JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 20, 2023
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The June 20, 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 Boy Scout Troop of America Troop 333.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Kate Spencer

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Dr. Farnham to excuse the absence of Kate Spencer. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, Copple, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Spencer, 1.

PRESENTATIONS

Legislative Update

Tony Dugger from Burtonliese presented.

Capital Improvement and Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee Semi-Annual Report

Leslie Haase and Lori Haun presented.

Proposition Action Update

Rob O'Brian presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

Joplin Parks and Recreation has partnered with community organization to focus on water safety and drowning prevention for children ages 5 through 12. The Show-Me Water Safety Event will be offered twice on Saturday, June 24 to teach children important life skills when they are around or in water and also will educate parents about these areas.

• Safety measures to take when around water • Safety tips and swimming in water • Staying healthy on the water • Boating safety and • Emergencies and First Aid will be featured as the kids and their parents through these stations to receive instructions and details about each area. The kids will get into the water to practice their new skills, so they'll need to wear swimwear to the class.

A great feature of the program is that all kids will be weighed and fitted for a free U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket. The sessions on Saturday, June 24 will be held at Wildcat Park with the first one from 10 am to 12 noon and the second class is from 2 to 4 p.m. Spots are limited for these events, for more information about the Show-Me Water Safety Event please visit www.joplinparks.org or call 417-625-4750.

This water safety program is brought to you by the Joplin Family Y, Joplin Parks and Recreation, Joplin Fire Department, Redings Mill Fire Protection District, Joplin Police Department, Joplin Emergency Management, Wildcat Glades, Missouri Department of Conservation, Southwest Missouri Bank, The Alliance of Southwest Missouri and Missouri Southern State University

The City will hold a Public Meeting focusing on the Tin Cup Trail project on Tuesday, June 27. This pedestrian and bike trail will follow the Tin Cup Creek, south of the Joplin Family Y. It will also connect the St. Johns Trail near Mercy Park to the trails in McIndoe Park along Shoal Creek. When completed the Tin Cup Trail will provide more than a mile of new trail in the southern portion of Joplin.

The Public Meeting will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27 for citizens to learn more about the project. It will be held in the community room at the Joplin Family Y, 3404 W. McIntosh Circle. This is an informal open house that allows citizens to come-and-go as their schedules allow. They can view informational displays, visit with City staff about the trail and ask questions about the project.

Parts of the trails could include creek crossings and other associated challenges. Allgeier, Martin and Associates will assist with designing this section of the trails, and their staff will also be at the meeting. The Tin Cup Trail project is funded by the Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax, which was recently renewed in 2021. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to discuss the project, please contact Dakota Rusk, Traffic Engineer, at 417-624-0820, ext. 1598, or email drusk@joplinmo.org

And on Wednesday, June 28, CFI and Visit Joplin are co-hosts for the return to Joplin of The Great Race. 120 of road-worthy antique and classic automobiles will line the 300 to 500 block of Main Street starting at 4:30 p.m. Only cars built in 1974 and earlier can participate. Joplin is hosting the end and overnight stay as day five of the 9-day event concludes.

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. A new feature has popped up for this event - Joplin's Main Street will also have Mini Coopers lined up in the 100 and 200 blocks for car enthusiasts to enjoy. More information is available at VisitJoplinMO.com or CelebrateJoplin.com.

The 2023 Joplin Independence Day Celebration will kick off at 5:30 p.m on Tuesday, July 4th. at Fred G. Hughes Stadium, located on the campus of Missouri Southern State University. This spectacular event will feature live music by The Mixtapes, food trucks and fireworks.

Schedule of Events:
- 5:30pm: Event Kick Off: Food Trucks Open
- 7:00pm: Stadium Opens to Visitors
- 7:30pm: Live Music by The Mixtapes
- 9:45pm: Fireworks Show (approximate show time is 20 minutes)

The show will be set to music, which visitors can tune into 88.7 KXMS to experience. The football stadium is a NCAA regulation field and no one will be allowed on the football turf. Seating is available in the stadium and along the grass around the field. Plenty of parking will be available throughout the campus. A festivities map will be posted closer to the event as well as a list of expected vendors. For more information about this year's celebration visit https://www.mssu.edu/independenceday

Due to the high winds over the weekend, some residents have experienced down limbs and branches. The City's Public Works has opened the Free Tree Limb Drop-Off Site this week. It opened today and will be open through Friday, June 23. Hours are from 8:30 a.m. -2 p.m. 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.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

McKenna Pulsipher spoke regarding continuing the conversation about the signs around town which display bigoted messages.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, Copple, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Spencer, 1.

Minutes of the June 5, 2023, City Council Meeting

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. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-078**.

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. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-079**.

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-112

Dr. Farnham introduced Council Bill No. 2023-112 - AN ORDINANCE approving an agreement with Olsson, Inc for professional engineering services in the not to exceed amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred and 00/100 Dollars ($2,536,900.00) for the ARPA Stormwater Grant project; and 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 Dr. Farnham, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2023-112 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, Copple, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Spencer, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-080.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-113

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-113 - AN ORDINANCE approving an agreement with Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. for professional engineering services in the not to exceed amount of Seven Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($788,000.00) for the ARPA Wastewater Grant Project; and 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. 2023-113 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, Copple, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Spencer, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-081.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-128

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-128 - AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into a Governor's Transportation Cost Share Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission; 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. DeTar, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2023-128 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, Copple, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Spencer, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-082**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-129

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2023-129- AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Rosetta Construction, Inc., in the amount of Three Million One Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty-Two and 50/100 Dollars ($3,178,222.50) 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. Shaw, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2023-129 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, Copple, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Spencer, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-083**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-512

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-512- AN ORDINANCE 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, to adjust appropriations and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar to amend the Council Bill by striking the communications section of Section A of the proposed ordinance. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, Copple, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Spencer, 1.

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2023-512 be passed as amended on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, Copple, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Spencer, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-084.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-009

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-009 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin, Missouri, to enter into a Right of Access and Construction Agreement (MOU) with East Town Dreams District for the purpose of building a park and playground for children – "HOPE PARK" – on the City's Joe Becker Stadium Clubhouse North Lot; establishing responsibilities for the East Town Dreams District and the City relating to the construction of improvements and maintenance of HOPE PARK; and, authorizing the City Manager to execute said Agreement (MOU) by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2023-009 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: 0. Absent: Spencer, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-009.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-127

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-127 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin, Missouri, to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the Joplin Special Roads District (JSRD), for the purpose of street construction improvements associated with the 20th Street Widening from Schifferdecker Avenue to Country Club Drive Project; authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-127 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: 0. Absent: Spencer, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-127.

SECOND AND THIRD 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 Dr. Farnham to pass Council Bill No. 2020-119 on Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams 8. Nays: 0 Absent: Spencer, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-085**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-271

Mr. DeTar 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 Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Copple to pass Council Bill No. 2020-271 on Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams 8. Nays: 0 Absent: Spencer, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-086**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Copple would like for the City Manager to post signs in the City Hall Building and Chambers that large bags are subject to search.

Mr. Copple would like the flyers produced for the shooter bottles to be used in City promotions and publications.

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, as set forth in Section 610.021 (1) 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 Mr. DeTar to go into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams 8. Nays: 0 Absent: Spencer, 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy, City Clerk, MRCC