JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 4, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
The August 4, 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 Emily Frankowski, Cornell Complex

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

Absent: Josh DeTar

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

PRESENTATIONS
Joplin Area College Proclamations
Mayor Cortez presented the proclamations.

Allo Update
A representative from Allo presented.

Joplin Sports Authority Quarterly Update
Jared Bruggeman, presented.

Updates to the Capital Improvement Sales Tax Program and to the Stormwater Sales Tax Program
Jeremy Hagerman, Assistant Director of Public Works -Engineering presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
News from the Public Information Office
Lynn Onstot, Public Information Officer, presented.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS
Kaylann Loraine addressed the Council regarding environmental concerns for Prospect Village site.

Gary Wofford addressed the Council regarding parking and crosswalks at Landreth Park.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
Public Hearing procedures were read by City Clerk Holly Nagy

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-274
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Sam Heinke spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-274
Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-274 - 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-3 (Multi-Family Residential) property as described below and generally known as 912 S Sergeant Ave, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. (Planning and Zoning Commission recommend to amend the request to R-2 and Approval) Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Bard to amend Council Bill No. 2025-274. Ms. Carlin asked for a point of clarification. Upon discussion, Mr. Lawson withdrew the previous motion to amend.

Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill 2025-274 be placed on the first reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Absent: DeTar, 1.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-275
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Sam Heinke spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-275
Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-275 - 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 R-2 (Two-Family Residential) property as described below and generally known as 1001 S McKinley Ave, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. (The Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval) Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Jackson that Council Bill No. 2025-275 be placed on first reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Absent: DeTar, 1.

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

Minutes of the July 21, 2025 City Council Meeting

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-095.**

RESOLUTIONS
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-009
Mr. Lawson introduced Resolution No. 2025-009 - A Resolution creating a nine (9) member Charter Review Commission for the City of Joplin; and, defining the purposes, membership and duties thereof.

Discussion ensued; the appointed members are:

Former Mayors
Mr. Phil Stinnett
Mr. Mike Seibert
Ms. Melodee Colbert-Kean
Mr. Ryan Stanley

Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Absent: DeTar, 1.

Chairperson
Mr. Chuck Brown, Former City Attorney

Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Absent: DeTar, 1.

At Large Members
Mr. Dan Pekarek
Mr. Rob O'Brian
Mr. Morris Glaze
Ms. Diane Reid-Adams

Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Bard to remove sentence 2 section 3. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Farnham, Jackson, 3. Nays: Carlin, Copple, Cortez Lawson and Shaw, 5. Absent: DeTar, 1. Motion failed.

Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Copple to approve Resolution No. 2025-009 and to approve the list of appointed members as read by the City Clerk. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Absent: DeTar, 1.

ORIDNANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-135

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-135- AN ORDINANCE approving Work Authorization AMA-OC-025-006 with Allgeier Martin and Associates, Inc. (AMA) in the not to exceed amount of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand and 00/100 dollars ($175,000.00) for professional engineering services for the I-44 Culvert and Silver Creek Detention Study 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 Dr. Farnham that Council Bill 2025-135 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Absent: DeTar, 1. **Ordinance No. 2025-096.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-529

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-529-AN ORDINANCE approving the Real Estate Contract by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, a Municipal Corporation, and Josephine Waterford, for the sale of one parcel located East of 813 Central Street, totaling approximately 660 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. Copple, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill 2025-529 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Absent: DeTar, 1. **Ordinance No. 2025-097.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-133

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-133 - AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement and work authorization with Horner & Shifrin, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of Fifty-Three Thousand Three Hundred and 00/100 dollars ($53,300.00) for review of the Prospect Village Development's Stormwater and Floodplain design & submittals and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and setting an effective date. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Dr. Farnham, that Council Bill 2025-133 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Absent: DeTar, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-133.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-134

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-134- AN ORDINANCE authorizing the acceptance of a Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Public Transit Operating Assistance Grant Agreement for state funds to be used for operating assistance for the Metro Area Public Transit System (MAPS); 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. Lawson, 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, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Absent: DeTar, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-134.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-451

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-451- AN ORDINANCE approving a Program Services Contract by and between the State of Missouri, Department of Health and Senior Services, and the City of Joplin, Missouri, for a term commencing October 1, 2025 and running through September 30, 2026, for the amount of up to Seven Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred Ninety Four Dollars and no Cents ($749,294.00), to enable the Health Department to provide nutritional assistance and education to residents of Jasper County, authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill 2025-451 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Absent: DeTar, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-451.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-131

Mr. Copple 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. Copple, second by Ms. Carlin that Council Bill No. 2025-131 move to second reading, advance to third and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Lawson and Shaw, 6. Nay: Bard, Jackson, 2. Absent: DeTar, 1. **Ordinance No. 2025-098.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Set Date for Public Hearing on FY2026 Proposed Budget for August 18, 2025

Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Bard, that the Public Hearing date for the FY 2026 Proposed Budget be set for August 18, 2025. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Absent: DeTar, 1.

Set Date for Public Hearing on Property Tax Levy for August 25, 2025

Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Dr. Farnham, that the Public Hearing date for the Property Tax Levy be set for August 25, 2025. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Absent: DeTar, 1.

Vote to go into closed session, which shall pertain to leasing, purchasing or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefore and confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body and its auditor, including all auditor work product; however, all final audit reports issued by the auditor are to be considered open records pursuant to this chapter; as set forth in Section 610.021 (2)(18) RSMo, as amended, 2020. This meeting, record, and vote to be closed to the extent provided by law. The City Council shall adjourn at the end of the session. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Dr. Farnham, that Council adjourn into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Absent: DeTar, 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk