JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
JULY 21, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
The July 21, 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 the Joplin Kiwanis.

ROLL CALL
Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Joshua Bard, 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.

Absent: Doris Carlin

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

PRESENTATIONS
Semi-Annual Oversight Committee Report Presentation
Leslie Haase, Finance Director and Nathan Mordica Committee Chairman presented.

Homeless Commission Progress Report and Introduction of New Homlessness Director.

Tony Robyn, Assistant City Manager presented and introduced Eric Arganbright.

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

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

Minutes of the July 7, 2025 Meeting

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 date for the ordinance to become effective. **Ordinance No. 2025-088.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-089.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-090.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-091.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-092.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-093.**

RESOLUTIONS

ORIDNANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-528

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-528- AN ORDINANCE approving the Real Estate Contract by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, a Municipal Corporation, and Legacy Built Properties LLC., for the sale of one parcel located at 911 Pennsylvania Avenue, totaling approximately 6,160 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 Dr. Farnham, that Council Bill 2025-528 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 7. Abstained: Bard, 1. Absent: Carlin, 1. **Ordinance No. 2025-087.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-129

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-129 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the approval of the 2025 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Safety Targets for the City of Joplin, MO, Metro Area Public Transit System (MAPS) and Sunshine Lamp Trolley; and, setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill 2025-129 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Absent: Carlin, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-129.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-131

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-131- AN ORDINANCE approving a construction agreement with Goins Enterprises in the amount of One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Seventeen and 00/100 dollars ($152,517.00) for the Justice Center Sidewalks 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. Lawson, that Council Bill 2025-131 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson and Shaw, 6. Nays: Bard, Jackson, 2. Absent: Carlin, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-131.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Matt Spencer addressed the Council regarding his property at 3003 S. Schifferdecker.

Mr. Copple would like staff to look at developing a program for permitting nature scaping and pocket gardens.

Mr. Jackson requested an update on the state audit.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk