

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 29, 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. Stinnett.

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, April 29, 2020 at Joplin City Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Council Chambers, 602 S. Main St. and via teleconferencing for the purpose of discussing the City of Joplin Plan for Response and Recovery.

Citizens could also view the meeting online with the usual live stream <http://www.joplinmo.org/182/Video-Multimedia> or watch the live broadcast on KGCS-TV on broadcast channel 21 or on regional cable television systems, including Sparklight in Joplin. Anyone wishing to address City Council were encouraged to submit comments online or attend the meeting in person, keeping in mind that social distance is required: 6 ft.).

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Taylor Brown (via phone), Melodee Colbert-Kean (via phone), Keenan Cortez, Doug Lawson, Anthony Monteleone (via phone), Diane Reid Adams, Gary Shaw, Ryan Stanley and Phil Stinnett. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

**Requests to Address Council:**

Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Stinnett, to move Citizen Requests to this portion of the agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 9. Nays: 0.

City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer read the first two of the following citizens' requests:

John Smith, 2010 Carolina Circle, submitted a question asking what the plans are to keep everyone safe during outdoor events such as baseball and softball.

Stephanie (last name and address not provided) submitted comments concerning the safety of public transportation.

Dr. Ben Leavens, 210 S. Duquesne Rd., appeared in person to address Council regarding the Response and Recovery Plan.

**Ordinances – Emergency**

**Council Bill No. 2020-606**

Health Director Dan Pekarek began discussion of the Response and Recovery Plan. After discussion, the city council voted on the following amendments to the council bill:

**Amendment 1.**

Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Lawson to strike the language in the Restaurant section of each Step of the Joplin Recovery Plan:

~~Restaurants: all restaurants can be reopened but are restricted to 25% of the entity's authorized fire or building code occupancy. All businesses must continue to apply physical distancing strategies in all facilities. When possible, operations should be conducted remotely. Additionally, restaurants must comply with the attached requirements for reopening restaurants;~~

and instead to insert Section 6 of the Order signed by Dr. Randall Williams, Director of Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services:

6. *Restaurants may offer dining-in services, provided that the limitations on social distancing and other precautionary public health measures, including proper spacing of at least six feet (6') between tables, lack of communal seating areas to parties that are not connected, and having no more than ten (10) people at a single table, are properly adhered to. The continued use of drive-thru, pickup, or deliver options is encouraged throughout the duration of this Order.*

Voting in favor of this motion were Council Members: Colbert-Kean; Lawson, Shaw and Stinnett, 4. Nays: Brown, Cortez, Monteleone, Reid Adams and Stanley, 5. The motion failed.

**Amendment 2**

Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Stanley to amend the Restaurant portion of the proposed (Joplin) Order to include the state's Order with the exception that there not be more than 6 people at table.

*Restaurants: Restaurants may offer dining-in services, provided that the limitations on social distancing and other precautionary public health measures, including proper spacing of at least six feet (6') between tables, lack of communal seating areas to parties that are not connected, and having no more than ten (10) than six (6) people at a single table, are properly adhered to. The continued use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is encouraged.*

Voting in favor were Council Members: Colbert-Kean; Cortez, Reid Adams; Stanley; Stinnett, 5. Nays: Brown, Lawson, Monteleone, and Shaw, 4.

**Amendment 3**

Motion by Mr. Stanley, second by Mr. Lawson, to delete the last sentence of # 8 on page 2.

**8. Encourage the Public to Wear Masks**

*The CDC has issued guidance regarding wearing face masks. Our current focus remains on people staying home when symptomatic and using physical distancing strategies. ~~Currently the use of masks in public setting is not mandated, but strongly encouraged when going into public settings.~~*

Voting in favor of this motion were Council Members: Colbert-Kean, Lawson, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 5. Nays: Brown, Cortez, Monteleone, and Reid Adams, 4.

**Amendment 4**

Motion by Mr. Stanley, second by Mr. Stinnett to make the following changes to Step 1 on page 4 referring to Business: delete the words *non retail* and add the words, *and all businesses engaged in retail sales* as shown below.

Business: current essential, ~~*non-retail*~~ businesses and organizations will continue operations. All businesses and organizations that were not essential, *and all businesses engaged in retail sales, except for the industries specified below, can be reopened* but are restricted to 25% of the entity's authorized fire or building code occupancy for locations less than 10,000 square feet, and 10% of the entity's authorized fire or building code occupancy for locations 10,000 square feet or greater. All businesses must continue to apply physical distancing strategies in all facilities. When possible, operations should be conducted remotely.

Voting in favor of this motion were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 9. Nays: 0.

**Amendment 5**

Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Stanley to make the following change to each step of the Recovery Plan:

Each step within Recovery ~~should be a minimum~~ *may be four* (4) four weeks and may be as long as several months.

Voting in favor of this motion were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, and Stinnett, 8. Nays: Monteleone, 1.

**Amended Council Bill No. 2020-606**

Mr. Stanley introduced Amended Council Bill No. 2020-606 - an ordinance adopting the City of Joplin Plan for Response and Recovery 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 execute the appropriate phase and step of the City of Joplin Plan for Response and Recovery, consistent with the components and elements contained therein, in order to protect the public health; establishing a penalty for violating the prohibition; and containing an emergency clause.

Motion by Mr. Stanley, second by Mr. Stinnett that Amended Council Bill No. 2020-606 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. 2020-048**

**Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully,

Barbara J. Gollhofer, City Clerk