JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 7, 2023
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The August 7, 2023, regular meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Doug Lawson.

INVOCATION was read by City Clerk Holly Nagy.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA was led by Mr. Charles Copple.

ROLL CALL

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Charles Copple, Keenan Cortez, Josh DeTar, Mark Farnham, Doug Lawson, Gary Shaw, Phil Stinnett, Kate Spencer, and Christina Williams. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

PRESENTATIONS

Betty Smith Proclamation

A video of Mrs. Smith receiving the proclamation was shown to the audience.

Future Grant Opportunities

Nick Edwards, City Manager presented.

Streetlight Update

Tony Robyn, Assistant City Manager presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

The City is looking for School Crossing Guards who work with the Joplin Police Department to help students cross the street safely at designated crosswalks. This part-time position works one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon Monday through Friday. If interested, people can apply at JoplinMo.org/jobs or in the Human Resources here at City Hall Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

With back-to-school quickly approaching, Joplin Parks and Recreation has announced that Schifferdecker Aquatic Center will be open daily through Sunday, August 13, which is the last day of the pool season.

The date of the closing is determined by school calendars. Lifeguards for the aquatic center will be returning to high school or college, making late August a challenge for staffing. Joplin Parks and Recreation appreciates everyone's support and enjoyed the season with many who came to the pool this year.

And now, I guess I can say the pool is going to the dogs! Before the water is drained, Parks and Rec will hold its sixth annual Doggy Dive-In at Schifferdecker Aquatic Center on Saturday, August 19 from 10:30 am to 12 noon.

Dog owners are welcome to bring their furry four-legged friend to take a plunge in the pool. All different breeds and sizes are welcome to come and practice their dog-paddling. They can play fetch, paddle around in the shallow area, or leap off the deck for their favorite toy. While the dogs will be able to enjoy the pool, and dog owners will only be able to get in the water up to their knees.

This event is limited to the first 30 registered dogs. Registration must be done in-person at the Joplin Parks and Rec office at 3301 W. 1st Street. Owners must show a copy of their dog's updated shot records during registration to enter the dog swim. The cost is $5 per dog or if registrants bring a product donation for the Humane Society, they will receive free admission.

For more information, please call Joplin Parks and Recreation at 417-625-4750 or visit www.joplinparks.org.

The City's annual Auction is set for Saturday, September 16. The Auction begins at 9 a.m. and will be held in the Street Maintenance Barn located northwest of the Public Works Center, on West 2nd Street.

Merchandise to be auctioned will be available for viewing from 1 to 4 p.m. on Friday, September 15, and from 8 to 9 a.m. Saturday, September 16, prior to the start of the auction.

Staff is currently gathering items for the auction, and the list will be posted on the City's website in upcoming weeks. Stay tuned for more details.

Just a quick reminder - the City's Tree Limb and Brush Drop-Off is open next weekend. It will be open **from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, August 18, and Saturday, August 19.** The drop-off site is located at 1702 North Schifferdecker Avenue, just about a half-mile north of Belle Center Road on the west side of Schifferdecker.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Donna Bray spoke on The Demolish Order Made by the Building Board Ordering the Home I Live In To Be Demolished Making Me Homeless.

Mary Price spoke on Ordinance Regarding 2023-012 & Demolition of Homes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Holly Nagy

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-283

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Jamie Mansfield spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-283

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2023-283 AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) to District C-3 (Commercial) property as described below and located at 2918 E 20th St. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-283 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-283.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Ms. Spencer to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Minutes of the July 17, 2023, City Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-134 - AN ORDINANCE adopting the updated Airport Land Lease Rate Schedule for airport land accrued under Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant programs. **Ordinance No. 2023-111.**

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-014

Mr. Stinnett introduced Resolution No. 2023-014- A RESOLUTION authorizing the submittal of an application with the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office for the FY 2024 Historic Preservation Fund Grant for the Intensive Level Architectural Survey of North Heights Phase I. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. DeTar that Resolution No. 2023-014 be passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-015

Mr. Cortez introduced Resolution No. 2023-015- A RESOLUTION recognizing Officer Jake Reed of the Joplin Police Department for his years of service by naming the bridge on 1200 East 20th street crossing over the Kansas City Southern Railroad the "Officer Jake Reed Memorial Bridge." Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Ms. Spencer that Resolution No. 2023-015 be passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-016

Ms. Spencer introduced Resolution No. 2023-016- A RESOLUTION recognizing Corporal Benjamin Cooper of the Joplin Police Department for his years of service by naming the bridge on Loop 44/Range Line Road crossing over the Kansas City Southern Railroad in the City of Joplin in Jasper County as the "CPL Ben Cooper Memorial Bridge." Motion by Ms. Spencer, second by Dr. Farnham that Resolution No. 2023-016 be passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-017

Mr. Copple introduced Resolution No. 2023-017- A RESOLUTION recognizing Officer Timothy Nielson of the Joplin Police Department for his years of service by naming the bridge on Connecticut Avenue that crosses over Interstate 44 within the city of Joplin as the "Officer Timothy Nielson Memorial Bridge." Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar that Resolution No. 2023-017 be passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-133

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-133 - AN ORDINANCE approving an amendment (Change Order 1) to the construction agreement with Blevins Asphalt Construction Company Inc. in the amount of Two Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-One and 80/100 Dollars, ($239,951.80) 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; amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as adopted by Ordinance 2022-161 on October 17, 2022; and, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2023-133 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-112**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-142

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-142 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin, Missouri, to enter into an Agreement with Missouri-American Water Company, a Missouri Corporation, for the purpose of leasing certain land in the area commonly known as Grand Falls; 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 Ms. Williams that Council Bill No. 2023-142 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-113**.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-011

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-011 - 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. DeTar, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2023-011 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-011.

SECOND AND THIRD READING
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Set Date for Public Hearing on The Proposed Budget For August 21, 2023.

Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Copple to set the date for the Public Hearing on the proposed budget for August 21, 2023. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Set Date for Public Hearing on Property Tax Levy For August 28, 2023.

Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Copple to set the date for the Public Hearing on the property tax levy for August 28, 2023. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Site Plan Review Case 039-23: 3502 E Enterprise Ave – Site Plan Review – A request to review a site plan – Refresco Beverages US, Inc. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Stinnett to approve Site Plan 039-23. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Site Plan Review Case 040-23: 2111 N Main St – Site Plan Review – A request to review a site plan – Good News Production International. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Cortez to approve Site Plan 040-23. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Site Plan Review Case 041-23: 2502 S Moffet Ave – Site Plan Review – A request to review a site plan – Brad Allphin. Motion by Dr. Farnham, second by Ms. Spencer to approve Site Plan 041-23. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Vote to go into closed session, which shall pertain to legal action, causes of action, or litigation including a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys; and 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(1)(3) 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. DeTar, second by Mr. Copple to go into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy, City Clerk, MRCC