JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 16, 2024
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The September 16, 2024, regular meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, Josh DeTar.

INVOCATION was read by City Clerk, Holly Nagy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA was led by the Soroptimist of Joplin.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Keenan Cortez, Josh Bard

Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Jackson to excuse the absence of Mayor Cortez. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Carlin, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 7. Absent: Cortez, Bard, 2.

Motion by Dr. Farnham, second by Mr. Jackson to excuse the absence of Mr. Bard. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Carlin, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 7. Absent: Cortez, Bard, 2.

PRESENTATIONS

Olivia Update

Sawyer Smith presented an update.

Streetlight Update

Tony Robyn, Assistant City Manager provided an update.

Council discussion ensued. Council would like for staff to provide another update at the beginning of the year.

CIP & Stormwater Schedule Update

Dan Johnson, Director of Public Works presented.

Community Revitalization Program Status Update

Troy Bolander, Director of Planning & Neighborhood Services and Chuck Banks from A&M presented.

Connecticut Avenue Update

Dan Johnson, Director of Public Works presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

Joplin Parks and Recreation invite Moms and their sons to enjoy a fun night of activities this Friday, Sept. 20 or Saturday, Sept. 21. The evening includes a buffet dinner, games, music, dancing and prizes! A complimentary photo is also included in the event. The event is $50 per couple. Join the fun and make memories, have a cowboy approved dinner and win door prizes! Registration can be done online at JoplinParks.org or call 417-625-4750.

Joplin Parks and Recreation invites everyone to participate in Joplin's newest fall tradition – decorating a large hay bale for everyone to view and enjoy as they walk the Hay Bale Trail at McClelland Park. This opportunity is open to individuals, businesses, organizations, and not-for-profit groups to get inspired and transform a large hay bale into a unique art piece. Hay bales can have a theme, tie to the sponsor's mission, or be whatever you want to create! All it takes is an idea, some paint, and a little creativity!

These pictures show just a few of the creative entries from last year's trail. Park guests will have a chance to vote for their favorite hay bale from October 18-31. The fee to reserve a bale for this year is $25, and the deadline is October 14. This is an exclusive opportunity to do some outdoor teambuilding, and highlight your business's mission and services, and bring extra fun and one-of-a-kind artwork into McClelland Park! For more information: www.joplinparks.org or call 417-625-4750.

October 18th, 2024 from 6:00-9:00 pm at McClelland park. Join Joplin Parks & Recreation on Friday, October 18 for their annual Old-Fashioned Hayride! This FREE event will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at McClelland Park, located at 44th Street and McClelland Boulevard. The event will feature family-friendly activities, including a hay bale trail, making s'mores, and bounce houses. Two different hayrides are also offered, with one oriented towards families with younger children and the second one being a haunted hayride with live actors and scary decorations.

Hot dogs and s'mores kits will be handed out on a first-come, first-serve basis. Guests are encouraged to bring sticks to roast their marshmallows over the bonfires. The Salvation Army will be on hand, providing hot chocolate to event guests. For more information, call Joplin Parks & Recreation at 417-625-4750 or visit www.joplinparks.org.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Nicole Brown extended an invitation to Council regarding One Joplin Poverty Simulation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Holly Nagy

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-282

Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Max DeCarlo spoke in favor of this item.
Norman Cramer, Gary Williams, Mary Price, Martha Pope, Andrew Cramer spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-282

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-282- AN ORDINANCE providing to vacate an alley way, lying near property described as 1036 S Range Line Rd, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. (Requested by Seneca Enterprises LLC. Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval).

Motion by Mr. Copple second by Ms. Carlin that Council Bill No. 2024-282 be removed from the table. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Carlin, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 7. Absent: Cortez, Bard, 2.

Motion by Mr. Jackson second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2024-282 be denied. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Carlin, Farnham, Jackson, 4. Nays: Lawson, DeTar, and Shaw, 3. Absent: Cortez, Bard, 2. The motion failed.

Motion by Mr. Lawson second by Mr. Shaw that Council Bill No. 2024-282 be approved. Voting in favor were Council Members: Lawson, DeTar and Shaw, 3. Nays: Copple, Carlin, Farnham, Jackson, 4. Absent: Cortez, Bard, 2. The motion failed.

The Council Bill does not advance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Shaw to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Carlin, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 7. Absent: Cortez, Bard, 2.

Minutes of the September 3, 2024, City Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-119 - AN ORDINANCE approving a purchase order for the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS ($0.00) 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. **Ordinance No. 2024 – 119.**

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 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. 2024 - 120**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-281 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an Agreement with Replica for Professional Planning Services relating to the creation of the 2024 Origin & Destination Study for the Joplin Area Transportation Planning Organization (JATSO); authorizing the City Manager to execute said Agreement for the City of Joplin. **Ordinance No. 2024 -121.**

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.
Ordinance No. 2024 -122.

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 2025 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. **Ordinance No. 2024-123.**

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-368

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No, 2024-368 - 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 1822 S Indiana Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Four Thousand Sixty-five dollars ($4,065.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill No. 2024-368 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Carlin, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 7. Absent: Cortez, Bard, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-124.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-120

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2024-120 - AN ORDINANCE approving a work authorization with Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. in the amount of Two Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS ($237,000.00) for the Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation Toolbox 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. Shaw, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2024-120 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Carlin, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 7. Absent: Cortez, Bard, 2. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-120.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-138

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2024-138 - AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with D&E Plumbing and Heating Inc. in the amount of One Million Five Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six and 15/100 dollars ($1,523,486.15) for construction of the Range Line Road and East 15thStreet Extension 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 No. 2024-138 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Carlin, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 7. Absent: Cortez, Bard, 2. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-138.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-286

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-286 - AN ORDINANCE approving Contract Amendment #3 by and between the City of Joplin and Alvarez & Marsal (A&M) to provide additional Professional Administrative Services and Technical Assistance for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Community Revitalization Program; authorizing the City Manager to execute said contract by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; 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; and, setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Ms. Carlin that Council Bill No. 2024-286 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Carlin, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 7. Absent: Cortez, Bard, 2. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-286.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

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 Ms. Carlin that Council Bill No. 2024-134 move to Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Carlin, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 7. Absent: Cortez, Bard, 2. **Ordinance No. 2024-125.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Copple proposed a Mental Wellness Day as an additional day off.

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. Jackson, second by Dr. Farnham to go into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Carlin, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 7. Absent: Cortez, Bard, 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk