JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 18, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
The August 18, 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 Area Agency of Aging.

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. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson 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

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS
Maurice Filson addressed the Council regarding speeding in his neighborhood.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
FY 2026 Proposed Budget

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.

Nick Edwards and Leslie Haase presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. DeTar, 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 August 4, 2025 City Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-133 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into a consulting agreement and work authorization with Horner & Shifrin, Inc. in the 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 and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. **Ordinance No. 2025 -099**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025 -100.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025 -101.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025 -102.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025 -103.**

RESOLUTIONS

ORIDNANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-452

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-452- 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 Twenty Thousand, One Hundred Ninety Two Dollars, no cents, ($20,192.00); 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. Lawson, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill 2025-452 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. **Ordinance No. 2025-104.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-005

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-005 - AN ORDINANCE re-adopting Chapter 2, Administration, of the Joplin City Code, Section 2-107, "Financial interest disclosure", requiring certain officials and employees of the City of Joplin to file Financial Interest Disclosure Statements as described herein. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill 2025-005 be passed on the first reading and advance 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. 2025-005.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-525

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2022-525 - AN ORDINANCE approving Redevelopment Project 4 of the 32nd Street Place Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and adopting Tax Increment Financing therein. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson, that Council Bill No. 2022-525 be removed from the table. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Absent: Farnham, 1. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Ms. Carlin for Council Bill No. 2022-525 to move to Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Absent: Farnham, 1. **Ordinance No. 2025-105.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Declare Excess Surplus Property for The Annual City of Joplin Auction on September 13, 2025. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Bard, to declare excess surplus property. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Absent: Farnham, 1.

Vote to go into closed session, which shall pertain to the hiring, firing, disciplining, or promotion of an employee or particular employees of a governmental body involving personal information as set forth in Section 610.021(3) RSMo, as amended, 2020, more specifically for the purpose of evaluating certain Council employees. 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. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard, to convene into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Absent: Farnham, 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk