JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 15, 2023
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The May 15, 2023, regular meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Doug Lawson.

INVOCATION was read by City Clerk Holly Nagy.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA was led by Mr. Phil Stinnett.

ROLL CALL

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Charles Copple, Keenan Cortez, Josh DeTar, Mark Farnham Doug Lawson, Gary Shaw, Phil Stinnett, Kate Spencer, and Christina Williams. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

PRESENTATIONS

GFOA Certificate of Achievement Presentation

A video from GFOA was shown.

FY 2022 Audit Presentation

Michael Keenan, Senior Manager with Hood & Associates presented.

ARPA Update

Dami Kehinde from Guidehouse presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

As a recipient of a Community Forestry grant from the Missouri Department of Conservation, Joplin Parks and Recreation will be updating its existing tree inventory in City Parks. Within this work, trees are also being assessed for risk in City Parks, by identifying the structural condition of the trees for potential failure.

The Community Forestry Grant is part of the MDC Community Conservation Program to assist communities with promoting the benefits of and improving their community forest. MDC has been a strong partner for the City of Joplin throughout the years. We appreciate their support and assistance in maintaining a healthy green canopy within our community.

From the Joplin Celebrations Commission...

Thank you to all those who prepared their yards, business fronts, parks, and school grounds for the city-wide Iris Garden Tour that took place this past Saturday. 25 locations were part of the self-paced tour. We appreciate everyone's participation in this Sesquicentennial event.

The next film of the Joplin Goes to the Movies series is There's No Business-Like Show Business. The showing is set for 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 25, at the Central Christian Center, 410 S. Virginia Avenue. Please use the Virginia Ave. entrance. The movie is free.

The 1954 classic with a cast that includes Ethel Merman, Donald O'Connor, Marilyn Monroe, Johnnie Ray, and Mitzi Gaynor, also includes one of our own -- a 19-year-old Carol Lou Clark, or as many of us know her - Carol Parker! She was cast as one of only five dancers in the chorus line. Carol will provide some insight into her experience prior to the film starting.

And on Wednesday, June 28, CFI and Visit Joplin are co-hosts for the return to Joplin of The Great Race. 120 of the finest road-worthy antique and classic automobiles will line the 300 to 500 block of Main Street starting at 4:30 p.m. Joplin is hosting the end and overnight stay as day five of the 9-day event concludes. Only cars built in 1974 and earlier can participate. In all, the Great Race covers more than 2,300 miles. It starts in St. Augustine, Florida, on June 24 and the race will be completed on July 2 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. More information is available at VisitJoplinMO.com or CelebrateJoplin.com.

Just a quick reminder - the City's Tree Limb and Brush Drop-Off is open next weekend. It will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, May 19, and Saturday, May 20. The drop-off site is located at 1702 North Schifferdecker Avenue, just about a half-mile north of Belle Center Road on the west side of Schifferdecker. For more information, contact the Joplin Recycling Center at 417-624-0820, ext. 1501.

For viewers who may want to revisit this presentation, they can now view the PowerPoint slides and the written announcements on our website. They can find this easily by going to www.joplinmo.org/PIOnews or to our page and searching for Public Information Announcements.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Vishal Ghandi spoke regarding ban on 50 mls liquor sales.

Robert Pagano spoke regarding proposed ban of 50 mil liquor bottles.

Dan Shaul spoke regarding 50 mil bottle ban.

LaNetta Lewis spoke regarding ban on 50 and 100 mil bottles.

Mary Price spoke regarding fiscal responsibility, recent sunshine request.

Brian Evans spoke regarding city employee pay and small business.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Holly Nagy

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-510

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-510

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-510 AN ORDINANCE approving a Petition to Establish the 32nd Street Theatre Community Improvement District and creating the 32nd Street Theatre Community Improvement District; approving a Cooperative Agreement among the City of Joplin, Missouri, the 32nd Street Theatre Community Improvement District, the 32nd Street Place Community Improvement District, and Woodsonia Joplin, LLC; authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Detar to continue the public hearing on the establishment of the proposed 32nd Street Theatre Community Improvement District to the City Council meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m., on June 5, 2023, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 5th Floor. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Ms. Spencer to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Minutes of the May 1, 2023, City Council Meeting.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-007 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with RestoreSpiva, LLC, and the Community Foundation of the Ozarks for the purpose of RestoreSpiva, LLC, conducting a capital campaign to restore Spiva Park in the City of Joplin; establishing responsibilities for RestoreSpiva, LLC, and the City in maintaining and operating Spiva Park; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Memorandum of Understanding by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-064.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-268 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District R-1 (Single-Family Residential) to C-3 (Commercial) property as described below and located at 2927 E 9th St. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-065**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-269 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District R-3 (Apartment House) to R-3 HP (Apartment House, Historic Preservation)

property as described below and located at 216 N Wall Ave. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-066**.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-008

Mr. Cortez introduced Resolution No. 2023-008 - A RESOLUTION of the City of Joplin, Missouri, authorizing the City to enter into an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subrecipient Agreement with Jasper County through the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Program to purchase the MOSWIN, or Missouri Statewide Interoperability Network System. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Shaw that Resolution No. 2023-008 be passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-121

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-121 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Infrastructure Solutions, Inc., in the amount of Three Million Six Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Eight and 00/100 Dollars ($3,648,608.00) for the Baker's Branch East Wastewater Extension project; 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. Cortez, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2023-121 be stricken from the agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. This item was stricken.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-507

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-507 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Contract by and between the City of Joplin and Motorola Solutions, Inc. to provide Missouri Statewide Interoperability Network System (MOSWIN) on behalf of the Joplin Police Department; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Contract by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and, Amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as adopted by Ordinance 2022-161 on October 17, 2022; and, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Ms. Spencer that Council Bill No. 2023-507 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9.
Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-067.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-508

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-508 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Contract by and between the City of Joplin and Guidehouse Inc. for a performance time extension to provide ARPA-Infrastructure related assistance; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Contract by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2023-508 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9.

Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-068.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-008

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-008 - AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 10 – Alcoholic Beverages, Article I – In General, by enacting a new Section 10-19 – Prohibition of shooters.

Ms. Joyce Hardcastle spoke regarding this item. She is in favor of ban.

Mr. Jon Thomas Buck spoke regarding this item. He is in favor of ban.

Mr. Sam Gaskill spoke regarding this item. He is in favor of ban.

Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar to deny Council Bill No. 2023-008. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, DeTar, Farnham, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 6. Nays: Cortez, Lawson, Shaw 3. Council Bill No. 2023-008 was denied.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-405

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-405 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement between the City of Joplin, Missouri, and The Southwest Missouri Community Alliance that pertains to CDBG-CV public service grant funds; authorizing the City Manager to execute same on behalf of the City. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Shaw that Council Bill No. 2023-405 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Abstained: Williams, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-405.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-506

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-506 - AN ORDINANCE adopting a new step pay plan by reference the City Salary Administration Plan; establishing the annual salary of certain Classified and Unclassified positions and Part-Time/Seasonal positions for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as adopted by Ordinance 2022-161 on October 17, 2022; and, setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Shaw to pass Council Bill No. 2020-506 on Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, and Williams, 6. Nays: Farnham, Spencer, Stinnett, 3. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-069**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Stinnett would like to include the discussion on the repairing/winterizing of Joe Becker stadium on a future agenda. Mr. Nick Edwards suggested the discussion take place during the Issues and Options portion of the budget discussions.

Vote To Go Into Closed Session, Which Shall Pertain To Legal Action, Causes Of Action, Or Litigation Including A Public Governmental Body And Any Confidential Or Privileged Communications Between A Governmental Body Or Its Representatives And Its Attorneys Pursuant To State Law, And To Discuss Leasing, Purchase Or Sale Of Real Estate By A Governmental Body Where Public Knowledge Of The Transaction Might Adversely Affect The Legal Consideration Thereof, Pursuant To State Law; As Set Forth In Section 610.021 (1) (2) RSMo, As Amended, 2020. This Meeting, Record, And Vote To Be Closed. Council Shall Adjourn At The End Of The Session. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Ms. Spencer to go into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy, City Clerk, MRCC