JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
JULY 7, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
The July 7, 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 Kelly Reddin from the Joplin Historical Society.

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 City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

PRESENTATIONS
Recycling REO Grant Presentation
A representative from Burns & McDonnell 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. 2025-272
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Chase Kraft spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-272
Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-272 - 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) and include in District C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) property as described below and generally known as 2602 S Wall Ave, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Bard that Council Bill 2025-272 be placed on the first reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-273
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Christian Hamlin spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-273
Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-273 -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) and include in District C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) property as described below and generally known as 4106 E Zora Street, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill No. 2025-273 be passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard 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 16, 2025 Meeting

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-084.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-085.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-086.**

RESOLUTIONS

ORIDNANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-130

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-130- AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with AT&T Enterprises, LLC in the amount of One Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Seven and 28/100 dollars ($148,727.28) for facility relocations required for 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 containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill 2025-130 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. 2025-087.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-004

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-004 - AN ORDINANCE approving a ground lease agreement with Jasper County Emergency Services Board (Jasper County 911-JASCO); allowing JASCO-911 to construct a communications tower on the premises; establishing terms for the use of a communications tower by both Parties; and determining a time for the ordinance to become effective. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Dr. Farnham, that Council Bill 2025-004 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. 2025-004.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-122

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-122- AN ORDINANCE approving a construction agreement with Microsurfacing Contractors LLC in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Thirteen Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Four and 04/100 dollars ($1,213,154.04) for the Microsurfacing 2025 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. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill 2025-122 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. 2025-122.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-126

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-126- AN ORDINANCE approving an agreement with Grizzly Contracting & Supply Co. LLC, to provide sanitary sewer service to a property located adjacent to Briaroaks Lane in Newton County, Missouri, authorizing the City Manager to execute 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. Lawson, that Council Bill 2025-126 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. 2025-126.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-614

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-614- AN ORDINANCE approving the issuance of a Purchase Order to SHI/Microsoft Corporation to cover the annual support payment for the Public Safety and Financial software, as budgeted in the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025, was budgeted and approved for by Council during the budget process and finalized by Council Bill 2024-514 on October 21, 2024; and containing an effective date. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill 2025-614 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. 2025-614.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson, that Council adjourn into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk