

Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting

November 11, 2019

Call to order

The Special Meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Gary L. Shaw.

Invocation: Given by Mayor Shaw

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mr. Cortez

Roll Call: Present: Taylor Brown, Melodee Colbert-Kean, Keenan Cortez, Doug Lawson, Anthony Monteleone, Diane Reid Adams, Mayor Gary Shaw, Ryan Stanley and Phil Stinnett, 9. Also in attendance were City Attorney Peter Edwards and Interim City Manager Dan Pekarek.

Reading of the Special Call.

Notice is hereby given that the Joplin City Council will hold a Special Meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 11, 2019 at Joplin City Hall in the 5th floor Council Chambers, 602 S. Main, Joplin, Missouri for the purposes stated below.

Resolution No. 2019-012. Mr. Stanley introduced Resolution No. 2019-012 - a resolution declaring that Main Street Axe Company LLC has complied with the City of Joplin's requirements for a license for the sale of intoxicating liquor and that the City Council's consent is hereby given under RSMo § 311.080. Motion by Mr. Stanley, second by Mrs. Colbert-Kean to approve Resolution No. 2019-012. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Stanley and Stinnett, 8. Nays: Shaw, 1. Resolution No. 2019-012 was approved.

Canvass Results of the November 5, 2019 Special Election

The City Clerk's office received the official returns of the November 5, 2019 Special Election, as certified by the County Clerks of Jasper and Newton Counties. It is found and declared that the results are as follows:

For the City of Joplin, Proposition B received 3352 YES votes and 974 NO votes.

This measure needed a simple majority for passage. Proposition B was approved .

For the record, 4,326 ballots were cast in this election. This record is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Brown to accept the results of the November 5, 2019 Special Election as read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer. Voting in favor were: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, and Stinnett, 9. Nays: 0.

Review Waste Water Rate Study and 5 Year Plan

The City of Joplin retained Burns & McDonnell to perform a wastewater rate study including financial planning and rate analysis for the City's wastewater system. Assistant Public Works Director of Operations Lynden Lawson, Burns McDonnell consultant David Nauman, and Finance Director Leslie Haase made the presentation.

The study provides a five-year financial plan that evaluates the sufficiency of revenues under existing rates to meet future operating and capital costs of the utility. If revenues are insufficient to meet funding requirements, recommendations are made to increase rates sufficiently to meet the utility's revenue requirements. Throughout the report various years were referenced regarding the City's financial plan. The years referenced are the City's fiscal years. To meet the study objective, Burns & McDonnell conducted the analysis in a two-step approach: 1)Financial Planning and 2)Rate Design. It was suggested to increase rates 5% annually for the next five years to sufficiently fund future wastewater costs. A public hearing will be held at the December 2 city council meeting to seek approval of the proposed rate changes.

Director Haase discussed the Winter Quarter Average, stating residents are currently assessed a usage fee based on their winter quarter average for December, January and February. The city average has been used by policy rather than by ordinance. The actual average varies annually and can be calculated. City staff would like to bring an ordinance to council that will change certain language to improve sewer billing and collection procedures. The change has been factored in the wastewater rate study and staff would like to present this ordinance along with the other fee ordinances at the November 18 city council meeting.

Vote to go into closed session, which shall pertain to legal action, causes of action, or litigation including a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys pursuant to state law; and which shall pertain to leasing, purchasing or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefore; and 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 (1) (2) (3) RSMo, as amended, 2018. 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. Cortez, second by Mr. Stanley to go into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 9.

There being no further business to come before council the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Gollhofer, City Clerk