JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 1, 2026
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
The June 1, 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 Keenan Cortez.

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

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA
Mr. DeTar pulled Council Bill No. 2026-261 from the Consent Agenda. This item will be discussed under Second and Third Reading.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS
PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-269
Mayor O'Brian opened the Public Hearing
Charles Corrasco, spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-269
Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2026-269- AN ORDINANCE providing to vacate a utility easement for property known as that part of vacated Harlem Ave, lying near property described as 1400 W 4th St, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2026-269 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Cowles, DeTar, Jackson, Moran, O'Brian and Price, 9.

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

Minutes of the May 18, 2026, Joplin City Council Meeting

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.
Ordinance No. 2026-079.

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.
Ordinance No. 2026-080.

RESOLUTIONS
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-011
Mr. Bard introduced Resolution No. 2026-011 - A RESOLUTION to assign the Finance Committee with evaluating the impact of the State's Income Tax Elimination Proposal. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. DeTar, that Resolution No. 2026-011 be approved. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Cowles, DeTar, Jackson, Moran, O'Brian and Price, 9.

ORIDNANCES – EXPEDITED
COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-008
Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2026-008 - AN ORDINANCE exempting the City of Joplin from the provisions of section 311.2026, RSMo., relating to liquor licensees; and expediting the enactment of said ordinance. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. DeTar, that Council Bill No. 2026-008 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. 2026-081.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-512

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2026-512 - AN ORDINANCE approving termination of the Redevelopment Agreement for the 1717 Market Place Tax Increment Financing Plan; and containing an expedited clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Cortez, that Council Bill No. 2026-512 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. 2026-082.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-513

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2026-513- AN ORDINANCE dissolving the Special Allocation Fund for the 1717 Market Place Tax Increment Financing Plan and Redevelopment Projects and terminating the designation of the Redevelopment Area of the 1717 Market Place Tax Increment Financing Plan; and containing an expedited clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Cortez, that Council Bill No. 2026-513 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. 2026-083.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-007

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2026-007 - AN ORDINANCE repealing and replacing the Joplin City Code, Chapter 82 - Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article III - Offenses Against Public Peace; Division I. - Generally; and specifically, Section 82-74 - Harassment; and establishing a time for such ordinance to become effective. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar, that Council Bill No. 2026-007 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Moran, O'Brian and Price, 8. Nays: Cowles, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2026-007.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-124

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2026-124 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into a Agreement with McClanahan Construction Company, Inc. for the 2026 Miscellaneous Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements in the amount of Nine Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($948,000.00) 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. 2026-124 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. 2026-124.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-125

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2026-125 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an Agreement with Joplin Industrial Electric, Inc. for the 2026 Miscellaneous Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Upgrades in the amount of Nine Hundred One Thousand Fifty-Two and 00/100 Dollars ($901,052.00) 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. Bard, second by Mr. DeTar, that Council Bill No. 2026-125 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. 2026-125.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-514

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2026-514 - AN ORDINANCE amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as adopted by Ordinance 2025-143 on October 20, 2025, to adjust appropriations; and, setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill No. 2026-514 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. 2026-514.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-610

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2026-610 - AN ORDINANCE approving a consulting agreement with Place Foundry PLLC. in the not to exceed amount of Two Hundred Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($217,500.00) to provide for the evaluation, planning and implementation services for the commercial and residential development and re-development of applicable land and facilities on and surrounding Missouri Southern State University, the Northpark Mall, and generally the Newman Road, Duquesne, and North Range Line area, authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and, amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as adopted by Ordinance 2025-143 on October 20, 2025; and, setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill No. 2026-610 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. 2026-610.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-614

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2026-614 - AN ORDINANCE to approve a revised Employee Promotion Policy from the Employee Handbook (Rules and Regulations) and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Ms. Price, that Council Bill No. 2026-614 be **TABLED.** 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. 2026-614 and was **TABLED**.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-261

Mr. DeTar 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. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard that Council Bill No. 2026-261 move to second reading, advance to third and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Cowles, DeTar, Jackson, Moran, O'Brian and Price, 9. **Ordinance No. 2026-084.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-611

Mr. Cortez 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. Cortez, second by Mr. Jackson that Council Bill No. 2026-611 move to second reading, advance to third and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Cortez, Cowles, DeTar, Jackson, Moran, and O'Brian. 7. Nays: Copple and Price. 2. **Ordinance No. 2026-085.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Chris Hammer and Cory Fisk addressed Council at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk