JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 20, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
The October 20, 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 Vita Nova Village.

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.

PRESENTATIONS
AoPP Tansit Grant Planning Update
David Johnson, from TransPro presented.

Winter Weather Preparedness Snow and Ice Control Update
Chad Weller, Assistant Director of Public Works presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
News from the Public Information Office
Drew Douglas, Public Information Officer, presented.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS
The following individuals addressed Council at this time:

Amanda Bearden spoke regarding homelessness.

Motion made by Mr. Copple, seconded by Mr. Lawson to extend Ms. Bearden's time by 1 minute. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson and Shaw 8. Nays: Jackson, 1.

Frank Thompson spoke regarding the audit.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson 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 October 6, 2025 City Council Meeting

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-132.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-133.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025- 276 - AN ORDINANCE providing to vacate Forest Ave from Rolla Street to Quincy Street, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2025-134.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-135.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-136.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-137.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-282- AN ORDINANCE providing to Vacate 1st Street from Monroe Ave to McKinley Ave, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2025-138.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-139.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-140.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-141.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-144.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-453- AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 18, Animals, Article I, Sec. 18-5(c) Animal neglect and abandonment — Penalties. **Ordinance No. 2025-145.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-146.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-147.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-148.**

RESOLUTIONS

ORIDNANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-455

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-455- AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 18, Animals, of the Joplin City Code by amending certain fees found in Section 18-144; and, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. DeTar, that Council Bill 2025-455 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. **Ordinance No. 2025-149.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-456

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-456- AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement by and between the Joplin Humane Society, Inc., and the City of Joplin, Missouri, providing for animal sheltering services for the city animal control program, authorizing the City Manager to execute said Agreement by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri; and, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Copple, that Council Bill 2025-456 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. **Ordinance No. 2025-150.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-537

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2025-537- AN ORDINANCE 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, to adjust appropriations and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill 2025-537 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. **Ordinance No. 2025-142.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-538

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-538- AN ORDINANCE providing for the Budget of the City of Joplin for the period from November 1, 2025 to October 31, 2026, estimating the revenues for said period and appropriating for the purposes stated the sums set forth therein; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill 2025-538 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Abstained: Copple, 1. **Ordinance No. 2025-143.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-539

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-539- AN ORDINANCE providing for the Budget of the City of Joplin for the period from November 1, 2025 to October 31, 2026, estimating the revenues for said period and appropriating for the purposes stated the sums set forth therein; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill 2025-539 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Abstained: Copple, 1. **Ordinance No. 2025-151.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-540

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-540- AN ORDINANCE adopting a new step pay plan by reference the City Salary Administration Plan; establishing the annual salary of certain Classified and Unclassified positions and Part-Time/Seasonal positions for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; adopting a new step pay plan by reference Police Salary Administration Plan establishing the annual salary of certain police positions; adopting a new step pay plan by reference Fire Salary Administration Plan establishing the annual salary of certain fire positions; and, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson, that Council Bill 2025-540 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Abstained: Copple, 1. **Ordinance No. 2025-152.**

A break was taken at 8:05 PM. Meeting was reconvened at 8:15 PM.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-012

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2025-012 - AN ORDINANCE amending the criminal code of the City of Joplin Chapter 82 – Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article V. - Offenses Against Health and Safety, by enacting a new section prohibiting the displacement of transient individuals; and establishing a time for this ordinance to become effective. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill 2025-012 be passed on the first reading and advance 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. 2025-012.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-279

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-279 - AN ORDINANCE amending the criminal code of the City of Joplin Chapter 82 – Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article V. - Offenses Against Health and Safety, by enacting a new section prohibiting the displacement of transient individuals; and establishing a time for this ordinance to become effective. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Dr. Farnham, that Council Bill 2025-279 be passed on the first reading and advance 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. 2025-279.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-286

Dr. Farnham introduced Council Bill No. 2025-286 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Purchase Order to be issued to Corwin Ford- Republic to cover the cost of three (3) 2025 Ford Ranger 4X4 Crew Cabs for a total of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty-Eight Dollars and Eighty-Eight cents ($113,168.88) within the approved City of Joplin Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget with an effective date of November 4, 2025. Motion by Dr. Farnham, second by Ms. Carlin, that Council Bill 2025-286 be passed on the first reading and advance 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. 2025-286.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-541

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-541 - AN ORDINANCE adopting a new step pay plan by reference the City Salary Administration Plan; establishing the annual salary of certain Classified and Unclassified positions and Part-Time/Seasonal positions effective January 1, 2026; adopting a new step pay plan by reference the Fire Salary Administration Plan establishing the annual salary of certain fire positions effective January 1, 2026; and, setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill 2025-541 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Abstained: Copple, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-541.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-619

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-619 - A AN ORDINANCE approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) And Agreement by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, a Municipal Corporation, and Joplin Family YMCA, for sponsorship rights on the premises of the Tin Cup Trail; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) And Agreement, and such other documents as may be necessary, by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Dr. Farnham, that Council Bill 2025-619 be passed on the first reading and advance 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. 2025-619.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-620

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-620 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Contract by and between the City of Joplin and Joplin Industrial Electric Company, in the amount of One Million Six-Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand One Hundred Dollars ($1,698,100) for Park Security Lighting Installation, authorizing the City Manager to execute said Contract by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and, amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as adopted by Ordinance 2025-145 on October 20, 2025. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar, that Council Bill 2025-620 be passed on the first reading and advance 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. 2025-620.

SECOND AND THIRD 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. Copple for Council Bill No. 2025-142 to move to Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. **Ordinance No. 2025-153.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Shawna Fischer addressed Council regarding jail incident.

Motion by Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. DeTar to extend one more minute to Ms. Fischer. Voting in favor were Council Members: Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson and Shaw, 7. Nay: Bard, Jackson, 2.

Josh Shackles addressed Council regarding Camping Ordinance.

Mr. Copple would like the City Manager to establish a work group to look at the dispatch shortage issue and bring back solutions.

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, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk