JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 18, 2026
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The May 18, 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 Chuck Copple.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATIONS

Historic Preservation Month Proclamation
Mayor O'Brian presented.

National Public Works Week Proclamation
Mayor O'Brian presented.

Semi Annual Insurance Update by Segal
Kim Wixon from Segal presented.

FY 2025 Audit Presentation
Jonathan Nibarger from AGH presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office
Cassie Faucett, Public Information Officer, presented.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

The following residents addressed Council.

Maurice Filson
Frank Thompson
Chris Stockton
Amanda Bearden

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Bard to approve the consent agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Cowles, DeTar, Jackson, Moran, O'Brian and Price, 9.

Minutes of the May 4, 2026, Joplin City Council Meeting

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. **Ordinance No. 2026-074.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2026-075.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2026-076.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2026-077.**

RESOLUTIONS

ORIDNANCES – EXPEDITED

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-511

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2026-511- AN ORDINANCE approving the Second Amendment to the 1717 Market Place Tax Increment Financing Plan; and containing an expedited clause. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill No. 2026-511 be passed on an expedited basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Cowles, DeTar, Jackson, Moran, O'Brian and Price, 9. **Ordinance No. 2026-078.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-128

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2026-128 - AN ORDINANCE approving the execution of an Occupancy License Agreement between Missouri & Northern Arkansas Railroad Company Inc. (MNA) and the City of Joplin, as it pertains to construction of an underground sanitary sewer pipeline crossing related to the 7th Street Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project across railroad right-of-way; establishing certain obligations for the continuation of the occupancy, including payment of an annual fee of Nine Hundred Sixty and 00/100 Dollars ($960.00); 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. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill No. 2026-128 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Cowles, DeTar, Jackson, Moran, O'Brian and Price, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2026-128.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-261

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2026-261 - AN ORDINANCE amending the Joplin Development Code, Ordinance No. 2022-119, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, being Appendix 29-A of the Joplin Municipal Code.

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Ms. Price to remove this item from the table. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Cowles, DeTar, Jackson, Moran, O'Brian and Price, 8. Nay: Bard, 1.

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Jackson that Council Bill No. 2026-261 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Cowles, DeTar, Jackson, Moran, O'Brian and Price, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2026-261.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-611

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2026-611 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) for the purchase of a 2019 Freightliner M2 4x4 Diesel Terex Hi-Ranger Aerial Device Bucket Truck through IEG Infrastructure Equipment Group for the not to exceed price of One Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and Fifty-Nine Cents ($151,774.59) 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. Bard, that Council Bill No. 2026-611 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Cortez, Cowles, DeTar, Jackson, Moran, O'Brian and Price, 8. Nays: Copple, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2026-611.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-612

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2026-612 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Weatherproofing Technologies Inc. for the Roof Restoration and Repairs of the Joplin History and Mineral Museum through the Omnia Partners Cooperative in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and Forty Cents ($121,348.40) and authorizing the City Manager 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. Bard, that Council Bill No. 2026-612 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Cowles, DeTar, Jackson, Moran, O'Brian and Price, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2026-612.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Jackson requested that information regarding yard signs be shared with Council. City Attorney Edwards stated that there are some changes coming forward pertaining to signage soon.

Mr. Jackson would like the city to find the money for drones for PD to combat speeding issues. City Manager Edwards suggested this as a work session item.

Mr. Cortez would like to look at Ms. Bearden's proposal pertaining to the camping ordinance. City Manager Edwards suggested this as a work session item.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk