**RESOLUTION 2020-019**

A RESOLUTION supporting the adoption of the Joplin City Council vision statement and prioritized goals.

WHEREAS, The City Manager's Listening Tour Survey gave Joplin residents and business owners the opportunity to voice their vision about the community. This information has been presented to the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2020, the Joplin City Council held a workshop in which they identified and prioritized six (6) key project areas including: Improving community appearance, including public properties maintained by the City, address declining neighborhoods, increase economic opportunities for all, address homelessness, reduce crime and increase safety and create and grow revenue to improve the City service levels and maintain infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the pursuit of these prioritized initiatives will provide the foundation to create a community built on safety and opportunity which will be in the best interest of residents of Joplin, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, blight in residential and commercial areas should be reduced by addressing vacant and abandoned buildings and creating stricter code enforcement for absentee property owners; and

WHEREAS, the outward presentation of the community shall be improved as to ensure residents and investors that the community is not in decline; and

WHEREAS, an overwhelming amount of survey respondents would like the City to pursue opportunities that advance economic development; and,

WHEREAS, for a community, the need for safety requires that necessary resources are prioritized; and,

WHEREAS, the City will endeavor to become resilient through improved technology and modern revenue structures to allow it to provide quality services to its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of Joplin that we will embrace the following vision and work to achieve these community goals:

*Joplin, built on generations of people with grit and determination, is a regional hub at the crossroads of America. Our diverse people and employers thrive because of our healthy lifestyles, exceptional neighborhoods, lifelong learning opportunities and cultural & recreational amenities.*

*Our connected community benefits from world-class health care, reasonable cost of living and economic opportunity for all.*

*Together we are ready for anything.*

*Ad Omnia Parata*

Community Goals:

- Improving community appearance, including public properties maintained by the City.
- Address declining neighborhoods.
- Increase economic opportunities for all.
- Address homelessness.
- Reduce crime and increase safety.
- Create and grow resilient revenue to improve City service levels and maintain infrastructure.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI this _____day of _____ 2020.

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Ryan D. Stanley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Barbara J. Gollhofer, City Clerk