JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 16, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
The June 16, 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 Joplin NALA Read.

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

PRESENTATIONS
Public Works Department Update

Dan Johnson, Director of Public Works presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

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

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-523
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
David Henkie (Hermann Lumber) spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-523
Council Bill No. 2025-523 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Petition to Remove Property From the Joplin Sports Facility Community Improvement District and Containing an Emergency Clause. No action was taken. The item will be considered during Emergency Ordinances.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-524
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
David Geisler spoke in favor of this item.
Julia Wommack spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-524
Council Bill No. 2025-524 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Petition to Add Property to the Joplin Sports Facility Community Improvement District and Containing an Emergency Clause. No action was taken. The item will be considered during Emergency Ordinances.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. DeTar to approve the consent agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

Minutes of the June 2, 2025 City Council Meeting

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-073.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-074.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-075.**

RESOLUTIONS
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-008
Mr. Jackson introduced Resolution No. 2025-008 - AN RESOLUTION Extending the "Proposition Action Implementation and Oversight Committee". Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Dr. Farnham to approve Resolution No. 2025-008. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

ORIDNANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-523

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-523 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Petition to Remove Property From the Joplin Sports Facility Community Improvement District and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson, that Council Bill 2025-523 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. **Ordinance No. 2025-076.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-524

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-524- AN ORDINANCE approving a Petition to Add Property to the Joplin Sports Facility Community Improvement District and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard that Council Bill 2025-524 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.
Ordinance No. 2025-077.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-525

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-525- AN ORDINANCE approving the Real Estate Contract by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, a Municipal Corporation, and Brigitte Morales, for the sale of one parcel located at 916 Jackson Avenue, totaling approximately 5,134 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. Bard that Council Bill 2025-525 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. **Ordinance No. 2025-078.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-526

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2025-526- AN ORDINANCE approving the Real Estate Contract by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, a Municipal Corporation, and Masada Contracting LLC., for the sale of one parcel located at 1210 Iowa Avenue, totaling approximately 6,000 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 Mr. Jackson that Council Bill 2025-526 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. **Ordinance No. 2025-079.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-527

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2025-527- AN ORDINANCE 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, to adjust appropriations and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. Jackson that Council Bill 2025-527 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. **Ordinance No. 2025-080.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-612

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-612- AN ORDINANCE approving an application for grant money by the City of Joplin, Missouri to the Department of Justice (DOJ) Community Oriented Policing Services dealing generally with Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness; authorizing the police department to apply on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill 2025-612 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. Ordinance **No. 2025-081**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-613

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-613- AN ORDINANCE approving an application for grant money by the City of Joplin, Missouri to the Department of Justice (DOJ) Community Oriented Policing Services dealing generally with Law Enforcement Crisis response and de-escalation enhancement; authorizing the police department to apply on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill 2025-613 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. **Ordinance No. 2025-082**.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-125

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-125- AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Sunrise Elevator Company, Inc in the amount of Six Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Eight and 00/100 dollars ($636,348.00) for the construction of the City Hall Elevator Modernization project and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; 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. Lawson, second by Mr. DeTar that amended Council Bill No. 2025-125 be passed on first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-125.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-127

Dr.Farnham introduced Council Bill No. 2025-127 - AN ORDINANCE approving Amendment 1 to Work Authorization OLS-WIL-03 with Olsson in the not to exceed amount of Ninety-Eight Thousand and 00/100 dollars ($98,000.00) for professional engineering services for the Willow Branch 7th Street Improvements 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 Dr. Farnham, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill 2025-127 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-127.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-128

Dr. Farnham introduced Council Bill No. 2025-128- AN ORDINANCE approving Amendment 1 to Work Authorization OLS-OC22-02 with Olsson in the not to exceed amount of One Hundred Eight Thousand Three Hundred Fifty and 00/100 dollars ($108,350.00) for professional engineering consulting services for the design of the Grand Falls Trail; 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 Dr. Farnham, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill 2025-128 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-128.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

AMENDED COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-003

Mr. Bard introduced Amended Council Bill No. 2025-003- AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 82 - Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Section 82-191 – Unlawful Use of Weapons; Exceptions, as it pertains to hunting within city limits; establishing regulations; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill NO. 2025-003 move to second reading, advance to third and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, and Lawson, 6. Nays: Carlin, Copple, Shaw, 3. **Ordinance No. 2025-083.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

The following appointments were confirmed for Boards and Commissions.

Reappointments:

ADA Committee: Camille Turner
ADA Committee: Jamy Spry
Airport Board: Brian Jones
Board of Adjustment: Chase Kraft
Board of Adjustment: Christopher Briley
Building Board: Michael Wicklund
Building Board: Crystal Harrington
Building Board: Steve Brown
JIDA: Jim Scott
JIDA: Morris Glaze
JRC: Clayton Shilling
Library Board: Jean Colthrap
Library Board: Mary Gaarder
Library Board: Emily Stanley
Parks & Rec: Greg Matzer
Parks & Rec: Brad McIntyre
Planning & Zoning: Benjamin Rosenberg
Planning & Zoning: Gary Spruce
Police & Fire Pension: Ken Copeland
JRC: Stephen Holt

Appointments:

ADA Committee: Carol Eck, Kali Sweet, Linda Tucker
Airport Board: Thomas Christensen, Tom Robertson
Board of Health: Sofyan Sayfo
Building Board of Appeals: Rob O'Brian
CVB Advisory Board: Ethan Tresemer
Historic Preservation: Diane Reid Adams, Hannah Provin
JRC: Bethany McKenzie
JSA: James Weber

Parks & Rec: Heather Ogden, Drew Roy
Planning & Zoning: Crystal Harrington
Solid Waste: Christina Williams

Mr. Copple would like the following to be reviewed:
* Jake Brakes signage and enforcement on 249 and Duquesne.

Mr. Jackson would like the following to be reviewed:
* Construction in parks, policies sent to Council regarding guarding off construction areas in parks.

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

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk