JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 17, 2020

CALL TO ORDER
The August 17, 2020 regular meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m.by Mayor Ryan Stanley.

INVOCATION was read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the United States of America was led by Mr. Lawson.

ROLL CALL
Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Charles Copple, Keenan Cortez, Doug Lawson, Anthony Monteleone, Diane Reid Adams, Gary Shaw, Ryan Stanley, Phil Stinnett, and Christina Williams. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

PRESENTATIONS
Mayor Stanley presented a proclamation to Council Member Diane Reid Adams, Public Policy Chair of American Association of University Women (AAUW), proclaiming August 26, 2020 as the Centennial of the 19th Amendment Ratification Day. Dr. Reid Adams was appreciative of the proclamation and stated she would present it to the AAUW at their meeting next month. She stated she is also a nationally certified trainer for AAUW's Work Smart program, which is a new program to help women who want to succeed in business and education.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA
There being no further business to come before the Council, the Consent Agenda was finalized.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS
The following requests were heard at this time. Additional requests were moved to New Business (with the requesters' approval) following the Health Update.

Edward Steinbacher, Joplin, spoke on what it means to be an American.
Mike Pier, Joplin, spoke on his opposition to the mask ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer

Public Hearing for FY2021 Proposed Budget

Finance Director Leslie Haase presented a summary of the FY2021 proposed budget

Mayor Stanley opened the Public Hearing

Commenting on the public hearing were:
John Hird, Joplin, stated budget increases cannot be sustained with a disappearing tax base.
Deborah Ferguson, Joplin, questioned the 1.1 million dollars in unallocated funds.
Isaiah Wilson, Joplin, concerned about the number of businesses that are closing.

Brian Evans, Joplin, examine budget line items closely; need to take care of police & fire.
Abby Covington, Joplin, questioned the amount of money the City gives to the Chamber of Commerce.
June Blakely, Joplin, concerned about wastefulness on project; is there oversight of the budget?
Shannon Deals, Joplin, commented on property taxes.
Sandy Wells, Joplin, asked how much money was spent on masks.

The Public Hearing was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Lawson to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Minutes of the August 17, 2020 City Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-005 - 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. **Ordinance No. 2020-114**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-141 - an ordinance approving a pedestrian crossing license agreement by and between the City of Joplin and Missouri & Northern Arkansas Railroad Company, Inc, as it pertains to construction of sidewalk improvements on 3rd and 4th street related to the 4th and School Stormwater Project (TS0612); and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. **Ordinance No. 2020-115**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-149 - an ordinance amending Chapter 118, Utilities, Article 2, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, by enacting a new Division 9, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination. **Ordinance No. 2020-116**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-151 - an ordinance approving a Work Authorization AMA-OC20-016 with Allgeier, Martin and Associates in the not to exceed amount of Eighty-One Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars ($81,500.00) for professional engineering consulting services for the design of Murphy Boulevard and Lone Elm storm water improvements; and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. **Ordinance No. 2020-117**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-268 - an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2004-256, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, November 15, 2004, by removing from District R-1 and including in District R-2 property as described below and located 902 W. 26th St., City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2020-118**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-269 - an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2004-256, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, November 15, 2004, by removing from District R-1 and including in District R-2 property as described below and located 2701 S. Virginia Avenue, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2020-119**

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-156

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2020-156 - an ordinance approving a construction agreement with Dewitt & Associates, Inc. for the replacement of the concrete apron approaches at Fire Station 1 in the not to exceed amount Eighty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Five and 30/100 Dollars, ($89,585.30). for the Fire Station Concrete Apron Approach project and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2020-156 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2020-120**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-361

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2020-361 - an ordinance approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Gator Industrial for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of lot area located at 2024 Connor Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Three Thousand Six Hundred and 00/100 Dollars ($3,600.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2020-361 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2020-121**.

COUNCIL BIL NO. 2020-362

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2020-362 - an ordinance approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Gator Industrial for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of lot area located at 2107 S Murphy Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Three Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-five and 00/100 Dollars ($3,795.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Dr. Reid Adams that Council Bill No. 2020-362 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2020-122**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-363

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2020-363 -an ordinance approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Gator Industrial for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of lot area located at 1326 Grand Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Three Thousand Six Hundred and 00/100 Dollars ($ 3,600); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2020-363 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2020-123**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-364

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2020-364 - an ordinance approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Big John's Heavy Equipment for the demolition of the structure(s)and clearing of lot area located at 206 N. Wall Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Six Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars ($6,500.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Stinnett that Council Bill No. 2020-364 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2020-124**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-365

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2020-365 - an ordinance approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Gator Industrial for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of lot area located at 301 N. Jackson Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Four Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Five and 00/100 Dollars ($ 4,575.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Dr. Reid Adams that Council Bill No. 2020-365 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2020-125**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-519

Dr. Reid Adams introduced Council Bill No. 2020-519 - an ordinance amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 as adopted by Ordinance 2019-166 on October 21, 2019, to adjust appropriations and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Dr. Reid Adams, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill No. 2020-519 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2020-126**.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-006

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2020-006 - an ordinance amending Chapter 42, Courts, Article II, Municipal Court, Section 42-35, Court costs and other fees, by amending Section 42-35 by enacting a new subsection (k). Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Cortez to pass Council Bill No. 2020-006 on First Reading and advance to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2020-006**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-150

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2020-150 - an ordinance approving a Work Authorization OLS-OC20-05 with Olsson in the not to exceed amount of One Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars ($167,750.00) for professional engineering consulting services for storm water improvements at 7th and Canterbury Lane; and authorizing the City

Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Cortez to pass Council Bill No. 2020-150 on First Reading and advance to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2020-150.**

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND THIRD READING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Recess
Mayor Stanley called for a 10-minute recess at 7:23 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 7:33 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS
Health Dept. Update/Discussion of Covid-19 Recovery Plan

Mayor Stanley stated that after the health update, the city council will hear the requests to address Council, then City Council will discuss the mask ordinance and reopening plan.

Acting Health Director Dan Pekarek gave the following COVID-19 health update:

- As of August 16, there are 499 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 67 active, 411 inactive, 21 deaths, 116 quarantined, total of 38 COVID patients hospitalized (3 Joplin residents).

Requests to Address Council:
Ronald Burch, Carthage MO, requested permission to host a cruise for the JOMO Pride Cruise on August 30 and to waive the permit fee. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Dr. Reid Adams to approve the cruise. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.
There was discussion after the vote regarding previous direction to city staff to come up with a fee schedule for cruising. Staff has not had time to work on this issue but will work on it in the near future for Council's review and approval. Mr. Stinnett suggested the special event fee be applied to the cruise request. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Copple to charge the event fee of $150. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Brian Evans, Joplin, spoke on the mask ordinance's effect on the Joplin community.
Abigail Covington, Joplin, spoke in opposition to the mask mandate.
Jennifer E. Thompson, Joplin, spoke in opposition to the mask mandate.
Daniel Davis, Galena KS, spoke in opposition to the mask mandate
Curt Carr, Joplin, spoke in opposition of mask ordinance.
Rodney Noran, Joplin, spoke in opposition to the mask mandate.
Michael Knapp, Joplin, spoke in favor of extending the mask ordinance.
Laela Zaidi, Joplin, spoke in favor of extending the mask ordinance.
Chuck Covington, Joplin, spoke in opposition to the mask ordinance.
Josh Shackles, Joplin, spoke in favor of extending the mask ordinance.

Kevin VanStory, Neosho, spoke in opposition to the mask mandate.
Steve Urie, Joplin, spoke in support of extending the mask ordinance.
Erik Martin, Joplin, spoke in favor of extending the mask ordinance.
Stephen Holmes, Joplin, spoke in favor of extending the mask ordinance.
Troy Kinast, Joplin, spoke in opposition to the mask ordinance.
Steve Allgood, Joplin, spoke in opposition to the mask ordinance.
Chianne Xiong, Joplin, spoke in opposition of extending the mask ordinance.
Dr. Rob McNab, Joplin gave an update of COVID-19 at Freeman and supports the mask ordinance.
Margey Upson, Joplin, commented on why she wears a mask.
Deborah Ferguson, Joplin, MO spoke in opposition to the mask/face covering ordinance.
City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer read the following comments submitted via email:
Steve Brown, Joplin, asked to please vote no on extension of the mask ordinance.
Meegan Brown asked to discontinue the mask mandate.
Orville Garretson, Joplin, would love to see the mask mandate kept in place.
Gina Sage stated it's time to drop the mask ordinance.
Gina Funderburgh asked to stop the mask mandate.
Jason Replogle asked to not extend the mask ordinance for Joplin.
Jarod Young supports continuation of the mask ordinance in Joplin.
Sharon Kailor asked to stop the mask mandate.

Recess
Mayor Stanley called for a 10-minute recess at 9:50 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 10:00 p.m.

Recovery/Reopening Plan Discussion
1) The school district is seeking the City's approval for a proposal that would allow a stadium capacity of 50%.
After discussion, Mr. Lawson made the motion to exempt the schools from the Reopening Plan and let the schools (school board) work with the Health Department to create their own rules. Mr. Copple seconded the motion. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

2) Should the mask ordinance be allowed to expire or be extended?
After discussion, Mr. Cortez made a motion to extend the mask ordinance to September 21, 2020, move to Step 3 of the Recovery Plan with no occupancy restrictions and mass gatherings restrictions. Dr. Reid Adams seconded the motion. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, Monteleone, Reid Adams and Williams, 4. Nays: Copple, Lawson, Shaw, Stanley, and Stinnett, 5. The motion failed.

Motion by Mr. Shaw, second Mr. Lawson to strongly urge the adoption of mask use in public places and drop the mandate. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Lawson, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 5. Nays: Cortez, Monteleone, Reid Adams, and Williams, 4. The motion passed.

3)Should the City remain at the current step in the Reopening Plan?
Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Shaw to move from Step 2 to Step 4 of the Reopening Plan. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: Monteleone, 1. The motion passed.

News from Public Information Officer, Lynn Onstot
Starting today, West 4th Street is closed between Porter Avenue and Empire Avenue for a stormwater project in the area. This closure will be in place four weeks, weather permitting. Crews will replace a culvert just south of 4th Street and running under the street. During the Labor Day weekend, 4th Street will reopen at 5 p.m. Friday, September 4 through 5 a.m. Tuesday, September 8, at which time work will continue on the project. Drivers should follow detours marked.

Starting next Monday, August 24 – East 7th Street between Illinois and just west of Michigan will be closed for 14 days. Crews will connect the stormwater improvements that have been recently completed just north and south of 7th Street.

Citizens are invited to a public meeting on Thursday, August 20 to discuss the future of Ewert Pool. This come and go meeting runs from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and will be held at Ewert Pool. Meeting participants can view the current facility, review possible options for the future of this area and take a survey noting their preferences. We encourage everyone interested in Joplin's Parks to please attend.

Later this week, the City will also launch the Memorial Hall Study in which we're reviewing the current facility and asking citizens on their thoughts of how they'd like the City to proceed with Memorial Hall. A public survey will go live this Friday, so watch for that announcement through Facebook, the City's website and our local news stations. In addition, we'll host a Public Meeting about Memorial Hall's future next Thursday, August 27. It will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria of the Memorial Education Center at 825 Pearl Street. (Some might remember this building as Memorial High School.) Again, this is a chance for citizens to share their thoughts at public meetings and through the survey that comes out later this week. We'll have more details on both projects as we begin the public input process, We ask citizens to please watch for announcements on ways they can participate.

For more information about these announcements, or other City news, please visit our website at joplinmo.org.

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, 2019. 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. Monteleone, second by Mr. Cortez, to go into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

Respectfully,

Barbara J. Gollhofer, City Clerk