JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The September 20, 2021 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 Dr. Reid Adams.

ROLL CALL

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Charles Copple, Keenan Cortez, Doug Lawson, Anthony Monteleone, Gary Shaw, Diane Reid Adams Mayor 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 Parks Director Paul Bloomberg to proclaim October 2, 2021, as Arbor Day. Mr. Bloomberg thanked Mayor Stanley and invited everyone to the Earth and Arbor Day event at Wildcat Glades on October 2.

Mayor Stanley presented a proclamation to Connie McQuillen to proclaim September 17-23, 2021 as Constitution Week. Mrs. McQuillen accepted the proclamation on behalf of Joplin Daughters of the American Revolution.

Interim Fire Chief Mark Cannon presented an overview of the Winter Weather Warming Center Guidelines. Emergency Management Director Keith Stammer was present to answer questions on this topic.

Interim Fire Chief Mark Cannon introduced Tom Jenkins, a consultant with Canfield/Jenkins, who presented the Fire Dept. Resource Allocation Study. The purpose of the presentation was to provide an overview of the fire department and some of its needs. Chief Cannon and members of the command staff have been working on a 5-year strategic plan and after a new chief is named, the city will bring the strategic plan forward and start to prioritize some of the recommendations.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

There being no further business to come the Council, the Consent Agenda was finalized.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

Health Dept. Update

Health Director Ryan Talken presented an update of Covid cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. The downward trend of positive Covid cases, hospitalizations, and deaths continues. For information on Covid and vaccination clinics, call the Health Dept. at 417-623-6122.

News from Public Information Officer, Lynn Onstot

The Guilty By Association Truck Show will be held this coming weekend from Sept 23 - Sept 25, 2021. This year's event will feature the great parade and truck show on Saturday evening. The convoy of about 400 trucks will leave the Joplin Petro area at 6 p.m., heading north on Schifferdecker Avenue to 20th Street. Trucks will follow 20th Street to Main Street and turn right, heading to 26th Street. From there, they'll turn west to Maiden Lane and the Mercy Park area. Drivers will park their trucks along 26th Street from Maiden Lane to approximately Moffet Avenue. The public is invited to come view the trucks, visit with participants, and enjoy the Street Fair. Country music artists Curtis Grimes and Joe Nichols will perform concerts beginning at 7:30. The concert stage will be located on 26th Street at Maiden Lane. If planning to attend, bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. For more info, go to the CVB's website: VisitJoplinMo.com

The Missouri Southern State University 2021 Homecoming Parade is coming back to downtown. The parade will run down Main Street from 6th St. to 3rd St. at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 25. The football Lions will face Fort Hays State Tigers at 2 p.m. Saturday at Fred Hughes Stadium.

Citizens planning to burn yard debris will need a Burn Permit. The permit is $10 and is good for 3 consecutive days. These are available from Fire Station #1 at 303 East 3rd Street or City's Finance Department here at City Hall. The Fire Station can only accept payment by check or money order. The Finance Department is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and can accept cash, check, debit card, money order, or credit card payments. No matter where the Permit is obtained, residents must still inquire with the Joplin Fire Department about weather conditions and if burning is allowed on each day. Residents can obtain this information by calling the Joplin Fire Department at 417-623-0403.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Shaw 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 September 7, 2021 City Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-278 - 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 (Single Family Residential) and including in District R-2 (Two Family Residential) property as described below and located at 2521 S. Connor Ave. **Ordinance No. 2021-120**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-279 - an ordinance providing the vacation of a utility easement lying on property at the Southeast Corner of S. Anderson Ave. and W. 26th St., City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2021-121**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-280 - an ordinance approving the voluntary annexation by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, of property located at the End of Public Right-of-Way of W. 32nd St., Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2021-122**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-282 - an ordinance establishing grades and accepting the Final Plat of Eagles Edge Phase 2 Subdivision located at the end of public right-of-way of W. 32nd St. in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2021-123**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-609 - an ordinance approving the applications of Midwestern Built CrossFit for Monster Games; Ozark Christian College for marketing their 2022 Conference Series; MSSU Alumni for their 2022 Marketing Campaign; JOMO Pride, Inc. for JOMO Pride; Rufus Racing LLC for Summer Roundup Triathlon; Active Lifestyle for Joplin Memorial Run; Neosho Arts Council for Art Con; Joplin Disc Golf Club's 17th Annual Four States Open; Emancipation Celebration Committee, Emancipation "Parks Day"; Carl Junction Chamber of Commerce for the 25th Bluegrass Festival; KEG Media (Fort Smith, Arkansas) for Mother Road Mayhem, and JW Sports Worldwide LLC for Ball'N Prep Girls Basketball Tournament, for utilization of FY22 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. **Ordinance No. 2021-124**

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Shaw introduced Resolution No. 2021-015 - a resolution approving a request of the appointment of a member and two re-appointments of the Board of Directors of the Northpark Lane Community Improvement District. Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Lawson to approve Resolution No. 2021-015. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0**. Resolution No. 2021-015 was approved**.

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-152

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2021- 152 - an ordinance declaring the necessity of acquiring for public use certain fee simple right of way, permanent and temporary easements for the purpose of street construction improvements associated with the proposed Connecticut Avenue widening project from 32nd Street south to the I-44 Bridge; authorizing the City Manager and his designees to negotiate for the purpose of acquiring the necessary interests in land; authorizing the City Attorney and his designees to institute condemnation proceedings if such interests in land cannot be acquired by purchase through good faith negotiations; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Dr. Reid Adams that Council Bill No. 2021-152 be passed on emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: Monteleone, 1 Absent: 0. Abstention: Stanley, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2021-125**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-153

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2021-153 - an ordinance declaring the necessity of acquiring for public use certain fee simple right of way, permanent and temporary easements for

the purpose of street construction improvements associated with the proposed Connecticut Avenue widening project from 32nd Street south to the I-44 Bridge; authorizing the City Manager and his designees to negotiate for the purpose of acquiring the necessary interests in land; authorizing the City Attorney and his designees to institute condemnation proceedings if such interests in land cannot be acquired by purchase through good faith negotiations; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2021-153 be passed on emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: Monteleone, 1 Absent: 0. Abstention: Stanley, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2021-126**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-154

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2021-154 - an ordinance declaring the necessity of acquiring for public use certain fee simple right of way, permanent and temporary easements for the purpose of street construction improvements associated with the proposed Connecticut Avenue widening project from 32nd Street south to the I-44 Bridge; authorizing the City Manager and his designees to negotiate for the purpose of acquiring the necessary interests in land; authorizing the City Attorney and his designees to institute condemnation proceedings if such interests in land cannot be acquired by purchase through good faith negotiations; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2021-154 be passed on emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: Monteleone, 1 Absent: 0. Abstention: Stanley, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2021-127**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-521

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2021-521 - an ordinance approving the Real Estate Contract by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, a Municipal Corporation, and Jasper County Sheltered Facilities Association, a Missouri Nonprofit Corporation, d/b/a Community Support Services of Missouri, for the sale of 2202 South Jackson Avenue; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill No. 2021-521 be passed on emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Abstention: Stanley, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2021-128**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND THIRD READING

The following persons requested to speak on COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-281:

Richard Hatfield spoke in opposition to this item by stating Par Lane is too narrow for construction vehicles and equipment, there are potential issues with the retention basin maintenance, and he's concerned about safety due to the increase of construction traffic.

Jerod Huebner spoke in opposition to this item and stated the Plat does not meet all the city's plat requirements. He also has concerns with no buffer, potential drainage ditch issues, safety, quality of life and he questioned if the lot sizes are proper.

William Alt spoke in opposition to this item and stated vehicles have difficulty turning around on Par Lane because it's too narrow. He asked why the project developer is not responsible for the maintenance and improvement of the road since that is the only entrance to the new development.

Mark Lane spoke in opposition to this item and listed several concerns. He said he hoped the builder would work with the residents to resolve some of the concerns.

Ken Myers spoke in opposition to this item and stated he has concerns with the retention/drainage issue, traffic, and construction vehicles.

Barbara Joe stated she had concerns about there being no buffer to prevent construction vehicles from using her property.

Blake Onstot, builder for the project, spoke in favor of this item. He stated he wanted to address the issues and concerns some of the neighbors voiced. He addressed traffic/road access; home values, and home size. He stated his company had no intention of negatively impacting this neighborhood in any way. His goal is to add a beautiful neighborhood in a great Joplin location.

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2021-281 - an ordinance establishing grades and accepting the Final Plat of Par Lane Addition located at the End of Right-of-way of W. Par Ln. in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Cortez to pass Council Bill No. 2021-281 on 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 declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2021-129**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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 more specifically for the purpose of evaluating certain Council employees; as set forth in Section 610.021(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. 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.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully,

Barbara Gollhofer, City Clerk, MPCC