JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 7, 2024
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The October 7, 2024, regular meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Keenan Cortez.

INVOCATION was read by City Clerk, Holly Nagy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA was led by Joplin Hero Lifeguards.

ROLL CALL

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Joshua Bard, Charles Copple, Keenan Cortez, 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: Doris Carlin

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

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

Just a friendly word of caution: Work has begun on improving the intersection of 4th and Murphy Boulevard. We encourage all drivers to be cautious and travel slowly through this area as the project progresses. We plan to leave it open as much as possible, although work will entail intermittent closures. Certain legs of the intersection may have to be closed for short periods of time, and we'll post these closures on our website and Facebook page. We also alert local media so they can relay that information as well, so please be traffic aware. The intersection will be much more efficient with better traffic signals and lane markings, as well as include beautification for this busy entryway into the downtown and some of our parks. Project completion is anticipated near the end of this year or the first of next. We appreciate everyone's patience as we complete a project the voters supported in 2021 Capital Improvement Sales Tax election.

If this nice weather has gotten everyone outside to do some yard work, it's good timing. Our free tree limb and brush drop-off site will be open on Friday, October 18 and Saturday, October 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The drop-off site is located at 1702 North Schifferdecker Avenue, six-tenths of a mile north of Belle Center Road on the west side of Schifferdecker. This free drop-off service is for Joplin residents and has no load limits. Leaves, grass clippings, treated wood, railroad ties, or construction debris will not be accepted. This program is not intended for commercial tree trimming/removal service providers or contractors.

This is the final scheduled time for the monthly drop-off program. It will begin again in March next year. If a weather event causes downed limbs, please watch for announcements on our local media, website, and Facebook page about the status of opening the site.

Residential leaf pick up program. It will begin on the Monday following Thanksgiving, which is December 2. We'll provide details about the program in upcoming weeks.

Joplin Parks and Rec's Old Fashioned Hayride is set for Friday, October 18th at McClelland Park. It runs from 6 to 9 p.m. and offers some great family activities.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Michael Mercado spoke regarding Pride Fest

Frank Thompson addressed council

Mary Price spoke regarding fiscal accountability and issues

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Holly Nagy

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-283

Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Thanh Pham spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-283

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2024-283- AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) and including in District R-2 (Two-Family Residential) property as described below and located at 630 S Porter Ave. Motion by Mr. DeTar second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2024-283 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Bard, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Carlin, 1.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes of the September 16, 2024, City Council Meeting.

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. **Ordinance No. 2024-126.**

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 15th Street 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. **Ordinance No. 2024-127.**

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. **Ordinance No. 2024-128.**

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-142

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No, 2024-142 - AN ORDINANCE providing that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin, Missouri, be amended by revising Section 114-237 School Zones, to remove old school zones and add new school zones and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill No. 2024-142 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Bard, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Carlin, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-129.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-143

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2024-143 – AN ORDINANCE providing that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin, Missouri, be amended by revising Section 114-822, Specific Speed Limits, to update the listed speed limits to match posted speed limits and to amend the speed limits of Utica Street and 44th Street and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Jackson second by Mr. Lawson, that Council Bill No. 2024-143 be amended to remove the proposed 40 mph speed limit for 44th Street. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Bard, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Carlin, 1. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. Jackson, that amended Council Bill No. 2024-143 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Bard, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Carlin, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-130**.

Mr. Gremaud addressed Council on this Council Bill.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-144

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No, 2024-144 - AN ORDINANCE providing that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin, Missouri, be amended by revising Section 114-825, Parking Prohibited at All Times on Certain Streets, to include the establishment of two No Parking Zones and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill No. 2024-144 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Bard, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Carlin, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-131.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-374

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No, 2024-374 - 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 2808 E 7TH St. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Four Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Four dollars ($4,394.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Dr. Farnham, that Council Bill No. 2024-374 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Bard, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Carlin, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-132.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-375

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No, 2024-375- 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 1119 S Picher Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Two Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Three dollars ($2,683.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Dr. Farnham, that Council Bill No. 2024-375 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Bard, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Carlin, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-133**.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-003

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2024-003 - AN ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an Agreement with the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Joplin (JIDA), for the City to loan $1,150,000.00 to the JIDA for the purchase of approximately 330 acres of land adjacent to the City to be utilized as an industrial park; and, authorizing the City Manager to execute said Agreement by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill No. 2024-003 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Bard, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Carlin, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-003.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-133

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2024-133 - AN ORDINANCE approving a consultation agreement with Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of Two Hundred and Fifty-Six Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS ($256,000.00) for engineering services associated with the REO Grant 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. Bard that Council Bill No. 2024-133 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Bard, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Carlin, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-133.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-140

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2024-140 - AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Hartman & Company, Inc. in the amount of One Million Six Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Seventeen and 50/100 Dollars ($1,632,717.50) for the construction of the Tin Cup Trail Project; 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 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. DeTar, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2024-140 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, and Shaw, 6. Nays: Bard, Jackson, 2. Absent: Carlin, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-140.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-141

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2024-141 - AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Elements Construction Concepts in the amount of One Million Six Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Eight and 00/100 Dollars ($1,665,698.00) for the construction of the Tin Cup Bridge Project; 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 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. DeTar, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2024-140 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, and Shaw, 5. Nays: Bard, Farnham, Jackson, 3. Absent: Carlin, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-141.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-146

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-146 - AN ORDINANCE approving an agreement with Schuber Mitchell to provide sanitary sewer to property located at 2206 Crow Rd., 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 Mr. Lawson that Council Bill No. 2024-146 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Bard, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Carlin, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-146.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-147

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-147 - AN ORDINANCE approving an agreement with Coretex Enterprises to provide sanitary sewer to property located at 5130 Birdsong Rd, 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 Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2024-146 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Bard, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Carlin, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-147.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-289

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2024-289 - 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, 2024, through October 31, 2025, 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. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2024-289 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Bard, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Carlin, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-289.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-402

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2024-402 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement between the City of Joplin, Missouri, and the Economic Security Corporation that pertains to 2024 CDBG public service grant funds, authorizing the City Manager to execute same on behalf of the City. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Jackson that Council Bill No. 2024-402 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Bard, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Carlin, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-402.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Jackson would like for Council to consider adding barricades in Summit Ridge to prevent truck traffic through Summit Ridge for a neighboring subdivision being built.

Vote to go into closed session, which shall pertain to leasing, purchasing or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefore; and 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(2) (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. Bard, second by Mr. Jackson to go into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Bard, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Absent: Carlin, 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk