JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The September 2, 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 members of the Joplin Student Council.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATIONS

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

Lynn Onstot, Public Information Officer, presented.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Nicole Brown addressed the Council regarding One Joplin Poverty Simulation

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. DeTar to approve the consent agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

Minutes of the August 18, 2025, City Council Meeting

Minutes of the August 25, 2025, Special Called City Council Meeting (Closed Session)

Minutes of the August 25, 2025, Special Called City Council Meeting (Property Tax Levy)

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-107.**

RESOLUTIONS
ORIDNANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-103

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-103- AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into a construction agreement with Wright Construction Services, Inc. in the amount of Three Million Six Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($3,676,000.00) for the Passenger Boarding Bridge (PBB) replacement project for Gates 1 and 2 at the Joplin Regional Airport, and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute this agreement by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as adopted by Ordinance 2024-151 on October 21, 2024 and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill 2025-103 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. **Ordinance No. 2025-108.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-123

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-123- AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into a construction agreement with Springfield Striping & Sealing in the amount of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Six and 18/100 Dollars ($120,986.18) for the Parking Lot Sealing 2025 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. Lawson, second by Mr. Copple, that Council Bill 2025-123 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. **Ordinance No. 2025-109.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-132

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-132- AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. (CMT) in the not to exceed amount of Sixty-Five Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Seven and 36/100 Dollars ($65,157.36) for construction management services for the Passenger Boarding Bridge (PBB) replacement project for Gates 1 and 2 at the Joplin Regional Airport., and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute this agreement by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as adopted by Ordinance 2024-151 on October 21, 2024; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill 2025-132 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. **Ordinance No. 2025-110.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-531

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2025-531- AN ORDINANCE adopting an updated fire department step pay plan by reference the Fire Salary Administration Plan; establishing the annual salary of certain Classified positions for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; and, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill 2025-531 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. **Ordinance No. 2025-111.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-617

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2025-617- AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Affirm Agency US LLP in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand and 00/100 dollars ($125,000.00) approving a contract to complete EPA REO Grant Marketing and Development Services 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. Bard, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill 2025-617 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. **Ordinance No. 2025-112.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-006

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-006 - AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 26, Buildings and Regulations, Article X, Dangerous Buildings, Sec. 26-615. - Duties of building inspector; issuance of notices. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Ms. Carlin, that Council Bill 2025-006 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-006.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-616

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-616 - AN ORDINANCE approving the applications of Visionary Balloonworx, MO-KAN Dragway, Ozark Christian College, Branco Enterprises & Neosho Schools, Historic Murphysburg Preservation, Inc., Joplin Disc Golf Club, JOMO Pride, Inc., Joplin Roadrunners, Missouri Liars, Silver Sage Renaissance Festival, Neosho Arts Council, Newton County Tourism Council, and Joplin Trails Coalition for utilization of FY2026 Festivals and Celebrations support pursuant to Ordinance No. 2000-148, as authorized by the voters on November 7, 2000; authorizing the City Manager to execute appropriate agreements with each such organization for the utilization of such funds. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar, that Council Bill 2025-616 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson. 8. Nays: Shaw, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-616.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-539

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2020-539 - AN ORDINANCE approving Redevelopment Project 2B of the 32nd Street Place Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and adopting Tax Increment Financing therein. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill No. 2020-539 be removed from the table. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson for Council Bill No. 2020-539 to move to Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. **Ordinance No. 2025-113.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Declare Excess Surplus Property for The Annual City of Joplin Auction on September 13, 2025. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Bard, to declare excess surplus property. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

Mr. Copple asked the City Attorney to look into the update from the State on the short term rental laws or their interpretation. Mr. Copple believes we need to change by ordinances or by vote how those are addressed so they can be taxed like hotels are.

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 more specifically for the purpose of evaluating certain Council employees; 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. Lawson, to convene into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk