JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 16, 2023
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The October 16, 2023, regular meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Doug Lawson.

INVOCATION was read by City Clerk Holly Nagy.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA was led by Gary Shaw

ROLL CALL

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Keenan Cortez, Josh DeTar, Mark Farnham, Doug Lawson, Gary Shaw, Phil Stinnett, and Christina Williams. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

Absent: Charles Copple, Kate Spencer

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Dr. Farnham to excuse the absence of Mr. Copple and Ms. Spencer. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2.

PRESENTATIONS

Semi-Annual Insurance Update by Segal

Kim Wixson presented.

Guidehouse Grant Update

Dami Kehinde, from Guidehouse presented.

Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Update

Travis Stephens, President of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

A Public Meeting focusing on the next and final phase of the Connecticut Widening Program is set for Thursday, October 26, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2616 Connecticut Avenue. This open house public meeting with City engineers and construction contractor representatives is set for 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

This project focuses on the area from 32nd Street to the I-44 Bridge and will reconstruct and widen Connecticut Avenue to a 5-lane roadway with curb and gutter, including a dual-use 10-foot-wide sidewalk/bike trail on the west side of the roadway and a 6-foot-wide sidewalk on the east side of the roadway.

Citizens may drop by any time during these hours to view the final plans and ask questions about the upcoming construction project.

Widening Connecticut was originally introduced and supported by voters at the 2004 election for the Capital Improvement Sales Tax. With continued citizens' support, the project has been done in phases, including the addition of the railroad overpass near 26th Street. This is the final phase of widening Connecticut Avenue from Campbell Parkway to 44th Street, providing an efficient and safe north/south corridor for our community.

Tree pruning is not recommended in the fall, but cutting dead limbs and branches can be done any time of the year. So if planning to work on your fall outdoor chores, remember the monthly tree limb drop-off program is open on Friday, October 20 and Saturday, October 21 to take your limbs and branches.

The site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is located at 1702 North Schifferdecker Avenue, approximately six-tenths of a mile north of Belle Center Road on the west side of Schifferdecker Avenue. This free drop-off service is for Joplin residents only. Professional contractors will not be allowed to dump.

This is the last scheduled drop-off weekend for 2023. The City may open this site following a weather event for residents to dispose of branches. Announcements of these openings are announced through local news stations, the City's website and the City's Facebook page.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2.

Minutes of the October 2, 2023, City Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-285 - 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) to District MUC (Mixed-Use Commercial) property as described below and located directly South of the Intersection of W 32nd St and S Nellie Mae. **Ordinance No. 2023-145**.

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-013

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2023-013 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an Agreement with the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of providing economic development consulting services; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Agreement by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-013 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-146**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-154

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-154 - AN ORDINANCE approving an agreement with B.T.B. Homes, LLC to provide sanitary sewer to property located at Apricot Dr. and Coyote Dr., authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2023-154 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-147**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-367

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2023-367 - AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Nelson Enterprises for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 320 N Sergeant Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Six Thousand Seven Hundred forty-nine dollars ($6,749.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2023-367 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-148.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-368

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-368 - AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Nelson Enterprises for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 1209 S Jackson Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Three Thousand Seven Hundred forty-nine dollars ($3,749.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2023-368 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-149**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-369

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-369- AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Nelson Enterprises for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 1202 S Murphy Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Three Thousand Nine Hundred ninety-nine dollars ($3,999.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2023-369 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-150**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-370

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2023-370- AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Nelson Enterprises for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 302 S Gray Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Three Thousand Seven Hundred forty-nine dollars ($3,749.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2023-370 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-151**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-371

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-371- AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Nelson Enterprises for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 304 S Gray Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Three Thousand Seven Hundred forty-nine dollars ($3,749.00); 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. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2023-371 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-152**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-372

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-372- AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and USA Demolition for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 4002 Duquesne Rd. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Six Thousand Three Hundred dollars ($6,300.00); 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 Ms. Williams that Council Bill No. 2023-372 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-153**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-455

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2023-455- 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. Stinnett, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2023-455 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-154**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-456

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2023-456- 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. Stinnett, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-456 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-155**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-517

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-517- AN ORDINANCE approving an agreement for professional auditing services for the City of Joplin; authorizing the City Manager to execute said agreement; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-517 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-156**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-518

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-518- AN ORDINANCE amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as adopted by Ordinance 2022-161 on October 17, 2022, to adjust appropriations and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2023-518 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-157**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-519

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-519- AN ORDINANCE providing for the Budget of the City of Joplin for the period from November 1, 2023, to October 31, 2024, 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. Cortez, second by Ms. Williams that Council Bill No. 2023-519 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-158**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-520

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2023-520- 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 2023-2024; 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. Stinnett, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-520 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-159**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-521

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-521- AN ORDINANCE approving a Renewal 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 containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2023-521 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-160**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-522

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-522- AN ORDINANCE approving a Renewal Agreement by and between the City of Joplin and Delta Dental to provide dental insurance coverage for City employees on behalf of the employer, the City of Joplin; authorizing the City Manager to execute said renewal by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2023-522 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-161**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-523

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-523- AN ORDINANCE approving a Renewal Agreement by and between the City of Joplin and MetLife to provide 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 containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2023-523 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-162**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-524

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-524- AN ORDINANCE approving a Renewal Agreement by and between the City of Joplin and Symetra to provide life 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 containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2023-524 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-163.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-526

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2023-526- AN ORDINANCE approving a Subrecipient Agreement by and between the City of Joplin and Jasper County, a political subdivision of the State of Missouri, to improve 20th Street from Schifferdecker to Central City under the County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant; and, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-526 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-164.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-528

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-528- AN ORDINANCE providing for the Fire Department Budget of the City of Joplin for the period from November 1, 2023 to October 31, 2024, estimating the appropriations for said period for the purposes stated the sums set forth therein; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2023-528 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-165.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-610

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-610- AN ORDINANCE approving the issuance of a Purchase Order to MacQueen Emergency to cover the purchase of two (2) Pierce Velocity replacement fire engines which has been included in the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024, to adjust appropriations and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Ms. Williams that Council Bill No. 2023-610 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-166.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-286

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2023-286 - AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 26 Buildings and Building Regulations by repealing Articles XII & XIII and enacting a new Article XII, Property Maintenance Code, and setting a date when this ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-286 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-286.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-527

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-527 AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into a Funding Agreement with Downtown Joplin Alliance for the purpose of protecting, rehabilitating, and redeveloping endangered properties within downtown Joplin; and, authorizing the City Manager to execute said Agreement by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-527 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 6. Nays: Farnham, 1. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-527.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-607

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-607 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Contract by and between the City of Joplin and Olsson Studio, in the amount of Eight Hundred and Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars ($828,000) for Professional Engineering Consulting Services to include a scope of work and fees for engineering services 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. Cortez, second by Ms. Williams that Council Bill No. 2023-607 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-607.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-454

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-454 - 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 August 1, 2023 and running through November 30, 2027, for the amount of up to Two Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand, Fifty Dollars and No Cents ($239,050.00), to enable the Health Department to establish, expand, train and sustain the public health workforce; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Ms. Williams to pass Council Bill No. 2023-454 on Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 6. Nays: Farnham, 1. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-167**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Vote to go into closed session, which shall pertain to legal action, causes of action, or litigation including a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys pursuant to state law, as set forth in Section 610.021 (1) RSMo, as amended, 2020. This meeting, record, and vote to be closed. Council shall adjourn at the end of the session. Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. DeTar to go into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Copple, Spencer, 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy, City Clerk, MRCC