JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 2, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
The June 2, 2025, regular meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Cortez.

INVOCATION was read by City Clerk, Holly Nagy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA was led by the Joplin Association for the Blind.

ROLL CALL
Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Joshua Bard, Charles Copple, Keenan Cortez, Mark Farnham, Ryan Jackson, Doug Lawson and Gary Shaw. Also, in attendance were Assistant City Manager Tony Robyn and Assistant City Attorney Andrea Knoblock.

Absent: Doris Carlin, Josh DeTar

Motion by Mr. Copple, Second by Mr. Lawson to excuse the absence of Doris Carlin and Josh DeTar, 2. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 7. Absent: Carlin, DeTar, 2.

PRESENTATIONS
Introduction of Matthew Fry President/CEO of Freeman Health Systems

Annual Audit Presentation
Brian Evans spoke on this item. Johnathan Nibarger from AGH presented.

Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Update
Travis Stephens, President/CEO presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
News from the Public Information Office
Lynn Onstot, Public Information Officer, presented.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS
Maurice Filson spoke regarding excessive speeding between 8th and Railroad on Vermont.

Audi Perez spoke regarding excessive fast driving and people running stop signs.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
Public Hearing procedures were read by City Clerk Holly Nagy

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-270
Mayor Cortez 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. 2025-270
Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-270 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District M-2 (Heavy Industrial) and include in District R-3 (Multi-Family Residential) property as described below and generally known as 1148 S Pennsylvania Ave, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Bard that Council Bill 2025-270 be placed on the first reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 7. Absent: Carlin, DeTar, 2.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESOLUTION NO. 2025-007
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Aaron Garrison spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-007
Mr. Jackson introduced Resolution No. 2025-007 - A RESOLUTION granting a Special Use Permit (1st Request) for duplexes, located at 3105 Wisconsin Ave, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Bard that Resolution No. 2025-007 be passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 7. Absent: Carlin, DeTar, 2.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CASE NO. 018-25
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
The following spoke in favor of this item.

- Rhonda Thompson
- Kyle Denham
- Morris Glaze

No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

CASE NO. 018-25
Mr. Bard introduced Case No. 018-25 - 1201 S Byers Ave – Site Plan Review – A request to review a site plan for a small-format home development – Vita Nova Village. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. Jackson that Case No. 018-25 be approved. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 6. Absent: Carlin, DeTar, 2. Abstained: Farnham, 1.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Lawson to approve the consent agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 7. Absent: Carlin, DeTar, 2.

Minutes of the May 5, 2025 City Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-120 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement and Purchase Order 2025A with Ace Pipe Cleaning, Inc. for the 2025 Evaluation and Rehabilitation Toolbox for Wastewater Collection System in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($750,000.00) 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. **Ordinance No. 2025-062.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-268 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from R-1 (Single-Family Residential) and include in District C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) property as described below and generally known as 410 W 26th St, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2025-063.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-269 - AN ORDINANCE providing to vacate part of a street, lying north of property described as 2100 E Rolla St, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2025-064.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-516 - AN ORDINANCE adopting an updated step pay plan by reference the City Salary Administration Plan; establishing the annual salary of certain Classified and Unclassified positions for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; and, setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. **Ordinance No. 2025-065.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-611 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Contract by and between the City of Joplin and RAVENii, LLC., to implement Co-Managed Services and Network Upgrades; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Contract by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an effective date. **Ordinance No. 2025-066.**

RESOLUTIONS

ORIDNANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-517

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2025-517 - AN ORDINANCE approving the Real Estate Contract by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, a Municipal Corporation, and Melissa Dickerson, for the sale of one parcel located at 201 North Tyler Avenue, totaling approximately 750 square feet of land; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Dr. Farnham, that Council Bill 2025-517 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 7. Absent: Carlin, DeTar, 2. **Ordinance No. 2025-067.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-518

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-518- AN ORDINANCE approving the Real Estate Contract by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, a Municipal Corporation, and Boyd Metals of Joplin, for the sale of one parcel located at 10th Street and Byers Avenue, totaling approximately 25 square feet of land; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Bard that Council Bill 2025-518 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 7. Absent: Carlin, DeTar, 2. **Ordinance No. 2025-068.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-519

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-519- AN ORDINANCE approving the Real Estate Contract by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, a Municipal Corporation, and James Crane, for the sale of one parcel located at West of 402 North Mineral Avenue, totaling approximately 2,500 square feet of land; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Bard that Council Bill 2025-519 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 7. Absent: Carlin, DeTar, 2. **Ordinance No. 2025-069.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-520

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2025-520- AN ORDINANCE approving the Real Estate Contract by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, a Municipal Corporation, and Country Care Properties, LLC., for the sale of one parcel located at the Southwest corner of Spring and Division, totaling approximately 1,200 square feet of land; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Dr.Farnham that Council Bill 2025-520 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 7. Absent: Carlin, DeTar, 2. **Ordinance No. 2025-070.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-521

Dr. Farnham introduced Council Bill No. 2025-521- AN ORDINANCE approving the Real Estate Contract by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, a Municipal Corporation, and Murrell and Kristi Bass, for the sale of one parcel located at North of Central Street and Galena Avenue, totaling approximately 4,482 square feet of land; and authorizing the City Manager 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. Jackson that Council Bill 2025-521 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 7. Absent: Carlin, DeTar, 2. **Ordinance No. 2025-071.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-522

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-522- AN ORDINANCE approving the Real Estate Contract by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, a Municipal Corporation, and Mr. Zazzle's Homes, LLC., for the sale of one parcel located at 1005 West 6th Street, totaling approximately 3,744 square feet of land; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill 2025-522 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 7. Absent: Carlin, DeTar, 2. **Ordinance No. 2025-072.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-003

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2025-003- AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 82 – Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, as it pertains to hunting within city limits; establishing regulations; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

Discussion ensued.

Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. Jackson to amend the ordinance to change the age requirement from 21 years to 16 years old and if a person is under 16, they must have a licensed adult with them. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, and Shaw, 6. Nays: Lawson, 1. Absent: Carlin, DeTar, 2.

Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Jackson that the all people must have a hunter safety license, and the requirements must match the Missouri Department of Conservation requirements. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 7. Absent: Carlin, DeTar, 2.

Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Dr. Farnham that the hunters' and their arrows must be assigned unique ID Number if they do not have a hunter safety number. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 7. Absent: Carlin, DeTar, 2.

Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. Copple that there be a right of retrieval with permission of property owner. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 7. Absent: Carlin, DeTar, 2.

Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. Jackson that amended Council Bill No. 2025-003 be passed on first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, and Lawson, 5. Nays: Copple, Shaw, 2. Absent: Carlin, DeTar, 2. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-003.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-109

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-109 - AN ORDINANCE approving the issuance of a Purchase Order to United Access in the amount of Fifty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Two Dollars and No Cents ($55,502.00) for the replacement of the two Wheelchair Lifts on the large trolley; amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as adopted by Ordinance 2024-151 on October 21, 2024; and, setting a date when this ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Lawson, that Council Bill 2025-109 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 7. Absent: Carlin, DeTar, 2. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-109.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-124

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-124- AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Emery Sapp and Sons Inc. in the amount of Two Million Eight Hundred Forty Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Three and 59/100 dollars ($2,840,723.59) for construction of the Zora Street Improvements Phase 2 project 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. Copple, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill 2025-124 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 7. Absent: Carlin, DeTar, 2. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-124.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Copple would like for the following to be reviewed:

* crews to look at the tree branches that fell in Fairview Cemetery.
* Alley at 8th and 10th street to be looked at due to potholes and washed-out areas.
* Senior Center handicap parking.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk