JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 4, 2023
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The December 4, 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, Mark Farnham, Doug Lawson, Gary Shaw, Phil Stinnett, and Christina Williams. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

PRESENTATIONS

Boards and Commissions Recognition

Mayor Lawson recognized the Commission members with a plaque, box of chocolate, and a key pin.

Proclamation Recognizing the Retirement of Kristi Seibert

Mayor Lawson read the proclamation.

Justice Center Update

Nick Edwards, City Manager and Kwame Smith from SFS Architecture presented. Leslie Haase, Finance Director presented the proposed financial options.

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar to go with Option E for Real Property only. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0.

Discussion of 2024 Capital Improvement Sales Tax Renewal Projects

Mary Price spoke on this item. Nick Edwards, City Manager and Dan Johnson, Director of Public Works presented.

10-minute break taken at 8:06 PM

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

LETTERS TO SANTA

Children are invited to write a letter to Santa and drop it in Santa's Mailbox at the Joplin Parks and Recreation offices, Academy Sports & Outdoors, or at the Joplin History & Mineral Museum.

Santa's Mailboxes will be at these locations until December 8th. Letters must legibly include the child's first and last name, a return mailing address, and a few details about the child (school if attending, brothers or sisters, pets, friends, and a wish list).
The letters will be delivered to the North Pole and Santa will write back to each child who sends him a letter.

HOLIDAY TREE TRAIL

The Holiday Tree Trail is a series of decorated trees that area businesses and organizations placed along a portion of the trail at Mercy Park. Trees will be lit from now until December 31, and guests can view the trees during park hours – but they are amazing at night.

A tree decorating contest, sponsored by Texas Roadhouse, will take place through December 20. Guests may walk the trail and vote for their favorite decorated tree. Contest winners will receive a trophy and catering package from Texas Roadhouse.

CITY HALL HOLIDAY WINDOWS

The holiday spirit of the former Newman's Department Store is kept alive with the lighting of the annual holiday windows. Keeping the legacy of City Hall the stained glass-like window captures the holiday spirit. The holiday images will be lit nightly until January 2nd. This year's edition, Holiday Home, depicts the Picher and Post family home during the season.

JOPLIN CHRISTMAS PARADE

"Rockin Around The Christmas Tree"
Brought to you by Freeman Health System.
Starting at 6:00 pm
The parade runs up Main Street from 15th Street to 2nd Street.
The Grandstand and Judges Table are located at 8th and Main Street.
Freeman Health System is proud to continue our ongoing support and sponsorship of the Annual Joplin Christmas Parade.
Main Street will be closed starting at 3:00, but the crossroads of 2nd, 4th, 7th, and 15th will be open.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Mary Price spoke on Capital Improvement Projects & Fiscal Accountability

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Holly Nagy

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-291
Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Wayne Stevenson spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-291
Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2023-291 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 M-2 (Heavy Industrial) property as described below and located at the NE Corner of Rob O'Brian Way and E 26th St. Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2023-291 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. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-291.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-293
Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Alex Winkleman spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-293
Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2023-293 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 approximately 190 ft. west from the intersection of 16th Street and Picher Ave. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Ms. Williams that Council Bill No. 2023-293 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. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-293.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-294
Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Jim Hardy spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-294

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-294 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-2 (Central business) property as described below and located at 216 E 12th St. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Ms. Williams that Council Bill No. 2023-294 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. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-294.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-295

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Wayne Stevenson spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-295

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-295 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) and including in District M-2 (Heavy Industrial) property as described below and located at the NE Corner of Rob O'Brian Way and E 26th St. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2023-295 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. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-295.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-296

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Zach Black spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-296

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-296 AN ORDINANCE providing to vacate a 10' utility easement, lying on property described as the SW Corner of S Montana Pl and E 24th St., City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2023-296 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. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-296.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-292
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.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-292
Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-292 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-3 (Multi-Family Residential) and including in District R-3 HP (Multi-Family Residential – Historic Preservation Overlay) property as described below and located at 524 W 5th St. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-292 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. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-292.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-297
Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Jeff Neil spoke in favor of this item.

Frank Thompson spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-297
Troy Bolander introduced Council Bill No. 2023-297 AN ORDINANCE approving the Redevelopment Plans for property known as the Olivia Apartment Building located at 320 South Moffet Avenue; by Bykota REI, LLC in accordance with the Redevelopment Plans as approved by the Joplin Redevelopment Corporation, Inc; approving and authorizing the abatement of ad valorem real estate taxes on the improvements to property located at 320 South Moffet Avenue, Joplin, Missouri; taxes on the improvements to the real property will be abated at the rate of one hundred percent (100%) for ten (10) years, commencing January 1, 2024 and fifty (50%) for the following fifteen (15) years, commencing January 1, 2034 ; authorizing the City Manager to execute all instruments approved herein and any other instruments necessary to effectuate the intent of the Council as described herein upon recommendation of the City Attorney; and containing an emergency clause. No vote was taken at this time. This item will be considered under Ordinances-Emergency.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-298
Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

No one spoke in favor of this item.

Brian Evans and Frank Thompson spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-298
Troy Bolander introduced Council Bill No. 2023-298 AN ORDINANCE approving the Redevelopment Plans for property known as the Pennington Drug Company Building located at 512-518 South Virginia Avenue; 200 Block Commons, LLC in accordance with the Redevelopment Plans as approved by the Joplin Redevelopment Corporation, Inc; approving and authorizing the abatement of ad valorem real estate taxes on the improvements to property located at 512-518 South Virginia Avenue, Joplin, Missouri; taxes on the improvements to the real property will be abated at the rate of one hundred percent (100%) for ten (10) years, commencing January 1, 2024 and fifty (50%) for the following fifteen (15) years, commencing January 1, 2034 ; authorizing the City Manager to execute all instruments approved herein and any other instruments necessary to effectuate the intent of the Council as described herein upon recommendation of the City Attorney; and containing an emergency clause. No vote was taken at this time. This item will be considered under Ordinances-Emergency.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-300
Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

No one spoke in favor of this item.

Brian Evans and Frank Thompson spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-300
Troy Bolander introduced Council Bill No. 2023-300 AN ORDINANCE approving the Redevelopment Plans for property known as the A.C. Webb Automotive Building located at 202-204 South Joplin Avenue; 200 Block Commons, LLC in accordance with the Redevelopment Plans as approved by the Joplin Redevelopment Corporation, Inc; approving and authorizing the abatement of ad valorem real estate taxes on the improvements to property located at 202-204 South Joplin Avenue, Joplin, Missouri; taxes on the improvements to the real property will be abated at the rate of one hundred percent (100%) for ten (10) years, commencing January 1, 2024 and fifty (50%) for the following fifteen (15) years, commencing January 1, 2034 ; authorizing the City Manager to execute all instruments approved herein and any other instruments necessary to effectuate the intent of the Council as described herein upon recommendation of the City Attorney; and containing an emergency clause. No vote was taken at this time. This item will be considered under Ordinances-Emergency.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-301
Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

No one spoke in favor of this item.

Brian Evans and Frank Thompson spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-301
Troy Bolander introduced Council Bill No. 2023-301 AN ORDINANCE approving the Redevelopment Plans for property known as the Jesse Star House located at 310 South Moffet Avenue; Bykota REI, LLC in accordance with the Redevelopment Plans as approved by the Joplin Redevelopment Corporation, Inc; approving and authorizing the abatement of ad valorem real estate taxes on the improvements to property located at 310 South Moffet Avenue, Joplin, Missouri; taxes on the improvements to the real property will be abated at the rate of one hundred percent (100%) for ten (10) years, commencing January 1, 2024 and fifty (50%) for the following fifteen (15) years, commencing January 1, 2034 ; authorizing the City Manager to execute all instruments approved herein and any other instruments necessary to effectuate the intent of the Council as described herein upon recommendation of the City Attorney; and containing an emergency clause. No vote was taken at this time. This item will be considered under Ordinances-Emergency.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 615-617 S. MAIN STREET
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.

Review Redevelopment Plan and receive public comments concerning the proposed abatement of ad valorem taxes on improvements made to real property located at 615-617 S. Main St. Public Hearing only. No action taken.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 401-411 S. VIRGINIA AVE
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.

Review Redevelopment Plan and receive public comments concerning the proposed abatement of ad valorem taxes on improvements made to real property located at 401-411 S. Virginia Ave. Public Hearing only. No action taken.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 506-508 S. VIRGINIA AVE
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.

Review Redevelopment Plan and receive public comments concerning the proposed abatement of ad valorem taxes on improvements made to real property located at 506-508 S. Virginia Ave. Public Hearing only. No action taken.

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.

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COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-458 - AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 62, Health and Sanitation, by enacting a new Article XI, Lodging Establishments. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-191.**

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. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-192.**

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. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-193**.

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. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-194.**

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. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-195.**

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. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-196.**

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. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-197.**

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-018

Mr. DeTar introduced Resolution No. 2023-018 A RESOLUTION establishing a Capital Improvements Sales Tax Citizens Committee to assist with the April 2, 2024, election relating to the renewal of the 3/8% capital improvement sales tax. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Copple that Resolution No. 2023-018 be passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: Farnham, 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-021

Mr. DeTar introduced Resolution No. 2023-021 A RESOLUTION establishing a "Legislative Affairs Committee." Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Copple that Resolution No. 2023-021 be passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0.

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-297

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-297 - AN ORDINANCE approving the Redevelopment Plans for property known as the Olivia Apartment Building located at 320 South Moffet Avenue; by Bykota REI, LLC in accordance with the Redevelopment Plans as approved by the Joplin Redevelopment Corporation, Inc; approving and authorizing the abatement of ad valorem real estate taxes on the improvements to property located at 320 South Moffet Avenue, Joplin, Missouri; taxes on the improvements to the real property will be abated at the rate of one hundred percent (100%) for ten (10) years, commencing January 1, 2024 and fifty (50%) for the following fifteen (15) years, commencing January 1, 2034 ; authorizing the City Manager to execute all instruments approved herein and any other instruments necessary to effectuate the intent of the Council as described herein upon recommendation of the City Attorney; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-297 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, and Stinnett, 6. Nays: Farnham, 1. Abstained: Williams, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-198**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-298

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-298 - AN ORDINANCE approving the Redevelopment Plans for property known as the Pennington Drug Company Building located at 512-518 South Virginia Avenue; 200 Block Commons, LLC in accordance with the Redevelopment Plans as approved by the Joplin Redevelopment Corporation, Inc; approving and authorizing the abatement of ad valorem real estate taxes on the improvements to property located at 512-518 South Virginia Avenue, Joplin, Missouri; taxes on the improvements to the real property will be abated at the rate of one hundred percent (100%) for ten (10) years, commencing January 1, 2024 and fifty (50%) for the following fifteen (15) years, commencing January 1, 2034 ; authorizing the City Manager to execute all instruments approved herein and any other instruments necessary to effectuate the intent of the Council as described herein upon recommendation of the City Attorney; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2023-298 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, and Stinnett, 6. Nays: Farnham, 1. Abstained: Williams, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-199**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-300

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-300 - AN ORDINANCE approving the Redevelopment Plans for property known as the Jesse Star House located at 310 South Moffet Avenue; Bykota REI, LLC in accordance with the Redevelopment Plans as approved by the Joplin Redevelopment Corporation, Inc; approving and authorizing the abatement of ad valorem real estate taxes on the improvements to property located at 310 South Moffet Avenue, Joplin, Missouri; taxes on the improvements to the real property will be abated at the rate of one hundred percent (100%) for ten (10) years, commencing January 1, 2024 and fifty (50%) for the following fifteen (15) years, commencing January 1, 2034 ; authorizing the City Manager to execute all instruments approved herein and any other instruments necessary to effectuate the intent of the Council as described herein upon recommendation of the City Attorney; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2023-300 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, and Stinnett, 6. Nays: Farnham, 1. Abstained: Williams, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-200**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-301

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-301 - 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. 2023-301 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, and Stinnett, 6. Nays: Farnham, 1. Abstained: Williams, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-201.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-376

Dr. Farnham introduced Council Bill No. 2023-376 - 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 1105 S Indiana Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Four Thousand Five Hundred Sixty dollars ($4,560.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Dr. Farnham, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2023-376 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-202**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-529

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-529 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement by and between the City of Joplin and Missouri-American Water Company to terminate water service and discontinue the supply of water from its system to any premises which sewer bills are unpaid; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Agreement by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2023-529 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 7. Nays: Farnham, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-203**.

Frank Thompson spoke on this item.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-541

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2023-541 - 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. Shaw, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-541 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-204**.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING
SECOND AND THIRD READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-534

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 to pass Council Bill No. 2020-534 on Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, and Williams 7. Nays: Stinnett, 1 The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-205**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-536

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 Dr. Farnham to pass Council Bill No. 2020-536 on Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, and Williams 7. Nays: Stinnett, 1 The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-206**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Stinnett expressed concern regarding the use of Emergency Ordinances.

Mr. Stinnett expressed concern regarding using grants but finding ways to complete projects without moving them around to accommodate the usage of grant funds.

Mr. Stinnett expressed concern regarding streetlights on 32nd Street.

Dr. Farnham discussed the Sunnyvale project. Dr. Farnham stated that Council should vote to undo an action that they originally voted to approve.

Election of Candidate to Fill Council Seat Vacancy

Mr. Copple nominated Anthony Monteleone
Dr. Farnham nominated Brian Evans

Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams voted for Mr. Monteleone.

Council Member Farnham voted for Mr. Evans.

Mr. Monteleone will be sworn in at the December 18, 2023, City Council meeting and will serve until the candidate is elected at the April 2, 2024, election.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy, City Clerk, MRCC