JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 20, 2023
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
The November 20, 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 Doug Lawson.

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

Absent: Mark Farnham

PRESENTATIONS

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
News from the Public Information Office
As many prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday, I'd like to remind everyone that the City is closed for the holiday this Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24. This closure includes MAPS transportation service and the Recycling Center. The Recycling Center resumes its regular operating hours on Saturday, November 25. City Hall and other City services will reopen to the public at 8 a.m. on Monday, November 27.

Residential trash and curbside recycling services will not be provided on Thanksgiving, and the service day will move to Friday. Friday service will be moved to Saturday this week.

The City's Leaf Pick Up Program is one of our more popular programs so I wanted to mention it again for our viewers. It starts Monday, November 27, weather permitting. The City's two crews start in opposite outlying areas of the city and work toward the center of Joplin.

To help residents know the general order of neighborhood locations, the City has created a map indicating the order of neighborhoods the crews will be working. This slide shows the first 3 sections for each crew. The Leaf Pick-Up map is posted on the City's website and by using the map online, citizens can better prepare for their arrival to pick up their leaves. This year, we will also update the map weekly to indicate the progress, so residents can actively monitor when we'll be getting into their neighborhoods.

Depending on the weather, the program can take about a month or longer. Wet leaves cannot be vacuumed - so moisture can delay the work. We appreciate everyone's patience as we provide this popular service for our residents. For more information, go to our website www.joplinmo.org/LeafPickUp

Joplin will welcome a new Holiday Train with musical entertainment from 1:30-2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28. Canadian Pacific Kansas City Railroad has announced their HOLIDAY TRAIN will stop in Joplin at Joplin Union Depot. It will arrive at 1:15 p.m. and present a 30-minute, staged Holiday Show at 1:30 p.m. Parking for the event on the Union Depot grounds at 205 N. Main Street will open at 11:30 a.m. For more details, go to www.cpkcr.com/HolidayTrain

Later in the evening, come join Parks and Recreation at Mercy Park for the Holiday Tree Trail Opening Night! From 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28 guests can enjoy cookies from Casey's, hot chocolate served by Joplin Rotary Clubs, and Karen's Dance Studio musical performances. Walk the trail to view 45 uniquely decorated trees. Allow extra time so the children can stop and see Santa at the event. The Tree Trail is open every night until 10 p.m.; attendees are encouraged to vote for their favorite tree through December 20. Joplin Parks and Rec added a few special surprises along the trail this year, so we invite everyone to enjoy this fun holiday display.

Many other holiday events are taking place in Joplin in upcoming weeks, so be sure to check community websites, including the Facebook pages of Joplin Parks and Recreation and Visit Joplin Mo.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS
Amanda Bearden spoke regarding our current projects and needs.

Mr. DeTar made a motion to allow for 1 additional minute of speaking time. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Shaw to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1.

Minutes of the November 6, 2023, City Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-287 – 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 R-2 (Two-Family Residential) property as described below and located 1802 S Connecticut Ave. **Ordinance No. 2023-179**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-288 - 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 R-2 (Two-Family Residential) property as described below and located at 1221 N Brownell Ave. **Ordinance No. 2023-180.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-289 - AN ORDINANCE establishing grades and accepting the Final Plat of Emerald Glades 2nd Addition located at 3330 N St Louis Ave, in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2023-181.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-611 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to issue a purchase order to Sign Designs in the amount One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars and No Cents ($121,967.00) for the installation of six (6) Park Entryway Signs, authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and, 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.
Ordinance No. 2023-182.

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-150

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-150 - AN ORDINANCE Authorizing the approval of the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) Grant Agreement for Air Service Promotion and Marketing at the Joplin Regional Airport, authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Shaw that Council Bill No. 2023-150 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-183**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-373

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-373 - AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Big John's Heavy Equipment for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 2701 W. D St. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Two Thousand dollars ($2,000.00); 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. Copple that Council Bill No. 2023-373 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-184**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-374

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-374 - AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Big John's Heavy Equipment for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 221 S. Pearl Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Five Thousand Five Hundred dollars ($5,500.00); 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 Mr. Shaw that Council Bill No. 2023-374 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-185.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-375

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2023-375 - AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Freeman's Landworx, LLC. for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 1107 E. 34th St. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Three Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Five dollars ($3,875.00); 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 Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2023-375 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-186.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-457

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-457- AN ORDINANCE approving an amendment to 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 July 1, 2021 and running through July 31, 2024, for the amount of up to Six Hundred Fifty Thousand, Sixty Dollars and No Cents ($650,060.00), to enable the Health Department to provide COVID-19 activities and response and to maintain and to strengthen the communicable disease response to future outbreaks to the residents of Joplin, authorizing the City Manager to execute the same 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 No. 2023-457 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-187**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-540

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-540- AN ORDINANCE 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, to adjust appropriations and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Ms. Williams that Council Bill No. 2023-540 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-188**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-612

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2023-612- AN ORDINANCE Authorizing the City of Joplin to issue a purchase order to Don Brown Chevrolet in the amount of Five Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars and No Cents ($559,262.00) for the purchase of eleven (11) replacement Chevy Tahoe Police vehicles; authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri; 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, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2023-612 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-189**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-613

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-613- AN ORDINANCE approving the issuance of a Purchase Order to McQueen Emergency to cover the purchase of a used 2016 Pierce Dash 75' Ladder as approved in the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 as adopted by Ordinance 2023-519 on October 16, 2023, to adjust appropriations and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-613 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-190**.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-458

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-458 - AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 62, Health and Sanitation, by enacting a new Article XI, Lodging Establishments. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-458 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-458.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-532

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-532 AN ORDINANCE repealing Section 58-68, Schedule of Fees, Article II, Fire Prevention Code, Division 2, International Fire Code, of Chapter 58, Fire Prevention and Protection, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 58-68, Schedule of Fees, Article II, Fire Prevention Code, Division 2, International Fire Code, of Chapter 58, Fire Prevention and Protection, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin to implement certain fee changes; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-532 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-532.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-533

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-533 - AN ORDINANCE repealing Section 106-62, Plan Review and Permit Fees, Article III, Improvement Permits, of Chapter 106, Streets, Sidewalk and Other Public Places, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 106-62, Plan Review and Permit Fees, Article III, Improvement Permits, of Chapter 106, Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin to implement certain fee changes; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2023-533 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-533.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-534

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-534 - AN ORDINANCE repealing Section 34-2, Prices of lots and grave rights; charge for setting stones, of Chapter 34, Cemeteries, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 34-2, Prices of lots and grave rights; charge for setting stones, of Chapter 34, Cemeteries, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin to implement certain fee changes; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Shaw that Council Bill No. 2023-534 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, and Williams, 6. Nays: Stinnett, 1. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-534.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-535

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2023-535 - AN ORDINANCE repealing Section 30-121, License Classifications and Fees, of Article III, Licenses, Division 2, Schedule of Fees, of Chapter 30, Businesses, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 30-121, License Classifications and Fees, of Article III, Licenses, Division 2, Schedule of Fees, of Chapter 30, Businesses, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin to implement certain classification changes; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-535 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-535.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-536

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-536 - AN ORDINANCE repealing Section 86-5, Fees at Schifferdecker Golf Course, of Article I, In General, and Section 86-6, Fees for Parks Programs and Parks Facilities, of Article I, In General, and Section 186-123, Fee Schedule, of Article IV, Memorial Hall/Amphitheater, and Section 86-152, Admission Fee, of Article V, Swimming Pools, and Section 86-251, Fees, of Article VII, Dog Parks, of Chapter 86, Parks and Recreation, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 86-5, Fees at Schifferdecker Golf Course, of Article I, In General, and Section 86-6, Fees for Parks Programs and Parks Facilities, of Article I, In General, and Section 186-123, Fee Schedule, of Article IV, Memorial Hall/Amphitheater, and Section 86-152, Admission Fee, of Article V, Swimming Pools, and Section 86-251, Fees, of Article VII, Dog Parks, of Chapter 86, Parks and Recreation, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin to implement certain fee changes; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2023-536 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, and Williams, 6. Nays: Stinnett, 1. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-536.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-537

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-537 - AN ORDINANCE repealing Section 9, Filing Fees, of the Subdivision Regulations, Appendix 29B as adopted by Ordinance No. 97-161 of the City of Joplin and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 9, Filing Fees, of the Subdivision Regulations, Appendix 29B of the City of Joplin to implement certain fee changes; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Ms. Williams that Council Bill No. 2023-537 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-537.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-538

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-538 - AN ORDINANCE repealing Section 29A-2514, Fees, Article II, of Appendix 29A, of the Zoning Regulations of the City of Joplin and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 29A-2514, Fees, of Appendix 29A, of the Zoning Regulations of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin to implement certain fee changes; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Shaw that Council Bill No. 2023-538 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-538.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-539

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-539 - AN ORDINANCE repealing Section 118-235, Permit fee, Connection Fee, and other Sewer Fees, of Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, of Division 7, Building Sewers, of Chapter 118, Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin, and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 118-235, Permit Fee, Connection Fee, and other Sewer Fees, of Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, of Division 7, Building Sewers, of Chapter 118, Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin to implement certain fee changes; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-539 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-539.

SECOND AND THIRD READING
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Stinnett addressed his intent to provide general employees a 3% pay adjustment from a 2.5% pay adjustment for FY 2024 only. Mr. Stinnett wants the Council to reevaluate the decision to change the pay plan. This will come back for a vote in December.

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Copple to accept the resignation of Kate Spencer. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1.

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar to accept applications for the temporary vacancy due to the resignation of Kate Spencer until November 30, 2023, at 5 PM with an applicant chosen at the December 4, 2023, City Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy, City Clerk, MRCC