JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 3, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
The November 3, 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 the Joplin Color Guard.

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

Absent: Josh DeTar

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

PRESENTATIONS
Parkwood Tournament Update

Mike Greninger presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Ms. Carlin, seconded by Mr. Lawson to remove Council Bill No. 2025-012 and move to second and third reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: DeTar, 1.

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 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-012
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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-012

Mr. Copple introduced Resolution No. 2025-012 - A RESOLUTION granting a Special Use Permit (1st Request) for a dental office, located at 2047 S Highview Ave, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Jackson that Resolution No. 2025-012 be passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: DeTar, 1.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-542

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

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-542

Council Bill No. 2025-542 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Petition for the Creation of the Woodsonia Marketplace Community Improvement District and creating the Woodsonia Marketplace Community Improvement District. No motion was made for this item at this time. Motion will be made under First Reading.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-279 - AN ORDINANCE amending the Joplin Development Code, Ordinance No. 2022-119, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, being Appendix 29-A of the Joplin Municipal Code. **Ordinance No. 2025 -154**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025 -155**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025 –156**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-619 - 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. **Ordinance No. 2025 -157**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025 -158**

RESOLUTIONS

ORIDNANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-147

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-147 - AN ORDINANCE approving an agreement with Jeff Asbell Excavating & Trucking, Inc. in the amount of One Million, Two Hundred Eighteen Thousand, Three Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars and 41/100 ($1,218,365.41) for Joplin ARPA Group C Project and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute this agreement by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Ms. Carlin, that Council Bill 2025-147 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: DeTar, 1. **Ordinance No. 2025-159.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-148

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-148 - AN ORDINANCE approving an agreement with Sprouls Construction, Inc. in the amount of One Million, Seventeen Thousand, Nine Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars and 00/100 ($1,017,969.00) for Joplin ARPA Group C Project and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute this agreement by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill 2025-148 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: DeTar, 1. **Ordinance No. 2025-160.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-355

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2025-355 - AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Kester Dirtworks for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 1809 E 32nd Street); 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 Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill 2025-355 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: DeTar, 1. **Ordinance No. 2025-161.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-543

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-543 - AN ORDINANCE adopting and establishing pay rates for certain Unclassified Council Employees; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill 2025-543 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: DeTar, 1. **Ordinance No. 2025-162.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-622

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-622 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Public Service Agreement by and between the City of Joplin and the Area Agency on Aging, Region X, to continue programs and services to senior citizens, amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as adopted by Ordinance 2025-143 on October 20, 2025; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill 2025-622 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: DeTar, 1. **Ordinance No. 2025-163.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-011

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-011 - Authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an Agreement with the Joplin Sports Authority for the purpose of providing marketing services. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Copple, that Council Bill 2025-011 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: DeTar, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-011.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-013

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-013 - 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. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill 2025-013 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: DeTar, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-013.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-145

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-145 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement and Work Authorization with SFS Architecture, Inc. for Architectural Design Services for the Joplin Firearms/Range Facility Building in the not to exceed amount of One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Fifty and 00/100 dollars ($118,350.00) 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 2025-2026 as adopted by Ordinance 2025-145 on October 20, 2025; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill 2025-145 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: DeTar, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-145.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-146

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-146 - AN ORDINANCE approving Work Authorization AMA-OC-025-008 with Allgeier Martin and Associates, Inc. (AMA) in the not to exceed amount of Four Hundred Eighty Thousand and 00/100 dollars ($480,000.00) for professional engineering services for the I-44 Culvert and Silver Creek Detention project 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 2025-2026 as adopted by Ordinance 2025-143 on October 20, 2025; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill 2025-146 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: DeTar, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-146.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-149

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2025-149 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement and Work Authorization with Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. for Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Procurement Services in the not to exceed amount of Ninety-Two Thousand Three Hundred and 00/100 dollars ($92,300.00) 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 2025-2026 as adopted by Ordinance 2025-143 on October 20, 2025; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Bard, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill 2025-149 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: DeTar, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-149.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-542

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-542 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Petition for the Creation of the Woodsonia Marketplace Community Improvement District and creating the Woodsonia Marketplace Community Improvement District. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill 2025-542 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: DeTar, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-542.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-544

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-544 - AN ORDINACE amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as adopted by Ordinance 2025-143 on October 20, 2025, to adjust appropriations; and, setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Copple, that Council Bill 2025-544 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: DeTar, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-544.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-545

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-545 - AN ORDINANCE repealing the Education Assistance Program Section of the revised Rules and Regulations (Employee Handbook) and enacting in lieu thereof a new Education Assistance Program Section of the revised Rules and Regulations (Employee Handbook) 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 2025-545 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 8. Absent: DeTar, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-545.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-012

Mr. Jackson 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. Jackson, second by Mr. Bard, to amend Council Bill No. 2025-012 to add the Lafayette House as the only provider for domestic and sexual abuse victims under section C.2. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 7. Abstained: Carlin, 1. Absent: DeTar, 1.

Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Bard for Amended Council Bill No. 2020-012 to move to Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 7. Abstained: Carlin, 1. Absent: DeTar, 1. **Ordinance No. 2025-164.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Nick Edwards stated that he will be bringing a new proposal for dispatch to the November 17th meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk