JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
JULY 15, 2024
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The June 15, 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 City Clerk, Holly Nagy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA was led by Maya Greencrest, MSSU.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Joplin Regional Alliance for Healthcare Update

Nick Edwards, City Manager and Travis Stephens, from the Chamber presented.

ALLO Update

Doug Tatman from ALLO presented.

JASCO Radio Update

Mr. Steven Williams and Mr. James Harrison from JASCO presented.

Review Draft Memorial Hall RFQ

Nick Edwards, City Manager presented.

Mr. Phil Stinnett addressed the Council regarding Memorial Hall. Mr. Stinnett suggested getting the American Legion involved with the process. Mr. Stinnett suggested allowing the Legion to lease a small portion of property to build a building for their use.

Discussion ensued regarding the various proposals.

Council is supportive in including the American Legion and bringing this item back before the RFQ is finalized. Mr. Nick Edwards clarified that staff will be asking for two proposals for this project. First proposal including the American Legion. Second proposal for a park at this location.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

Missouri Department of Transportation is hosting a public meeting about Forward 44, a study on Interstate 44, inviting citizens to attend and provide their comments. The meeting is from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, at the Joplin Public Library, 1901 East 20th Street in Joplin.

City officials recognize the importance of this meeting and encourage residents to take this opportunity to hear information about I-44, which runs through our community, and then provide their thoughts to help shape its future.

The public can also provide comments online at modot.org/forward44 through Aug. 21. Forward 44 is a comprehensive environmental study focused on 250 miles of Interstate 44 from the Oklahoma state line to the Route 100 east interchange just outside of St. Louis.

Just a friendly reminder! The City's monthly tree limb and brush drop-off site will be open this Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20. It will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. And the weather will be cooler so yardwork won't seem impossible.

The drop-off site is located at 1702 North Schifferdecker Avenue, six-tenths of a mile north of Belle Center Road on the west side of Schifferdecker. This free drop-off service cannot accept leaves, grass clippings, treated wood, railroad ties, or construction debris and it is not intended for commercial tree trimming/removal service providers or contractors.

The Drop Off site is open the third Saturday of the month and the preceding Friday through October.

I know many people think that after the July 4th holiday, summer is almost over—but it's really not! So now's the time to think about how you want to spend some of your free time – or share experiences with your family.

There are still a lot of activities and fun things taking place, so we encourage everyone to be tourists in their home town. This is the week of Downtown Joplin's 3rd Thursday event, and it's the annual Waterfest theme, so it should be fun and maybe a little wet, too!
Joplin Outlaws Baseball Team is back in town for a nine-day home stand at Joe Becker Stadium. There's a different theme for each game, so be sure to check that out.

This Saturday, July 20th, Wildcat Glades Water Fest takes place along Shoal Creek. Brought to you by Wildcat Glades Nature Group, Stealth Creative, Missouri American Water, the Missouri Department of Conservation, and Joplin Parks and Recreation, this event is fun for the whole family. There will be cardboard boat races, shoebox boat races, a rubber duck race, a fishing derby, food trucks, and more than 20 booths from local vendors or organizations.

JoMo Jammin' Music Festival continues this Saturday and next Saturday, hosted by Connect2Culture. This summer music festival celebrates local talent and features two area bands each Saturday. It's held inside the Hall at the Cornell Complex.
Many other organizations offer classes, programs and events.

George Washington Carver National Monument hosts activities year-round, Joplin Arts District sponsors the 1st Thursday Artwalk each month, and Wildcat Glades always has classes and learning opportunities for all ages.

Other options are available through Joplin Parks and Recreation with leagues and programs; MoKan Dragway holds races every weekend and creates excitement with featured guests, and our Public Library definitely can keep everyone in the family busy with their activities, groups and scheduled events. Connect2Culture ignites a passion for arts, culture, and entertainment and does a great job of sharing news about all the arts in our community. Joplin Downtown Alliance sponsors 3rd Thursday, brings Empire Market and its experiences, and continues to offer programs and events that all can enjoy.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Cavanaugh Studyvin spoke regarding the Economic Securities CARS program.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Holly Nagy

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-507
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
No one spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-507
Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2024-507- AN ORDINANCE approving a Petition to Terminate the Northpark Lane Community Improvement District. Motion by Mr. Lawson second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2024-507 be passed and move to second and third reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: DeTar, 1.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CASE NO. 027-24
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Morris Glaze spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

CASE NO. 027-24

Mr. Copple introduced Case No. 027-24. A request to declare property a surplus, property as described below and located at 1201 S Byers Ave, in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. (Requested by City of Joplin. Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval). Motion by Mr. Copple second by Ms. Carlin that Case No. 027-24 be approved. 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 1, 2024, City Council Meeting

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. **Ordinance No. 2024-088.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2024-089.**

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-275

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2024-275 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin, Missouri, to enter into an Agreement with ALLO Communications LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, for the purpose of leasing a certain land in the area commonly known as 1301 W 2nd Street, Joplin MO to ALLO Communications LLC to use the premises for a central office and/or data bunker, which is a building for utilities, computers and a generator using electricity, but without any temporary or permanent occupancy; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin.

Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2024-275 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson and Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: DeTar, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-275.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-276

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-276 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin, Missouri, to enter into an Agreement with ALLO Communications LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, for the purpose of leasing a certain land in the area commonly known as 2749 E 30th Street, Joplin MO to ALLO Communications LLC to use the premises for a central office and/or data bunker, which is a building for utilities, computers and a generator using electricity, but without any temporary or permanent occupancy; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Ms. Carlin that Council Bill No. 2024-276 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson and Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: DeTar, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-276.

SECOND AND THIRD READING
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Stinnett addressed Council regarding acting as an advocate for residents and streetlights in area 4.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk