

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 16, 2020  
MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The March 16, 2020 regular meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Gary Shaw.

**INVOCATION** was read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** to the United States of America was led by Mr. Stinnett.

**ROLL CALL**

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Taylor Brown, Keenan Cortez, Doug Lawson, Anthony Monteleone, Diane Reid Adams, Gary Shaw, Ryan Stanley and Phil Stinnett. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and Assistant City Attorney Jordan Paul.

Absent: Melodee Colbert-Kean. Motion by Mr. Stanley, second by Mr. Cortez to excuse Mrs. Colbert-Kean. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0.

Mayor Shaw introduced the new city manager, Nick Edwards.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Consent Agenda was finalized.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Lawson to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Colbert-Kean, 1.

Minutes of the March 2, 2020 City Council Meeting

**COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-253 - AN ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2004-256, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, November 15, 2004, by removing from District R-1 and including in District C-3 property as described below and located 5703 & 5705 W. Wildwood Ranch Parkway of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2020-032**

**REPORT FROM HEALTH DIRECTOR**

Mayor Shaw asked Health Director Dan Pekarek to give an update on COVID-19.

Dan reminded citizens to stay calm if they have cold or flu-like symptoms. The risk to the general public is low. Data shows that children and young adults are likely to not show symptoms or have mild ones, much like one would have with a cold or mild flu.

At this time, transmission risks are primarily associated with the higher-risk populations including:

- People who are close contacts of someone known to have COVID-19, for example healthcare workers, or household members.
- People who have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19
- Older adults and those with serious health conditions (heart disease, diabetes, lung disease and any condition that affects the immune system).

Currently, there is not a confirmed case of COVID-19 in Joplin. As the public has heard regarding cases in the United States, the situation is evolving and is subject to change.

If COVID-19 is contracted, most people will have mild effects from the virus, but it can cause severe illness and pneumonia in others. People diagnosed with the COVID-19 virus reported symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure. Symptoms include:

- Fever (100.4 or greater)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

If you have symptoms, please stay home. Most people will experience symptoms of a mild cold or flu and should recover fine. If the symptoms progress where you have difficulties in breathing, then call your doctor to get instructions on what to do.

Citizens should not just go to their doctor's office, medical clinic or emergency room – please call them first.

People with mild respiratory symptoms without a fever who do not have a travel history to a COVID-19 area or a known exposure to a COVID-19 case are not recommended to get tested at this time. The testing recommendations could change in the future. It is important to remember there are other conditions that can cause similar symptoms such as the flu, the common cold or even allergies, so one should not rush to the conclusion that they have COVID-19.

If a person has been in direct contact with someone who's been confirmed with the COVID-19 virus and has developed symptoms, they should notify their healthcare provider. They should supply them with information about their symptoms and that they had contact with a confirmed case. Again, citizens should not go to their healthcare provider, a clinic, or an emergency room without contacting them first so they may take precautions to protect the patient and others.

There are no specific treatments for illnesses caused by human coronaviruses. Although most people will recover on their own, you can do some things to help relieve your symptoms, including:

- Take medications to relieve pain and fever
- Use a room humidifier or take a hot shower to help ease a sore throat and cough
- If you are mildly sick, drink plenty of fluids, stay home, and get plenty of rest

We will keep you informed of any status changes that occur in our area.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-003**

Mr. Stanley introduced Resolution No. 2020-003 - a resolution adding an additional charge to the

Capital Improvements Sales Tax Oversight Committee. Motion by Mr. Stanley, second by Mr. Cortez to approve Resolution No. 2020-003. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Colbert-Kean, 1. **Resolution No. 2020-003**

## **ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY**

### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-001

Dr. Reid Adams introduced Council Bill No. 2020-001 - an ordinance authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an Agreement with Nicholas Edwards for the purpose of employing him as City Manager for the City of Joplin; authorizing the Mayor to execute said Agreement by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Dr. Reid Adams, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill No. 2020-001 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Colbert-Kean, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2020-033**

### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-117

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2020-117 - an ordinance authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into a work authorization with Olsson, for engineering consultation services not to exceed the amount of Seventy-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Three and 00/100 Dollars (\$78,453.00) for engineering services associated with the Digester Roof replacements on behalf of the City of Joplin 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 Mr. Stanley that Council Bill No.2020-117 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Colbert-Kean, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2020-034**

### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-119

Mr. Monteleone introduced Council Bill No. 2020-119 - an ordinance approving a work authorization with Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of Twenty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Thirty and No/100 Dollars (\$28,130.00) for the City Jail Garage Addition Project; 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. Monteleone, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2020-119 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Colbert-Kean, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2020-035**

### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-120

Mr. Stanley introduced Council Bill No. 2020-120 - an ordinance approving the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with D&E Plumbing and Heating, Inc. in the amount of Three Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and No Cents (\$365,599.00) for the construction of the City of Joplin Trail and Pedestrian Bridge, and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and amending the Annual Budget for the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 as adopted by Ordinance 2019-166 on October 21, 2019; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Stanley, second by Mr. Stinnett that Council Bill No. 2020-120 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor

were Council Members: Brown, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Colbert-Kean, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2020-036**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-121

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2020-121 - an ordinance approving a work authorization with Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of Thirty-Nine Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$39,000.00) for the 44th and Virginia Lift Station Improvements Project; 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. Stinnett, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2020-121 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Colbert-Kean, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2020-037**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-122

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2020-122 - an ordinance authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into a work authorization with Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc., for engineering consultation services not to exceed the amount of Ninety Three Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$93,000.00) for engineering services associated with the Miscellaneous Wastewater Treatment Facilities Improvements 2020 on behalf of the City of Joplin 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. Reid Adams that Council Bill No. 2020-122 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Colbert-Kean, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2020-038**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-402

Dr. Reid Adams introduced Council Bill No. 2020-402 - an ordinance approving the City of Joplin to execute a work authorization with Olsson in the amount of Thirty Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and 0/100 (\$34,500.00) for the design services related to the Joplin Senior Citizens Center Meals on Wheels Zone Improvements project, 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 Dr. Reid Adams, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill No. 2020-402 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Colbert-Kean, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2020-039**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-603

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2020-603 - an ordinance approving a Purchase Order to be issued to Turn-Key Mobile, Inc., to cover the purchase of replacement mobile data computers for the Police Department and Animal Control Officers as budgeted in the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 as adopted by Ordinance 2019-166 on October 21, 2019; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Monteleone that Council Bill No. 2020-603 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Colbert-Kean, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2020 -040**

**ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND THIRD READING****UNFINISHED BUSINESS****NEW BUSINESS**

News from the Public Information Officer, Lynn Onstot

Due to the emerging rapidly evolving public health emergency of Coronavirus-19, today the presiding judge of the Circuit Court of Jasper County, issued an Administrative Order postponing Joplin's Municipal Court hearing for defendants not in custody, until at least March 27, 2020.

The Supreme Court of Missouri has extended the postponement until at least April 3, 2020, unless a future order of the Court is put into effect for a later date. Hearings will be rescheduled, and defendants will receive a summons in the mail for their new court date. Defendants in custody will have their hearings through videoconference. Questions regarding this should be directed to the Municipal Court by calling 627-2930.

To help citizens who may be facing uncertainty and financial hardship during this time, water shut offs for non-payment of sewer bills has been suspended. This suspension will remain in place until further notice.

And as this health crisis continues, things will be evolving and changing on a daily basis, if not more often. As a public communicator, I encourage citizens to watch for updates related to COVID-19 by visiting the City's website at [joplinmo.org](http://joplinmo.org) or visiting the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website, also known as the CDC.

We are working hard to keep information updated and available to you, however it can change quickly as each day we learn more about this virus. As a reminder - please check sources of information that you may hear or read during this time to ensure it's credible.

**Comments from Council:**

Dr. Reid Adams stated she had two citizen's concerns: 1) why the holiday banners are still up on Main St. from 15 St. to 20<sup>th</sup> St. (PW Director Hertzberg stated it was due to inclement weather); and 2) the bad condition of the sidewalk at 9<sup>th</sup> & Main Street. PW Director Hertzberg stated any sidewalk, curb or guttering in need of repair or replacement is the duty of the adjacent or abutting property owner to repair or correct. Director Hertzberg will contact the property owner and follow up with this issue.

Mr. Stanley asked if the city council should give thought to limiting our meeting size (due to the COVID-19 recommendation to limit gathering sizes to under 50 people) and rely on technology that allows citizens to watch meetings and call in if they had concerns for the council. Mayor Shaw stated he had a discussion with the assistant city attorney regarding this issue and further discussion with city staff is planned before a decision is made.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully,

Barbara J. Gollhofer, City Clerk