JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 1, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
The December 1, 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 Dr. Mark Farnham.

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
Health Operational Assessment Report

Tracy Kulik presented.

Regional Homelessness Commission Update

Tony Robyn presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

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 COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-287
Mayor Cortez opened the Public Hearing
Matt Rogan spoke in favor of this item.
No one spoke in opposition of this item.
The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-287

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-287 -AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-119, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) and include in District R-1 (Single-Family Residential) property as described below and generally known as the Northeast Corner of W 20th Street and South Empire Avenue, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2025-287 be tabled. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, and Shaw 5. Nays: Bard , Carlin, Cortez, and Jackson. 4. This Council Bill was TABLED.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-285

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

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-285

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-285 - AN ORDINANCE approving the voluntary annexation by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, of property generally described as approximately 328 acres at the Southwest corner of 7th Street and Old Scotland Rd, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2025-285 be placed on first reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-288

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

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-288

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-288 - AN ORDINANCE providing to vacate a drainage easement, located at 2139 E Nashville St, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson that Council Bill No. 2025-288 be placed on first reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-289

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

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-289

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-289 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-119, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District R-1 (Single-Family Residential) and include in District C -3 (Commercial) property as described below and generally known as 3508 N Range Line Rd, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Jackson, second Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2025-289 be placed on first reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Abstained: Carlin, 1.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-015

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-015

Mr. Lawson introduced Resolution No. 2025-015 - A RESOLUTION granting a Special Use Permit (1st Request) for a Family Day Care Home, located at 230 N McKinley Ave, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Dr. Farnham that Resolution No. 2025-015 be passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-291

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

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-291

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-291 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City Council to issue the abatement of ad valorem taxes on improvements to real property located in the Joplin Area Enhanced Enterprise Zone; generally described as located at 7231 East 24th Street and owned by AM Properties Two, LLC doing business as Allgeier Martin and Associates Inc. and, containing an emergency clause.

Motion for this item will be made under Ordinances-Emergency.

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.

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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.
Ordinance No. 2025-174

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-015 - AN ORDINANCE approving the 2025 Labor Agreement by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #27; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City.
Ordinance No. 2025-175

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-176**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-177**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-178**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-179**

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. **Ordinance No. 2025-180**

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.
Ordinance No. 2025-181

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.
Ordinance No. 2025-182

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-291

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-291 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City Council to issue the abatement of ad valorem taxes on improvements to real property located in the Joplin Area Enhanced Enterprise Zone; generally described as located at 7231 East 24th Street and owned by AM Properties Two, LLC doing business as Allgeier Martin and Associates Inc. and, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Ms. Carlin, that Council Bill 2025-291 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. 2025-183.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-552

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-552 - 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, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill 2025-552 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 -184.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-553

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-553 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Contract by and between the City of Joplin and Tokio Marine HCC 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 2025-553 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 - 185.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-017

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2025-017 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement (MOU) by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, a Municipal Corporation, and Friends of Joplin Memorial Hall, for the purpose of renovating Memorial Hall. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Dr. Farnham, that Council Bill 2025-017 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. 2025-017. Mr. Peter Edwards will be bringing MOU revisions to the next meeting. This item will be heard under 2nd and 3rd Reading.

A break was taken at 8:17 PM. Meeting reconvened at 8:26 PM

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-152

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2025-152 - AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with R.E. Smith Construction Company in the amount of Four Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen and 00/100 dollars ($499,513.00) for construction of the East Town Sidewalks 2025 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 the Ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar, that Council Bill 2025-152 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. 2025-152.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-154

Dr. Farnham introduced Council Bill No. 2025-154 - AN ORDINANCE approving the issuance of a Purchase Order to Tri-State Truck Center, Inc., in the amount of One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Five and 00/100 Dollars ($157,405.00) for the purchase of a 2025 Mack GR64F Chassis with mDRIVE Transmission; and, setting a date when this ordinance shall become effective. Motion by Dr. Farnham, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill 2025-154 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. 2025-154.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-155

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2025-155 - 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. Lawson, second by Mr. DeTar, that Council Bill 2025-155 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. 2025-155.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-623

Dr. Farnham introduced Council Bill No. 2025-623 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to issue a purchase order to Don Brown Chevrolet in the amount of Two Hundred and Eighty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Dollars and No Cents ($285,470.00) for the purchase of five (5) Chevy Tahoe Police vehicles; authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin and setting an effective date. Motion by Dr. Farnham, second by Mr. Bard, that Council Bill 2025-623 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. 2025-623.

SECOND AND THIRD READING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Shawnya Fisher addressed Council.

Mr. Jackson would like for the discounts provided to Veterans for city services, also be provided to city employees.

Mr. Copple requested an update on the appearance of the Zora Roundabout.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk