JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 16, 2024
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The December 16, 2024, regular meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Keenan Cortez.

INVOCATION was read by City Clerk, Holly Nagy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA was led by Captain's Mendendorfs Jasper/Newton County Salvation Army

ROLL CALL

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Josh 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

Semi Annual Oversight Committee Presentation
Leslie Haase, Finance Director and Ethan Mordeci presented.

Grant Project Update
Leslie Haase, Finance Director presented.

Ewert Splash Park Update
Paul Bloomberg, Parks Director and a representative from Branco presented.

Project Funding Recommendation
Leslie Haase, Finance Director presented.

Break was taken at 7:57 PM
Returned from break at 8:04 PM

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Brain Evans spoke regarding Mayor's Conduct and Council's Responsibility to its citizens.
John Hunter spoke regarding DORA project.
Mary Price spoke regarding Council clarification and transparency.
Ellie Mitchell spoke regarding DORA project.
Andrew Sheffield spoke regarding DORA project.
Alex O'Nelio spoke regarding DORA project.
Christina Willliams spoke regarding DORA project.
Max Austin spoke regarding DORA project.
Frank Thompson spoke regarding Joplin.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Jackson to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 9.

Minutes of the December 2, 2024, City Council Meeting.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-156 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the acceptance of an agreement by and between the City of Joplin and Crawford, Murphy and Tilley for Construction Management services for the Rehabilitation of Runway 13-31 and Taxiway E at the Joplin Regional Airport. This agreement is for the not to exceed amount of Six Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Seven and 29/100 Dollars ($626,297.29); and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute this agreement by and on behalf of the City of Joplin and setting an effective date. **Ordinance No. 2024-181.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-157- AN ORDINANCE authorizing the acceptance of an agreement by and between the City of Joplin and Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc., for Eleven Million Three Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Eleven and 54/100 Dollars ($11,389,111.54) for the Rehabilitation of Runway 13/31 and Taxiway E at the Joplin Regional Airport; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the agreement by and on behalf of the City of Joplin and setting an effective date. **Ordinance No. 2024-182.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-160 - AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into a construction agreement with Goins Enterprises, Inc. for the On Call Infrastructure and Utility Cuts 2024 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. 2024-183.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-293 - AN ORDINANCE approving the voluntary annexation by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, of property generally located at 642 E Fountain Road, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2024-184.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-294 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District R-1 (Single-Family Residential) and include in District R-2 (Two-Family Residential) property as described below and located at 642 E Fountain Rd, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2024-185.**

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-164

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No, 2024-164- AN ORDINANCE approving the issuance of a purchase order to Goins Enterprises Inc. in the amount of One Hundred Nine Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Four and 88/100 Dollars ($109,674.88) for the repair of sidewalks around the Justice Center; 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. Lawson, second by Dr. Farnham, that Council Bill No. 2024-164 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson, and Shaw, 9. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-186.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-520

Mr. Jackson introduced Council Bill No, 2024-520 - AN ORDINANCE amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as adopted by Ordinance 2024-151 on October 21, 2024, to adjust appropriations and containing an emergency clause.

Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Dr. Farnham, that Council Bill No. 2024-520 be amended into two different Council Bills. Council Bill No. 2024-520 – pertaining to PD Take Home Cars, Council Bill No. 2024-521 pertaining to the DORA project. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, and Shaw, 8. Nay: Lawson, 1.

Motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Dr. Farnham, that Council Bill No. 2024-520 be approved as amended. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Copple, that Amended Council Bill No. 2024-520 and Council Bill No. 2024-521 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson and Shaw, 8. Nays: Jackson, 1.

The Council Bill 520 and 521 was declared adopted and entitled Ordinances No. 2024-187 and Ordinance No. 2024-188.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-628

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No, 2024-628 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Contract by and between the City of Joplin and Crossland Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of Five Million Eight Hundred and Seventy-Two Thousand One Hundred and Sixty-One Dollars ($5,872,161.00) for construction services of the Dover Outdoor Recreational Area Bicycle Park project; 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 Mr. DeTar, that Council Bill No. 2024-628 be passed on an emergency basis Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Nays: Jackson, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2024-189.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-165

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2024-165 - AN ORDINANCE approving the issuance of a purchase order to Mechanical Sales Midwest Inc. in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Six and 00/100 DOLLARS ($299,426.00) for purchase, and delivery of 4 Multistack Modular Chillers for the City Hall Facility 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 No. 2024-165 be passed on the first reading and advanced 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. 2024-165.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-403

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2024-403 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement between the City of Joplin, Missouri, and the Homeless Coalition that pertains to 2024 CDBG public service grant funds; authorizing the City Manager to execute same on behalf of the City Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill No. 2024-403 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, and Shaw, 8. Nays: Jackson, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-403.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-629

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2024-629 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into a Funding Agreement and MOA with the Regional Commission on Homelessness for the purpose of coordinating implementation of homelessness issues and efforts with the qualified Collaborative Entity/Lead Agency and Joplin Homeless Coalition (The Partners) within the Joplin region; identify, aggregate, and direct significant donations, resources, and in-kind services to address the agreed upon homelessness priorities as edified and in annual work plan adopted by The Partners; and, authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute said Agreement by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill No. 2024-629 be passed on the first reading and advanced to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, and Shaw, 7. Nays: Bard and Jackson, 2. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2024-629.

SECOND AND THIRD READING
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Phil Stinnett addressed Council and thanked City Employees.

Mr. Copple would like for the City Manager to take a look at taking some work load off of staff and look into a grant acquisition position. Mr. Copple would like to remain as transparent as possible for the RFP potential uses of Memorial Hall.

Vote to go into closed session, which shall pertain to the hiring, firing, disciplining, or promotion of an employee or particular employees of a governmental body involving personal information as set forth in Section 610.021(3) RSMo, as amended, 2020, more specifically for the purpose of evaluating certain Council employees. 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. Lawson to go into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw, 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy
City Clerk