

## **PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURES**

Persons wishing to testify before the City Council are requested to follow these rules:

1. Proponents of the issue will be asked to present their information, then the opponents will be asked to testify and then rebuttal testimony may be allowed by the Council.
2. Approach the podium and state your name and address clearly for the record.
3. Please give your testimony as briefly and completely as possible. By the rules of the City Council you have five (5) minutes within which to give your testimony. Please follow the clock on the dais in front of you. You must complete your testimony within the 5 minute time limit.
4. Please do not repeat testimony that has been given previously. We want you to state your facts, but limit your information to only new information.
5. Everyone is invited to speak, however, if you have a spokesperson please allow them to speak without interrupting for applause or other demonstrations.
6. When the Public Hearing is closed by the Mayor, no additional testimony is allowed except when invited by the Mayor or other members of the Council.
7. Remember that this is a Public Hearing and all sides have a right to give testimony. Please respect their right to do so.
8. The City Council of the City of Joplin through this introduction, accepts into evidence the 2017 Comprehensive Plan, the Zoning Code of the City of Joplin, the Subdivision Regulations of the City of Joplin, the Telecommunications Ordinance, and the Stormwater Management Regulations of the City of Joplin being Appendices 29-A, 29-B, 29-D, 29-E and 29-F of the Joplin Municipal Code. Report of the Planning and Zoning Commission, recommendations of the City's staff, and other written documentation presented as that information applies to each public hearing.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding.