JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The September 3, 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 the Joplin Library.

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 Assistant City Attorney Andrea Knoblock.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

The public is invited to attend an open house for Ewert Splash Park, where Olsson Engineering with the city's design team will unveil design concepts for the park's renovation project. Conceptual renderings will be shown to receive public feedback. This event will be held September 10th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Joplin History and Mineral Museum, located within Schifferdecker Park.

The public is invited to attend a dedication ceremony for Senator Ron Richard Memorial Park. The Campbell Parkway trail and park will be renamed in Senator Richard's honor for his contributions to the community, including his effort while serving on the Joplin City Council, notably as Mayor, to construct trails in Joplin. He was a true Joplin trailblazer! The dedication ceremony will be held on Friday, September 13th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. The ceremony will be at the south end of the parkway, near the intersection of 15th Street and Campbell Parkway.

If you want to bid on the city's excess surplus, we encourage you to attend the City of Joplin's annual auction. You might be able to get some cool stuff for cheap! The auction will be held Saturday, September 14th, at 9:30 am at the Public Works Center at 1301 West 2nd Street. The list of items to be auctioned will be published tomorrow, September 4th, and the items will be available for review before the auction on Friday the 13th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and then Saturday from 8:00 am until the auction begins at 9:30.

The Joplin Homeowner Rehabilitation Program is underway, and many applications have been received. You may qualify for this program if you own and reside in your single-family home inside one of four qualifying census tracts. Homeowners could receive up to $25,000 for qualifying home repairs, including roof replacement, HVAC upgrades, windows, siding, and more.

Apply today by contacting the Economic Security Corporation, the city's partner in administrating the program.

The city is hiring. Here are two jobs the city's Human Resources is trying to fill urgently. First, the transit division of Public Works is hiring dispatchers and drivers. If you want to help people get where they need to go daily, these may be your jobs!

Also, the city's 911 dispatch center must fill several open positions for emergency dispatchers. These jobs are formally known as Public Safety Communications Operators, and they are for people who want to help talk others through their moments of crisis and send help by dispatching first responders. These jobs have excellent benefits, including complete medical, dental, and vision plans, a city-paid pension, paid leave, and many more benefits. Find these and other job postings and how to apply at joplinmo.org/jobs.

If you're looking for a volunteer opportunity that allows you to serve your community and make a lasting impact, the City of Joplin needs volunteers to serve on multiple boards and commissions. To learn more about city boards and commissions, or apply to serve on one, go to Joplinmo.org, under the Government drop-down.

While visiting Joplinmo.org to look at the job bank, consider serving on a board or commission, or seek other city services, you might have an opinion on navigating the city's officials' website. Your input will help us improve what we deliver through digital media, so please take the website survey available through the QR code on the screen or from the City of Joplin Facebook page.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Mary Price spoke regarding continued questions, fiscal accountability, conflicts..etc.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson 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 19, 2024, Joplin City Council Meeting

Minutes of the August 26, 2024, Special City Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-508 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into a supplemental Transportation Enhancements Funds Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the construction of the Grand Falls Trail Project in the City of Joplin; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute said supplemental agreement for and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. **Ordinance No. 2024-113.**

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-015

Mr. Copple introduced Resolution No. 2024-015 - A RESOLUTION of the City of Joplin, Missouri, stating the intent to pursue a United States Department of Transportation Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant in the amount of $12,800,000.00 for the Central City Railroad Elimination Project; and, committing to the match funding for the remainder of the project, which is $3,200,000.00 for a total project cost of $16,000,000.00. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Ms. Carlin, that Resolution No. 2024-015 be approved. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson and Shaw, 7. Nay: Farnham, Jackson, 2.

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-136

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No, 2024-136 - 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 containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill No. 2024-136 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-114.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-369

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2024-369 – AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and USA Demolition for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 1602 S Byers Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Five dollars ($7,975.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar second by Mr. Copple, that Council Bill No. 2024-369 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Nay: Jackson, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-115**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-370

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No, 2024-370 - AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and USA Demolition for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 2131 E Nashville Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Four Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Five dollars ($4,175.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill No. 2024-370 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-116.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-371

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No, 2024-371 - AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and USA Demolition for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 310 S Connor Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Six Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Five dollars ($6,975.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Dr. Farnham, that Council Bill No. 2024-371 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-117.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-510

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No, 2024-510 - AN ORDINANCE amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 as adopted by Ordinance 2023-158 on October 16, 2023, to adjust appropriations and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill No. 2024-510 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-118**.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-119

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-119 - AN ORDINANCE approving a purchase order for the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS ($750,000.00) for the 2022 Evaluation and Rehabilitation Toolbox for Wastewater Collection System Project with Ace Pipe Cleaning, Inc. 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. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2024-119 be passed on the first reading and advanced 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. 2024-119.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-134

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-134 - AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Baker Tilly US LLP in the amount of One Hundred Forty Thousand and 00/100 dollars ($140,000.00) approving a contract to complete a Public Works Management and Operations Assessment 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. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Jackson that Council Bill No. 2024-134 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Nays: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-134.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-135

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2024-135 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin, Missouri, to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the City of Webb City, Missouri (Webb City), for the purpose of street construction improvements associated with the Zora Street Improvements project from Range Line Road to MO-249; 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. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill No. 2024-135 be passed on the first reading and advanced 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. 2024-135.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-281

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2024-281 - AN ORDINANCE Authorizing the approval of an Agreement between the City of Joplin and Replica, Inc. for professional planning services related to the creation of the Joplin Area Transportation Planning Organization's (JATSO) Origin & Destination Study. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Carlin that Council Bill No. 2024-281 be passed on the first reading and advanced 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. 2024-281.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-454

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2024-454 - 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, 2024 and running through September 30, 2025, for the amount of up to Seven Hundred Forty Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars and no Cents ($740,257.00), 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. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2024-454 be passed on the first reading and advanced 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. 2024-454.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-622

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-622 - AN ORDINANCE approving the applications of 4 State Trucks for the Guilty by Association truck show and concert, Ozark Christian College, for marketing the 2025 conference series, MO-KAN Dragway, for the marketing campaign for the 2025 racing season, Silver Sage Renaissance for the inaugural Silver Sage Renaissance Festival, Branco Enterprises & Neosho Schools, for the Neosho Holiday Basketball Classic, JOMO Pride, Inc., for the 2025 JOMO PrideFest, Mother Road Mayhem, for the 2025 Mother Road Mayhem truck show events, Joplin Trails Coalition for the Maple Leaf Bike Tour, and Newton County Tourism Council for the 2025 marketing campaign for utilization of FY2025 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. Bard that Council Bill No. 2024-622 be passed on the first reading and advanced 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. 2024-622.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Declare Excess Surplus Property for The Annual City of Joplin Auction on September 14, 2024.

Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson to declare excess surplus property for the annual city of Joplin Auction on September 14, 2024. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 9.

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. Lawson, second by Mr. Bard to go 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 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk