

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shaw called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation was read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was led by Mr. Lawson.

City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer read the Special Call:

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, will hold a Special Meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at Joplin City Hall, 5th Floor Council Chambers, 602 S. Main St., for the purposes stated below.

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Taylor Brown, Melodee Colbert-Kean, 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.

Emergency Government Proclamation of State of Emergency in City of Joplin, State of Missouri

Emergency Operations Director Keith Stammer explained the details of the emergency proclamation. The City Council approved the Emergency Proclamation with a 30-day sunset.

Ordinances – Emergency

Council Bill No. 2020-002

An ordinance prohibiting any public gathering of 50 or more persons except for educational institutions, daycare facilities, and business operations in the corporate limits of the City of Joplin during the duration of the Mayor’s Emergency Government Proclamation of State of Emergency in City of Joplin, State of Missouri dated March 18, 2020, or any extension thereof; authorizing the Mayor to issue an order amending which public gatherings are prohibited to protect public health, establishing a penalty for violating the prohibition; and containing an emergency clause.

Health Director Dan Pekarek presented 2 versions of Council Bill No. 2020-002. He explained the difference between the two council bills: one prohibits public gatherings of 50 or more persons; and the other prohibits public gatherings of 10 or more persons.

After discussion, the city council made the following amendments to the second council bill:

Council Bill No. 2020-002

AN ORDINANCE prohibiting any public gathering of ~~40~~ (50) or more persons except for educational institutions, daycare facilities, and business operations in the corporate limits of the City of Joplin during the duration of the Mayor’s Emergency Government Proclamation of State of Emergency in City of Joplin, State of Missouri dated March 18, 2020, or any extension thereof; authorizing the Mayor to issue an order amending which public gatherings are prohibited to protect public health; establishing a penalty for violating the prohibition; and containing an emergency clause.

Section 1 was amended to read:

Section 1. . “Business operations” for purposes of this Ordinance shall be defined as to exclude the following: ~~which shall be closed to the public during the time this Ordinance is effective: businesses offering entertainment, amusement, and recreation, and bars, taverns, or food establishments offering drinking or dining in, except for lawful drive thru, pickup, or delivery services that may be offered by said businesses, bars, taverns, or food establishments~~ businesses offering entertainment, amusement, and recreation, and bars, taverns, or food establishments offering drinking or dining-in, which shall limit occupancy to fifty percent (50%) of the capacity otherwise allowed pursuant to fire or building code up to a maximum of fifty people.

Section 3 was amended to read:

Section 3. City Council hereby prohibits any public gathering of ~~40~~ 50 or more persons except for educational institutions, daycare facilities, and business operations in the corporate limits of the City of Joplin during the duration of the Mayor’s proclamation of civil emergency dated March 18, 2020, or any extension thereof.

Amended Council Bill No. 2020-002

Mr. Stanley introduced Amended Council Bill No. 2020-002 - an ordinance prohibiting any public gathering of 50 or more persons except for educational institutions, daycare facilities, and business operations in the corporate limits of the City of Joplin during the duration of the Mayor’s Emergency Government Proclamation of State of Emergency in City of Joplin, State of Missouri dated March 18, 2020, or any extension thereof; authorizing the Mayor to issue an order amending which public gatherings are prohibited to protect public health; establishing a penalty for violating the prohibition; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Stanley, second by Mrs. Colbert-Kean that Amended Council Bill No. 2020-002 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 9. Nays: 0. The amended council bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2020-041**

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Lawson to adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 9. Nays: 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully,

Barbara J. Gollhofer, City Clerk