JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
JULY 1, 2024
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The July 1, 2024, regular meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Keenan Cortez.

INVOCATION was read by Assistant City Clerk, Roschelle Forsythe

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA was led by Eagle Scout Daniel Fahardo, introduced by Ms. Carlin.

ROLL CALL

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

Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Jackson to excuse the absence of Dr. Farnham. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Farnham, 1.

PRESENTATIONS

Proposition Action Update

Rob O'Brian presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

If citizens want to learn more about the Joplin Police Department, they can enroll in the upcoming Citizens Police Academy. This is the 60th Academy. It has been a hugely popular class, providing an interactive, behind-the-scenes program taught by police officers.

The academy is offered as a 14-week program and is FREE of charge. The classes are every Thursday evening starting July 25 from 6 to 9 p.m. The Citizens Academy ends on October 24 with a closing ceremony and dinner. The class size is limited to 25 participants, and spots are still available. Applicants must be 21 years or older and pass a background check. If interested, citizens can contact the Police Department or go to the Police Department's website at joplinpolice.org and click on the Events tab. They can also pick up an application at the Police Department, 303 East 3rd Street.

Joplin Parks and Recreation will again partner with Missouri Southern State University for Joplin's Independence Day celebration this year.

The celebration kicks off at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 4, at Fred G. Hughes Stadium on MSSU's campus. This family event will feature live music, bounce houses, food trucks, and fireworks.
The Schedule includes:
• 5:30pm: Event Kick Off: Stadium Opens to Visitors, Food Trucks open, Bounce Houses, Inflatable Batting Cage
• 7:00pm: Live Music by The New Waves
• 9:45pm: Fireworks Show (approximate show time is 20 minutes)
The bounce houses and inflatable batting cage are offered with a wristband purchase.
The fireworks show will be set to music, and visitors can tune into 88.7 KXMS to experience it. Seating is available in the stadium and along the grass around the field. Plenty of parking will be available throughout the campus. Reminder – no personal fireworks, pets, grills or alcohol are allowed in the stadium.

And just another friendly reminder for the summer –
Now that our pool season is fully underway and with the holiday this week, we want to remind the public that for the safety of kids and families, **alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or weapons of any kind are not allowed** on city property, and this does include parks as well as our pools.

As Independence Day, July 4, approaches, citizens should keep safety in mind as they handle fireworks to avoid any problems. Important dates to remember:

- Fireworks may only be sold within the City on July 1 through July 4.
- They may be discharged from **12 Noon to 11 p.m. on July 1 - 4.**

The city also encourages residents to clean up their shoot sites to eliminate debris and trash in the city. Fireworks should be cooled before they are disposed of. To help ensure items are extinguished, remaining fireworks barrels can be sprayed with water or dunked in a bucket before disposing of them. We wish everyone a Happy and Safe Independence Day!
The City of Joplin offices will be closed for Independence Day on Thursday, July 4. This closing includes the Recycling Center and MAPS Transportation services. All City services will resume their regularly scheduled hours on Friday, July 5.
Please note that Republic Services has notified us that they will be running their regular routes, so residential trash and curbside recycling will not change due to the Independence Day holiday.
For more information or questions about these announcements or other City items, please visit our website or our Facebook pages.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Procedures were read by Assistant City Clerk Roschelle Forsythe

PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESOLUTION NO. 2024-010

Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Leah Gurley and Tonya Sprenkle spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-010

Mr. Jackson introduced Resolution No. 2024-010- A RESOLUTION granting a Special Use Permit (1st Request) for the operation of a Day Care Center, located at 2231 S Annie Baxter Ave in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Jackson second by Mr. Lawson that Resolution No. 2024-010 be approved. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Farnham, 1.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-273

Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Jonathan Tasset spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

There was a protest occurrence of 9.9682%

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-273

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2024-273- An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2022 -274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District M-2 (Heavy Industrial) and include in District R-2 (Two-Family Residential) property as described below and located at 302 S McKinley Ave. Motion by Mr. DeTar second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2024-273 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-273.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Lawson to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Farnham, 1.

Minutes of the June 17, 2024, City Council Meeting.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-114- AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into a construction agreement with Sprouls Construction, Inc. in the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Three and 00/100 dollars ($1,737,743.00) for the 4th and Murphy Blvd Geometric 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. 2024-083.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-125 - AN ORDINANCE approving an amended work authorization with Allgeier, Martin, and Associates in the not to exceed amount of One Hundred Thousand and no/100 Dollars ($100,000.00) for professional engineering services associated with the MS4 Permit & Floodplain Management Support project on behalf of the City of Joplin 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. 2024- 084.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-127 - AN ORDINANCE approving an amendment (Change Order 3) to the construction agreement with Blevins Asphalt Construction Company Inc. in the amount of Three Hundred Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred Seventeen and 50/100 Dollars, ($315,717.50) for the Mill and Overlay 2023 project; 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. 2024-085.

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-362

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No, 2024-362 - An Ordinance approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Freeman's Landworx LLC. for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 1711 W A St. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Three Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen dollars ($3,918.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple , second by Mr. Lawson, that Council Bill No. 2024-362 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-086.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-453

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2024-453 – AN ORDINANCE authorizing a Program Services Contract, by and between the State of Missouri, Department of Health and Senior Services, and the City of Joplin, Missouri, for the City of Joplin Health Department to receive compensation, for Forty Thousand, One Hundred Eighty Dollars, no cents, ($40,180.00); and, authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri; and, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar second by Mr. Copple, that Council Bill No. 2024-453 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-087.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-128

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2024-128 - AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Emery Sapp and Sons Inc. in the amount of One Million Six Hundred Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Eight and 52/100 dollars ($1,611,728.52) for construction of the Zora Street and Duquesne Road Intersection 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 Mr. DeTar, second by Ms. Carlin that Council Bill No. 2024-128 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-128.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Copple had a question for City Manager Nick Edwards regarding the approval of smaller mass transit vehicles done previously to reduce on trolley's and to try and cut down need for CDL's. Nick stated new vans have arrived and just recently hired a new Transit Manager and have made some progress on the hires; this will reduce the need for CDL's not eliminate it. Seeing the need to obtain CDL drivers as well as key positions that require specific licenses; Mr. Copple would like the City Manager to check into the possibility of if a stipend could be in place for those positions.

Ms. Carlin stated that she would like to hear an update on progress from Allo; City Manager Nick Edwards stated that Troy Bolander would be bringing that at the July 15th meeting.

Mr. Shaw wanted to recognize the passing last week of long-time pastor Dr. Mack Evans.

Mr. Jackson wanted to follow up with what Mr. Copple was saying regarding transit; asking City Manager Nick Edwards what the status was as far as part time positions for retirees. Nick Edwards stated there isn't a definitive plan yet but could get an update to the council. Mr. Jackson also addressed the need to cover up the logo on the trolleys that are being utilized by Maps, Nick stated that the program will most likely relaunch soon.

Mayor Cortez reminded everyone there would be no work session this month, the next City Council meeting will be on July 15th, he wished everyone a safe and Happy Independence Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully,

Roschelle Forsythe
Assistant City Clerk