Manager Anselm stated that building is still owned by the State and the city leases the space but he wasn't sure how much the lease is. PW Director David Hertzberg stated he would research this and report back to the CM.

Mayor Shaw stated he had attended the unveiling of a mural at Mercy Park titled "Together We Create". The mural was created by an Art Feeds workshop with 50 children ages Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. He said it was an outstanding event. Mercy Health Systems helped supply the

funds for this project. Paul Whitehill put the mural in tile form. Mayor Shaw stated to CM Anselm that he was very proud that the park looked outstanding.

Mayor Shaw stated he received an email from a citizen commending a Health Dept. employee, Tristan Weathers, who came to her aid recently by helping her get the medical attention she needed. Health Director Dan Pekarek was at the council meeting and Mayor Shaw asked Dan to compliment Tristan on the council's behalf and to thank him for representing the city so well. Mayor Shaw stated he wanted all employees to know they're appreciated and we're working to make Joplin the place you want to work and continue to work -just give us a little time and we're going to accomplish that.

Mr. West asked about the status of the odor issue. Mr. Edwards stated they have a draft of the ordinance that mirrors the Department of Natural Resources regulations. He stated they have been meeting with various industries here in the city who have been identified as possible contributors to the odor problem. More meetings are planned so they are trying to be proactive in finding solutions from these various companies and understanding what they've been doing themselves to maybe try to fix their problems. We work at the council's direction, but if you give us a little bit more time, we'll have a more comprehensive platform to get back to you maybe sometime in June to let you know where things stand.

Mr. Stanley asked if the issue with the city attorney's microphone can be addressed. City Manager Anselm stated he would get it checked.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully,

Barbara J. Gollhofer, City Clerk, MRCC