JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 6, 2023
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The November 6, 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 Mark Farnham.

ROLL CALL

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Charles Copple, 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: Kate Spencer

Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Cortez to excuse the absence of Kate Spencer. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent, Spencer, 1.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation from the Joplin Civil Air Patrol Squadron

Bart Starkey, Airport Manager was presented with a plaque.

Kiwanis International Key Club Proclamation

Mayor Lawson read the proclamation.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

Saturday, November 11, marks the 36th Annual Joplin Community Veterans Day Parade! The parade begins at 10 a.m. at 15th Street & Main and moves north to 3rd Street, turning west, and continue onto Joplin Avenue, heading south to the City Hall parking lots between 5th and 7th Streets. We invite everyone to line Main Street in honor of our great American heroes, our Veterans!

Turkey Shoot – a basketball free-throw shooting contest

Kids can have some fun, work on their basketball skills AND win a Thanksgiving Turkey at Joplin's Parks and Recreation's 24th Annual Turkey Shootout. It will b held at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17 at West Central Elementary Gymnasium, 1001 W. 7th St.

Children ages Kindergarten through 8th grade can compete in this annual free throw contest to win a turkey and/or gift cards from our event sponsor, Academy Sports & Outdoors! Prizes will be awarded for every grade division! The event is free, however Parks and Rec would like you to register your child by Nov. 17 by going online at www.joplinparks.org or by calling 417-625-4750! Good luck to all of the participants!

All train enthusiasts, their friends, and family are invited to enjoy the Model Train Show & Swap Meet on Saturday, November 25, at the Joplin History & Mineral Museum. The event is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with adult admission set at $5, and children 12 and under are admitted free. All proceeds at the door benefit the Joplin History and Mineral Museum, which is located in Schifferdecker Park.
For more information about how to participate, go to www.tristatemodelrailroaders.com

Just a windy reminder - The leaves are beginning to fall, and the City will again help remove them through its Residential Leaf Pick Up Program. It begins the Monday after Thanksgiving – which is Monday, November 27, weather permitting. The program will operate the same as in past years, with crews starting on the north side and the south side of Joplin and working toward the center of Joplin. We will post more information about Leaf Pick-Up as we get closer to the start date.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Holly Nagy

PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESOLUTION NO. 2023-019

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

No one spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-019

Mr. DeTar introduced Resolution No. 2023-019 A RESOLUTION granting a Special Use Permit (3rd and Final Request) for the operation of a Home Beauty Salon, located at 2337 E Zora St in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Copple that Resolution No. 2023-019 be passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent, Spencer, 1.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-287
Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Kent Eastman spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-287
Mr. Stinnett introduced 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. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2023-287 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent, Spencer, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-287.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-288
Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Anna Chen spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-288
Mr. Stinnett introduced 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. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2023-288 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent, Spencer, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-288.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-290
Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Randy Moore and Travis Stephens spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-290
Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2023-290 AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City council to issue the abatement of ad valorem taxes on the existing building and improvements to real property located in the Joplin Area Enhanced Enterprise Zone; generally described as located at 8125 E. 26th St, Joplin, MO and owned by Aesir Technologies, LLC and containing an emergency clause. No vote was taken at this time. This item will be considered under Ordinances-Emergency.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent, Spencer, 1.

Minutes of the October 16, 2023, City Council Meeting

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. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-168**

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. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-169**

RESOLUTIONS
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-020
Mr. Stinnett introduced Resolution No. 2023-020 A RESOLUTION approving a request for the reappointment of the slate of Board of Directors for the 510 Rangeline Community Improvement District. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Copple that Resolution No. 2023-020 be passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent, Spencer, 1.

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-155

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2023-155 - AN ORDINANCE approving an amendment (Change Order No. 1) to the construction agreement with McClanahan Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of One Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Two and 00/100 Dollars ($167,702.00) for Turkey Creek WWTF Building Addition and 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. Shaw, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-155 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent, Spencer, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-170**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-156

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-156 - AN ORDINANCE approving an amendment (Change Order No. 1) to the construction agreement with Rosetta Construction, LLC in the amount of Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Five Hundred Six and 50/100 Dollars, ($475,506.50) for the Bakers Branch East Wastewater Extension Project; and 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. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-156 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent, Spencer, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-171**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-290

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-290 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City council to issue the abatement of ad valorem taxes on the existing building and improvements to real property located in the Joplin Area Enhanced Enterprise Zone; generally described as located at 8125 E. 26th St, Joplin, MO and owned by Aesir Technologies, LLC and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2023-290 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent, Spencer, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-172**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-525

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-525 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Contract by and between the City of Joplin and Berkley to provide stop loss coverage for the City's health self-insurance coverage 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. Copple, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2023-525 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent, Spencer, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-173**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-530

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-530 - AN ORDINANCE approving the First Amendment to Amended and Restated Cooperative Agreement among the City of Joplin, Missouri, the 32nd Street Place Community Improvement District, and Woodsonia Joplin, LLC; authorizing the City Manager and the Mayor to execute said First Amendment on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2023-530 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent, Spencer, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-174**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-531

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2023-531 - AN ORDINANCE adopting a new step pay plan by reference the City Salary Administration Plan, establishing the annual salary of Part-Time/Seasonal positions for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; and, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2023-531 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent, Spencer, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-175**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-608

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2023-608 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Purchase Order to be issued to Superion, LLC. to cover the annual support payment for the financial software and related systems as budgeted in the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 as adopted by Council Bill 2023-519 on October 16, 2023; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-608 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent, Spencer, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-176**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-609

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2023-609 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement allowing Paradise Advertising & Marketing, Inc., a Florida Corporation, to serve as the Print and Digital Media Buyer for the Joplin Convention & Visitors Bureau, authorizing the City Manager to execute appropriate agreements with each organization for the utilization of such funds and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-609 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent, Spencer, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-177**.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-289

Mr. Copple introduced 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. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-289 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent, Spencer, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-289.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-611

Mr. Cortez introduced 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. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-611 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent, Spencer, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-611.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-527

Mr. DeTar 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. DeTar, second by Ms. Williams to pass Council Bill No. 2020-527 on Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams 7. Nays: Farnham, 1 Absent: Spencer, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-178**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. DeTar would like Council to consider establishing a Legislative Affairs Committee amongst a few members of Council.

Mr. Copple would like to discuss a recruitment initiative and lateral transfers.

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, And To Discuss Leasing, Purchase Or Sale Of Real Estate By A Governmental Body Where Public Knowledge Of The Transaction Might Adversely Affect The Legal Consideration Thereof, Pursuant To State Law; As Set Forth In Section 610.021 (1) (2) RSMo, As Amended, 2020. This Meeting, Record, And Vote To Be Closed. Council Shall Adjourn At The End Of The Session. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar to go into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent, Spencer, 1.

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

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy, City Clerk, MRCC