# JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
# JUNE 5, 2023
# MEETING MINUTES

## CALL TO ORDER

The June 5, 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 Dr. Mark Farnham

## 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

### Homelessness Strategic Plan

Tony Robyn, Assistant City Manager presented.

## FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

## REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

Now that summer is here, so are the mosquitoes. The Joplin Health Department operates a mosquito control program within Joplin's city limits. This program utilizes ultra-low volume fogging to treat adult mosquitoes and mosquito breeding areas in and around neighborhoods. Fogging routes will be posted on the City of Joplin website: www.joplinmo.org under Health Department, Environmental Health, and Mosquito & Vector Control.

While these efforts help control mosquito populations, citizens play an important role in controlling their presence in the community. Mosquitoes need standing water to reproduce, and as little as one teaspoonful of water is enough to achieve this reproduction. Citizens should check places where water may accumulate, such as gutters, bird baths, untreated swimming pools, and tires. Eliminating these sources is the most effective way to minimize mosquitos.

If citizens are encountering large quantities of mosquitoes, please call the Health Dept. at 417-623-6122 and they can help for everyone can have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Have a teen getting behind the wheel soon? Check out First Impact, a 90-minute traffic safety program that educates parents and teen drivers. The program is designed to reduce the number of motor vehicle fatalities, injuries and accidents among teen drivers and will provide parents with the tools to monitor, coach, and support their new driver.

The City of Joplin Health Department is hosting this program on Thursday, June 22 from 6 PM to 7:30 PM at the Joplin Public Library. Registration is required. For more information contact the Health Department at 417-623-6122, ext. 1286 or find more information on the city's website at joplinmo.org.

There are more Sesquicentennial events coming up this week. I'd like to invite Patrick Tuttle with the Visitors Bureau and Celebrations Commission to the podium to tell you more about these.

Flying In and out of Joplin - A HISTORY OF JOPLIN AIRLINES
Presented by Freedom of Flight Museum June 5-7, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Joplin Regional Airport Main Terminal at 7331 State Highway 43 in Joplin. Tour guides are available during these times.

Self-guided tours through Friday, June 30. This Sesquicentennial event offers a stroll through the variations of passenger airline travel through Joplin airports. Viewers learn about Joplin's numerous airline carriers and how they contributed to area transportation options and economies using printed and video media. Visitors can pose for a photo in front of the podium Senator John F. Kennedy used as he made a 1960 campaign speech at the Joplin Terminal. Explore other stories of historic aircraft and their pilots gracing Joplin's skies. Free to the public. Geocache location at the site.

Joplin Goes to the Movies – "DUEL" (5th movie of the Series of 8 movies)
Presented by Missouri Eagle and Visit Joplin

June 8, Showtimes 5 p.m. & 7:30 p.m., Bookhouse Cinema, 715 E. Broadway, Joplin
This Sesquicentennial event comprises eight events between April and July 2023, showcasing eight movies featuring events or actors connected to Joplin. Seating is limited to 45. The restaurant will be open before each show.

Duel, 1971
In Steven Spielberg's first full-length movie, Duel, a traveling salesman (Dennis Weaver) is harassed by a menacing 40-ton truck on a remote desert highway. Brilliant in its simplicity, the cult favorite takes road rage to a dangerous level as the traveler, and the mysterious truck driver are pitted against one another in a motorized duel to the death. Gripping with psychological tension, this desperate battle for survival is hailed by critics as a film that "belongs on the classics shelf reserved for top suspensers" (Daily Variety). PG 1:30 Suspense, Thriller. Featuring Joplin native Dennis Weaver. Film introduction by Dr. Chad Stebbins.

## CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

McKenna Pulsipher spoke regarding privately owned signs around Joplin at major intersections that display bigoted messages on them.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Holly Nagy

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-272

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

No one spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-272

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2023-272 AN ORDINANCE providing to vacate approximately 200 feet of 9th St, approximately located between S Rex Ave and S Peters Ave, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Ms. Spencer that Council Bill No. 2023-272 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-272.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-270

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Jeff Neal spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-270

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-270 - AN ORDINANCE providing to vacate approximately 130 feet of an alley, approximately located between 508 S Virginia Ave and 512 S Virginia Ave, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Shaw that Council Bill No. 2023-270 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Abstention: Williams, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-270.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-271

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

No one spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-271

Dr. Farnham introduced Council Bill No. 2023-271 - AN ORDINANCE approving the voluntary annexation by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, of property generally located along Missouri Highway I-249 South of Newman Rd. Motion by Dr. Farnham, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-271 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: Spencer, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-271.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-510

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

No one spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

Four (4) Exhibits entered into the Public Hearing record:

Exhibit 1: Petition for the Creation of the 32nd Street Theatre Community Improvement District. Filed on March 27, 2023.

Exhibit 2: City Clerk verification stating that the petition substantially complies with the CID Act dated March 28, 2023.

Exhibit 3: Affidavit of Publication of the notice of Public Hearing published on May 5, 2023, and May 12, 2023.

Exhibit 4: Certified Return Receipts and copy of the notice mailed to the property owners within the proposed district on April 28, 2023.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-510

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, Woodsonia Joplin, LLC, and 32nd Street Entertainment, LLC; authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion will be made during Item 10.7. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-510.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Copple 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 15, 2023, City Council Meeting

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. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-070.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-124

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-124 - AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into a construction agreement with Marion Company, LLC DBA Construction Services Group in the amount of One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Seven and 00/100 Dollars, ($118,867.00) for the rehabilitation of Fire Station 3; 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 2022-2023 as adopted by Ordinance 2022-161 on October 17, 2022; and, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Ms. Williams that Council Bill No. 2023-124 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. 2023-071.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-125

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-125 - AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into a construction agreement with G&G Construction Co. Inc. in the amount of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand One Hundred and 00/100 Dollars, ($116,100.00) for the Turkey Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Grit Auger Replacement; 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. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-125 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. 2023-072.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-126

Victor Rosetta spoke regarding the award of Bakers Branch East Wastewater Extension Phases 1 & 2.

Jason Conklin spoke regarding the Bakers Branch East Wastewater Extension.

Ms. Spencer introduced Council Bill No. 2023-126 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Infrastructure Solutions, Inc., in the amount of Three Million One Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand and Eighty and 00/100 Dollars ($3,167,080.00) 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 Ms. Spencer, second by Mr. Copple to deny Council Bill No. 2023-126. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: Lawson, 1. The Council Bill was denied.

Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. DeTar to instruct the City Manager to bring forth a new Council Bill awarding the contract to Rosetta Construction in the amount of their earlier base bid. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-355

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-355- AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Freeman's Landworxs LLC for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 1314 ½ S Byers Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Four Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty dollars ($4,950.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2023-355 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. 2023-073**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-356

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2023-356- AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and USA Demolition for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 1731 S Pennsylvania Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Eight dollars ($3,898.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Ms. Spencer that Council Bill No. 2023-356 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. 2023-074**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-509

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-509- AN ORDINANCE approving the Second Amendment to the 32nd Street Place Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan; approving a Side Letter Agreement for the Implementation of Redevelopment Project 4; approving a Side Letter Agreement for the Implementation of Redevelopment Project 5; authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreements on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-509 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. 2023-075**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-510

Mr. DeTar 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, Woodsonia Joplin, LLC, and 32nd Street Entertainment, LLC; authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2023-510 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. 2023-076**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-511

Ms. Spencer introduced Council Bill No. 2023-511- AN ORDINANCE approving the Amended and Restated Cooperative Agreement among the City of Joplin, Missouri, the 32nd Street Place Community Improvement District, and Woodsonia Joplin, LLC; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Amendment on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Ms. Spencer, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2023-511 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. 2023-077**.

## ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-119

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-119 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement and Work Authorization with Olsson in the not to exceed amount of Eight Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-One and 00/100 dollars ($863,731.00) for professional engineering services for the Main Street Streetscape 8th to 15th Street project and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-119 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, Copple, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: Spencer, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-119.

## SECOND AND THIRD READING
## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## NEW BUSINESS

Eileen Donnelly addressed Council.

Mr. DeTar would like to discuss installing signs at the intersection dissuading panhandling.

Ms. Spencer would like for Legal to review ordinances pertaining to licenses and solicitors permits applied to panhandling.

Mr. Stinnett and Mr. Shaw is in agreement with Mr. DeTar.

Mr. Nick Edwards suggested bringing back a map of proposed locations and costs for panhandling signs.

Mr. Copple would like to discuss signs and PSAs regarding panhandling.

Mayor Lawson is in agreement about the signs.

Mr. Copple asked Mr. Bolander about programs for assisting on repairs on a home on 800 block of Porter Ave.

Mr. Copple requested an update on the 20th Street school crossing.

Mr. Nick Edwards stated they expect the work to begin soon. The estimated cost is $65,000 and the city will request the School District pay 50%. Estimated start date end of June, beginning of July. Mr. Johnson stated that the materials will be ordered in the next week or so.

Mr. Copple would like for the city to begin paying for lifeguard uniforms. Mr. Copple would like to put a program in place to reimburse lifeguards for training.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy, City Clerk, MRCC