JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
The regular meeting for the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m.by Mayor Gary Shaw.

INVOCATION read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer.

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

ROLL CALL – Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Doug Lawson, Anthony Monteleone, Gary Shaw; Ryan Stanley and Phil Stinnett. Also, in attendance were City Manager Sam Anselm and City Attorney Peter Edwards. Absent: Council Members: Taylor Brown, Melodee Colbert-Kean, Diane Reid Adams, and Jim West. Motion by Mr. Stanley, second by Mr. Monteleone, to excuse the absent members. Voting in favor were Council Members: Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 5. Nays: 0.

PRESENTATIONS
Mayor Shaw presented a proclamation proclaiming October 13, 2018 as North Heights Porchfest Day to Zach Spiering, the Porchfest Committee Chairperson.

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
Russel Presson, 261 Buchanan Rd. Joplin, requested to speak on water run off at 229-227 Buchanan Road. After discussion on this item, the City Council asked City Manager Anselm to look into issue this for possible solutions, and funding sources for the solutions. Mr. Anselm stated he would report his findings to the council at a future meeting.

Margey Upson requested to speak on raises. After Ms. Upson's comments, Mayor Pro Tem Stanley asked the City Attorney Edwards to clarify the process for the Citizen Requests and Petitions portion of the agenda. Ms. Upson thanked Mr. Edwards for the clarification.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSENT AGENDA.
Motion by Mr. Stanley, second by Mr. Stinnett to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw; Stanley, and Stinnett, 5. Nays: 0. Absent: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Reid Adams, and West, 4.

Minutes of the September 4, 2018 Informal City Council Meeting
Minutes of the September 4, 2018 City Council Meeting
Minutes of the September 10, 2018 City Council Budget Work Session

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2018-269 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2004-256, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, November 15, 2004, by removing from District C-1 and including in District R-1 property as described below and located 7414 E. 32nd Street, City of Joplin, Newton County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2018-121**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2018-270 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2004-256, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, November 15, 2004, by removing from District M-1-PD and including in District R-1 property as described below and located A tract of land on the west side of North St. Louis Avenue, located approximately 656 feet north of the intersection of North St. Louis Avenue and East Fountain Road, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2018-122**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2018-265 - 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 C-3-PD property as described below and located adjacent and south of I-44 at Exit 1, City of Joplin, Newton County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2018-123**

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2018-515- an ordinance adopting and establishing pay rates for certain Unclassified Council Employees; and, amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 as adopted by Ordinance 2017-167 on October 16, 2017; and, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill No. 2018-515 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stanley, and Stinnett, 5. Nays: 0. Absent: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Reid Adams, and West, 4. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2018-124**

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND THIRD READING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Additional requests to address Council:

Monica Dixson, 2612 Salem, Joplin, addressed the council regarding JFD and JPD pay needs.

Finance Director Leslie Haase requested to read a prepared statement.

Declare excess surplus property

Lynden Lawson, Assistant Director of Public Works stated the list of surplus property is incomplete and a complete list will be presented at the next council meeting.

News from the Public Information Officer, Lynn Onstot

Third Thursday will be held on Thursday of this week from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. This event always has something for everyone with local artisans, music, entertainment, and food! This is the second to last one scheduled this year, so be sure to come downtown and enjoy the fun!

This weekend, September 21 – 23, the Carl Junction Bluegrass Festival is taking place and is scheduled for Friday night, 9 am to 6 pm Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

The Best Second City, a comedy experience presented by Connect2Culture, is being held on Thursday, September 27.

September 28-30: For the trucking enthusiast - Guilty By Association -- 4 State Trucks home of the Chrome Shop Mafia present their 10th annual big rig truck show with 550+ trucks, family fun, BBQ, truck & tractor pull, and a 400+ Special Olympics convoy. All of this ends with a downtown Joplin street party. This is a Free Event for all to attend.

If you are feeling athletic that weekend - the 13th annual 4 State Open Disc Golf Tournament will be held in McClelland Park, the Rufus Racing Svitak Freedom Ride, a 100-mile cycling event will be circling Joplin, and the Mother Road Marathon will be running from Commerce, Oklahoma into Joplin along Route 66. For full details on these and other local tourism related events, see the Events Page at VisitJoplinMO.com

Comments from City Council:
Mayor Shaw thanked Director Haase for her comments and her work. He stated the City Council has a great deal of respect for all those who work for the City and the citizens. He stated Joplin has accomplished a lot of things since the tornado and it's time to look to the future to see what can be done to make Joplin the city we all want it to be. And part of that is to make sure all employees are in a position where they're making decent salaries. We all need to work together to find solutions to the financial constraints the City is facing while also being mindful of our fiscal responsibility.

Mr. Stanley asked the City Manager the status of the pay increase proposals that Council discussed at the August 22, 2018 work session. Mr. Anselm replied he's still in discussions with Fire Chief Furgerson. Mr. Anselm stated he hoped to have the information ready for the council by the end of next week.

Mr. Stinnett commented on Finance Director's statement that she is doing her job as directed by the City Manager, who is directed by the City Council. He stated Mrs. Haase does not set the guidelines, nor does she set what has been asked of her; but she responds to what has been asked of her. She has been treated unfairly in some cases. People need to realize that a lot of things done by department heads are because they're told to do so. They're just simply doing their job.

Mr. Monteleone stated he wanted to make a public apology for some things he said at the September 4, 2018 meeting that he felt were out of line toward Sam (City Manager), Troy (P&Z), and Ed Whitmore (City Planner). The comments regarded a Planning and Zoning issue that were based on assumptions instead of Mr. Monteleone asking questions. Mr. Monteleone stated he believes in what the City Staff does and stands behind what they do.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully,

Barbara Gollhofer

Barbara Gollhofer, City Clerk