JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 17, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
The November 17, 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 Robert S. Thurman American Legion Post 13 Honor Guard.

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

PRESENTATIONS
KC26 FIFA World Cup Preparation and Impact

Jim Rowland, presented.

Memorial Hall Proposal
Members of Friends of Memorial Hall, presented.

Mr. Thompson addressed council on this topic and submitted a detailed memo regarding the record of conflicts of interest, failed redevelopment patterns, pre-positioning behavior and improper committee overlap concerning Memorial Hall.

Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Lawson to bring back a Memorandum of Understanding for Memorial Hall project at the December 1, 2025, meeting. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 9.

Finance Committee Update

Russ Alcorn, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
News from the Public Information Office
Lynn Onstot, Public Information Officer, presented.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS
Amanda Bearden addressed the Council on homelessness. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Bard to extend Ms. Bearden's speaking time by a minute.

Maurice Filson addressed the Council on speeding.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson to approve the consent agenda as finalized. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw 9.

Minutes of the November 3, 2025 Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-011 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an Agreement with the Joplin Sports Authority for the purpose of providing marketing services; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Agreement by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2025-165**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-013 - 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. **Ordinance No. 2025-166**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-145 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement and Work Authorization with SFS Architecture, Inc. for Architectural Design and Site Evaluation Services for the Joplin Firearms/Range Facility in the not to exceed amount of One Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Six Hundred and 00/100 dollars ($143,600.00) 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. **Ordinance No. 2025-167**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-168**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-169**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-170**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-544 - AN ORDINANCE 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. **Ordinance No. 2025-171**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-172**

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-013

Mr. Copple introduced Resolution No. 2025-013- A RESOLUTION honoring Betty Robinson-Gray and Thelma Meeks for their years of dedicated service by naming the splash park and ice ribbon facility at Ewert Park, "The Robinson-Gray & Meeks Family Splash Park & Ice Ribbon Center". Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Ms. Carlin to amend the name of the park to The Robinson-Gray & Meeks Legacy Complex. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Ms. Carlin to approve the amended Resolution No. 2025-013. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-014

Mr. Lawson introduced Resolution No. 2025-014- A RESOLUTION accepting the outstanding and valid encumbrances shown on the books and records of the City at the close of business on October 31, 2025. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. DeTar to approve Resolution No. 2025-014. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

ORIDNANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-356

Mr. Bard introduced Council Bill No. 2025-356 - AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Prime Contracting Inc. for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 2617 S. Pearl Ave); 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. DeTar, that Council Bill 2025-356 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. **Ordinance No. 2025-173.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-014

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-014 - 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 offense of criminal mischief; and establishing a time for this ordinance to become effective. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Carlin, that Council Bill 2025-014 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-014.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-015

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-015 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Labor Agreement by and between the City of Joplin and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #27. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Dr. Farnham, that Council Bill 2025-015 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-015.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-151

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-151 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement and Work Authorization with Olsson in the not to exceed amount of Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty and 50/100 dollars ($950,880.50) for professional engineering services for the 2025 CDBG-DR Sidewalks Project and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill 2025-151 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-151.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-546

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-546 - AN ORDINANCE repealing Section 58-1, Bonfires and outdoor rubbish fires, Article I, In General, and 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 58-1, Bonfires and outdoor rubbish fires, Article I, In General, and 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. DeTar, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill 2025-546 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-546.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-547

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-547 - 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. Jackson, second by Dr. Farnham, that Council Bill 2025-547 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-547.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-548

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-548 - 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 86-72, Fees at Joplin Historical and Mineral Museum, of Article III, Joplin Historical and Mineral Museum, and Section 86-152, Admission Fee, of Article V, Swimming Pools, 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 86-72, Fees at Joplin Historical and Mineral Museum, of Article III, Joplin Historical and Mineral Museum, and Section 86-152, Admission Fee, of Article V, Swimming Pools, 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. Lawson, second by Dr. Farnham, that Council Bill 2025-548 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-548.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-549

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-549 - 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. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson, that Council Bill 2025-549 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-549.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-550

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-550 -AN ORDINANCE repealing Section 6-35, Permit, Article II, Signs, of Chapter 6, Advertising, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 6-35, Permit, Article II, Signs, of Chapter 6, Advertising, 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. Lawson, second by Dr. Farnham, that Council Bill 2025-550 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-550.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-551

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-551 - 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 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; 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. Jackson, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill 2025-551 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2025-551.

SECOND AND THIRD READING
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Copple would like to see the informal meeting videos posted on the website like the formal meeting videos.

Mayor Cortez would like for Veteran's to receive discounts for city facilitated recreational events and items. (golfing, etc.)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk