JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 6, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
The October 6, 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 Breast Cancer Survivors.

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

Absent: Mark Farnham

Motion by Mr. DeTar, seconded by Mr. Jackson to excuse the absence of Dr. Farnham Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: Farnham, 1.

PRESENTATIONS

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
News from the Public Information Office
Lynn Onstot, Public Information Officer, presented.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS
Public Hearing procedures were read by City Clerk Holly Nagy

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-276
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Dave Pettit spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-276
Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-276 - AN ORDINANCE providing to vacate Forest Ave from Rolla Street to Quincy Street, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill 2025-276 be placed on the first reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: Farnham, 1.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-283
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Wayne Stevenson spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-283
Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2025-283 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District M-2 (Heavy Industrial) and District C-1 PD (Neighborhood Commercial – Planned Development) and include in District C-3 (Commercial) property as described below and generally known as 901 N Florida Ave, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill 2025-283 be placed on the first reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: Farnham, 1.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-282
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
David Pettit spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-282
Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2025-282 - AN ORDINANCE providing to Vacate 1st Street from Monroe Ave to McKinley Ave, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill 2025-282 be placed on the first reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: Farnham, 1.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-280
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Wayne Stevenson spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-280
Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-280 - AN ORDINANCE approving the voluntary annexation by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, of property generally described as the Southeast corner of the intersection at W Adobe Ln and Country Club Dr (Approximately 1,200 feet north of 32nd Street), Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill 2025-280 be placed on the first reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: Farnham, 1.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-281
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Wayne Stevenson spoke in favor of this item.
The following spoke in opposition of this item:
Crystal Robinson
Dorthy Ensen
Les Macy
David Allsense
Kathy Yarmin
Barry Wimberly
Chris Goff
Amy Goff
Terry Wimberly
Brian and Heather Ward submitted an email to Council in opposition to this item.
The Public Hearing was closed. There was a protest occurrence of 14.5530%

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-281
Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2025-281 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District R-1 (Single-Family Residential) and include in District R-3 (Apartment House) property as described below and generally known as the Southeast corner of the intersection at W Adobe Ln and Country Club Dr, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. Jackson that Council Bill 2025-281 be placed on the first reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: Farnham, 1.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-279
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
No one spoke in favor of this item.
Mr. Hillengus spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-279
Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-279 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Jackson that Council Bill 2025-279 be tabled. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: Farnham, 1. This item was ***tabled***.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-278
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
David Perrimen and Nathan Wagner spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-278

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2025-278 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District M-2 PD (Heavy Industrial – Planned Development) and include in District C-3 (Commercial) property as described below and generally known as the 7603 E 32nd St, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill 2025-278 be placed on the first reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: Farnham, 1.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard to approve the consent agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: Farnham, 1.

Minutes of the September 15, 2025 City Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-007 - AN ORDINANCE dissolving the Personnel Board and transferring any remaining functions, powers, or duties to the Human Resources Department and the City Manager. **Ordinance No. 2025-118.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-008 - AN ORDINANCE dissolving the Building Trades Board and transferring any remaining functions, powers, or duties to the Building Department. **Ordinance No. 2025-119.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-009 - AN ORDINANCE dissolving the Board of Health and transferring any remaining functions, powers, or duties to the Health Department and the City Manager. **Ordinance No. 2025-120.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-010 - AN ORDINANCE dissolving the Solid Waste Advisory Commission and transferring any remaining functions, powers, or duties to the Public Works Department and the City Manager. **Ordinance No. 2025-121.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-136 - AN ORDINANCE approving an agreement with the G&G Construction Company Inc. in the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Seven Thousand Two Hundred and 00/100 DOLLARS ($1,707,200.00) for the Miscellaneous WWTP Improvements 2025 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. **Ordinance No. 2025-122.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-137- AN ORDINANCE approving an agreement with the G&G Construction Company, Inc for the Turkey Creek WWTP Aeration Renovation 2025 in the amount of Two Million Six Hundred Ninety Four Thousand Two Hundred One and 14/100 DOLLARS ($2,694,201.14) for the Turkey Creek WWTP Aeration Renovation 2025 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. **Ordinance No. 2025-123.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-141 - AN ORDINANCE approving the issuance of a Purchase Order to Tri-State Truck Center, Inc., in the amount of One Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Nine and 00/100 Dollars ($153,399.00) for the purchase of a 2025 Mack GR64F Chassis with mDRIVE Transmission; and, setting a date when this ordinance shall become effective. **Ordinance No. 2025-124.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-277 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement between the City of Joplin, Missouri, and Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission which will provide FHWA Metropolitan Planning Assistance and FTA Section 5303 assistance, hereafter known as Consolidated Planning Funds, from November 1, 2025, through October 31, 2026, in accordance with the rules of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) under 49 U.S.C. Section 5303 and 23 U.S. Code Sections 104(F) and 134 to conduct comprehensive and transportation planning programs, as the City of Joplin has been designated to conduct transportation planning programs for the Joplin Area Transportation Study Organization; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute said Agreement for the City; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. **Ordinance No. 2025-125.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-532 - AN ORDINANCE approving the Real Estate Contract by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, a Municipal Corporation, and Home Pal, LLC., for the sale of one parcel located at 3127 S Wall Avenue, totaling approximately 4,125 square feet of land; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. **Ordinance No. 2025-126.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-533 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement by and between the City of Joplin and MetLife to provide dental, life and disability insurance coverage for City employees on behalf of the employer, the City of Joplin; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Contract by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. **Ordinance No. 2025-127.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-534 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement by and between the City of Joplin and EyeMed to provide vision insurance coverage for City employees on behalf of the employer, the City of Joplin; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Contract by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. **Ordinance No. 2025-128.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-618 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Purchase Order to be issued to Superion to cover the annual support payment for the financial software and related systems as budgeted in the Proposed Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and setting an effective date. **Ordinance No. 2025-129.**

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-011

Mr. Bard introduced Resolution No. 2025-011 - A RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager to execute the Petition to the City of Joplin, Missouri for the creation of the Woodsonia Marketplace Community Improvement District. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. Copple to approve Resolution No. 2025-11. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: Farnham, 1.

ORIDNANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-354

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-354 AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and B&D Yardbuilders for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 126 S Pearl Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Eight dollars ($6,478.00); 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. Bard, that Council Bill 2025-354 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: Farnham, 1. **Ordinance No. 2025-130.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-142

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-142 - AN ORDINANCE approving Amendment #1 to work authorization OLS-24OC-001 with Olsson for professional engineering consultation services in the not to exceed amount of Sixty-One Thousand One Hundred Fifty and 00/100 dollars ($61,150.00) for the 7th Street Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project 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. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson, that Council Bill 2025-142 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 7. Nay: Carlin, 1. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-142.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-143

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-143 - AN ORDINANCE approving Amendment 1 to Work Authorization OLS-OC21-04 with Olsson in the not to exceed amount of Two Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Eighty and 00/100 dollars ($256,580.00) for professional engineering services for the Zora Street Improvements Phases 2 and 3 project 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. Lawson, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill 2025-143 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-143.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-144

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2025-144 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement and Work Authorization with SFS Architecture, Inc. for Architectural Design Services for the Public Safety Training Center (PSTC) Bathroom Facility in the not to exceed amount of Fifty-Three Thousand Two Hundred and 00/100 dollars ($53,200.00) and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same 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 setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. Lawson, that Council Bill 2025-144 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-144.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-284

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-284 - AN ORDINANCE establishing grades and accepting the Final Plat of Emerald Glades 3rd Addition located West of the intersection of N St Louis Ave and Reed Street, in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar, that Council Bill 2025-284 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-284.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-401

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-401 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement between the City of Joplin, Missouri, and the Economic Security Corporation to partner in administering activities to complete the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration (LHRD) grant # MOLHB0807-24 provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH); authorizing the City Manager to execute same on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill 2025-401 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-401.

A 10-minute break was taken at 8:00 PM. The meeting was reconvened at 8:10 PM.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-402

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-402 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement between the City of Joplin, Missouri, and the Economic Security Corporation that pertains to 2025 CDBG public service grant funds; authorizing the City Manager to execute same on behalf of the City. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Copple, that Council Bill 2025-402 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-402.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-453

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2025-453- AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 18, Animals, Article I, Sec. 18-5(c) Animal neglect and abandonment — Penalties. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill 2025-453 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-453.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-454

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-454 - 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, 2025 and running through September 30, 2026, for the amount of up to Thirty Five Thousand, Eight Hundred Forty One Dollars and Ninety Cents ($35,841.90), to enable the Health Department to provide maternal child health services to residents of Joplin, authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill 2025-454 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-454.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-535

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-535 - AN ORDINANCE approving the Real Estate Contract by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, a Municipal Corporation, and Lauren White, for the sale of one parcel located at North Street – West of St Louis Avenue, totaling approximately 10,625 square feet of land; and authorizing the City Manager 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 Ms. Carlin, that Council Bill 2025-535 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-535.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-536

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-536 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement by and between the City of Joplin and UMR to provide health insurance administration services for City employees on behalf of the employer, the City of Joplin; authorizing the City Manager to execute said renewal agreement by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Ms. Carlin, that Council Bill 2025-536 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-536.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-615

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-615 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Contract by and between the City of Joplin and Branco Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of Eight Million Nine Hundred and Thirty-Five Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty-Five Dollars ($8,935,365) for construction of the Ewert Splash Park project; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Contract by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Lawson for Council Bill No. 2020-615 to move to Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, and Shaw 7. Nay: Jackson, 1. Absent: Farnham, 1. **Ordinance No. 2025-131.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Copple asked the City to look into Tin Cup Trail Crosswalk Amenities. Mr. Copple asked the City Attorney on an update on the Short Term Rental issue for AirBnBs. – Mr. Peter Edwards will bring back an ordnance on AirBnBs at a future meeting.

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. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson, to convene into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: Farnham, 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk