JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 7, 2022
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The November 7, 2022, 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 Mayor Pro Tem Keenan Cortez.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATIONS

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

With today's busy schedules, the City provides various options to help residents conveniently pay their utility bills as well as receive them.

Citizens can drop off their payments at the Payment Drop Box – which is now located on the west side of the alley behind City Hall. Drivers should approach the box from the south, and then exit onto 6th Street. This drop-off option is for making payments with a check or money order. Please also include payment stubs in the envelope when using this convenient option.

The City's website offers other efficiencies and online features, including the option to receive your bill via email instead of through postal mail. Citizens need to establish a user account and follow some basic instructions to begin receiving eBilling from the City and can go to joplinmo.org/753/Online-Payments to complete this process.

Customers can also use the online payment feature on the City's website. There are no additional fees to make an online payment, and you do not have to set up an online account for a one-time payment. Or they can make their payment through a bank draft by completing a form from the Finance Department. And of course, the City still accepts mailed payments as well.

For questions about the City's Utility billing and payment options, call 417-627-2955.
Saturday, November 12, marks the 35TH ANNUAL Joplin Community Veterans Day Parade!

The parade begins at 10 a.m. at 15th Street & Main and goes to 3rd Street, turning West, where it will move onto Joplin Avenue and proceed South to the City Hall parking lots between 5th and 7th.

We invite everyone to line Main Street in honor of our great American heroes, our Veterans!

Just a windy reminder - The leaves are falling, and the City is preparing for the Residential Leaf Pick Up Program. It begins the Monday after Thanksgiving – which is **Monday, November 28,** 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.

Joplin Parks and Recreation will again host the Holiday Tree Trail! Citizens young and old will enjoy a display of brightly decorated Christmas trees along the trail at Mercy Park from November 29 through December 31.

Tree entries for the Holiday Tree Trail are still available. It is a unique opportunity for area businesses, organizations, and groups to highlight their mission and services in a highly visible area during the holidays.

The kickoff event for the Holiday Tree Trail will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29. Guests are invited to walk the trail during park hours, from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. They can vote for their favorite tree through Dec. 21.

For more information about the event or tree sponsorship, please call Joplin Parks and Recreation at 417-625-4750 or email parks@joplinmo.org.

The widening project of 32nd Street west of Schifferdecker Avenue continues. Coming soon, in the next couple of weeks, there will be an additional closure to this road, covering the majority of the west portion. The closure will be from the west of Crane Road to near the west end of the project. Residents will have access to their properties. Drivers will need to use detour routes to access properties along 32nd Street and Central City Road.

The City will announce specific dates once Mother Nature updates us on her plans.
We appreciate everyone's patience as the work is completed on this project that voters approved in the 2014 Capital Improvement Sales Tax renewal.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Holly Nagy

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-285

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Katrina Smith from Anderson Engineering spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-285

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2022-285- AN ORDINANCE providing the vacation of a utility easement lying on property described as 3209 S Range Line Rd., City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2022-285 be placed on First Reading and passed.

Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2022-285.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-286

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing

Jack Frost spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2022-286 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District M-2 (Heavy Industrial) and including in District C-3 (Commercial) property as described below and located at 2323 S. Highview Ave., City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2022-286 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, and Stinnett, and Williams 9. Nays: 0. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2022-286.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESOLUTION NO. 2022-018
Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing

Melody Fitch spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Mr. Stinnett introduced Resolution No. 2022-018 - A RESOLUTION granting a Special Use Permit (1st Request) for the operation of a Day Care Center located at 3231 E. 12th St. in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Ms. Williams that Resolution No. 2022-018 be passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, and Stinnett, and Williams 9. Nays: 0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Copple to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Minutes of the October 17, 2022, City Council Meeting

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-150
Dr. Farnham introduced Council Bill No. 2022-150 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an construction agreement with G & G Construction Company Inc., in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars ($150,850.00) for construction services associated with the Tin Cup Lift Station Rehabilitation project concerning Electrical conduits and piping on behalf of the City of Joplin 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 Dr. Farnham, second by Ms. Spencer that Council Bill No. 2022-150 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2022-164**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-154

Dr. Farnham introduced Council Bill No. 2022-154 - AN ORDINANCE approving a work authorization with Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of One Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($192,000.00) for the Swede Lane Lift Station Improvements 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 Dr. Farnham, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2022-154 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2022-165**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-156

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2022-156 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an construction agreement with Goins Construction Company Inc., in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Two Hundred and No/100 Dollars ($454,200.00) for construction services associated with the Turkey Creek WWTF Rehabilitation project concerning the Oxidation Ditch rotor replacements on behalf of the City of Joplin 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. DeTar, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2022-156 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2022-166**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-287

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2022-287 - AN ORDINANCE approving Work Authorization 2 with Alvarez and Marsal Infrastructure and Capital Projects LLP to provide administrative services for developing and implementing broadband and connectivity solutions in the not to exceed amount of Three Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Eight and 00/100 dollars ($358,928.00) and 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. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2022-287 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2022-167**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-454

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2022-454 - 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 October 1, 2022 and running through September 30, 2023, for the amount of up to Thirty Three Thousand, Four Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars and Nineteen Cents ($33,492.19), to enable the Health Department to provide maternal child health services to 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. Stinnett, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2022-454 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled

Ordinance No. 2022-168.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-537

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2022-537 - 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. and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2022-537 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2022-169**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-612

Dr. Farnham introduced Council Bill No. 2022-612 - 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. and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Dr. Farnham, second by Ms. Spencer that Council Bill No. 2022-612 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2022-170**.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

SECOND AND THIRD READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-009

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2022-009 - AN ORDINANCE amending Section 10-17 – "Presence of underage persons in alcoholic beverage establishments" by adding an exemption for axe throwing clubs. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar to pass Council Bill No. 2020-009 on Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: Farnham, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2022-171**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-010

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2022-010 - AN ORDINANCE amending Section 10-82 – "Presence of underage persons" by adding an exemption for axe throwing clubs. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Cortez to pass Council Bill No. 2020-010 on Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: Farnham, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2022-172**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-535

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2022-535 - AN ORDINANCE approving the job description for Park Ranger and the placement of the new position within the Salary Administration Plan for the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Ms. Williams to pass Council Bill No. 2020-010 on Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, and Williams, 6. Nays: Farnham, Spencer, Stinnett, 3. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2022-173**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. DeTar would like to see if staff could gather data on pedestrian injuries, deaths, and traffic accidents. City Manager Edwards suggested a traffic safety study.

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; and 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(1) (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. DeTar, second by Mr. Cortez to adjourn into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy, City Clerk, MRCC