

JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 8, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**Invocation** was read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer

**Flag salute** was led by Taylor Brown

**READING OF THE SPECIAL CALL**

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 Monday, June 8, 2020 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 602 S. Main Street, Joplin, Missouri, for the purpose of receiving the official report of the June 2, 2020 General Municipal Election; administering the Oaths of Office of the newly elected council members; and electing the 2020-2022 Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** Taylor Brown, Melodee Colbert-Kean, Keenan Cortez; Doug Lawson, Anthony Monteleone, Diane Reid Adams, Gary Shaw, Ryan Stanley, Phil Stinnett. Also in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

**RESULTS OF THE JUNE 2, 2020 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

The City Clerk's office has received the official returns of the June 2, 2020 (originally scheduled for April 7, 2020) General Municipal Election as verified by the County Clerks of Jasper and Newton Counties.

It is found and declared that the results are as follows:

For General Council Members- 4 yr. term

Christina Williams	2302
Keenan T. Cortez, Sr.	1924
Joshua Bard	1449
Shawna Ackerson	1172

For General Council Member 2-yr. term

Joshua J. Shackles	1552
Anthony Monteleone	2204

For Zone 2 Council Member

Harvey Hutchinson	730
Charles Chuck Copple	1609
Jim Scott	1522

For Zone 3 Council Members

Phil Stinnett	2234
Steve T. Urie	1667

Christina Williams and Keenan T. Cortez, Sr. are the candidates who received the greatest number of votes for Office of General Council Member and are declared elected to a four-year term.

Anthony Monteleone is the candidate who received the greatest number of votes for Office of General Council Member and is declared elected to a two-year term.

Charles Copple is the candidate who received the greatest number of votes for Office of Zone 2 Council Member and is declared elected to a four-year term.

Phil Stinnett is the candidate who received the greatest number of votes for Office of Zone 3 Council Member is declared elected to a four-year term.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Gollhofer, City Clerk

Motion by Mr. Stanley, second by Mrs. Colbert-Kean to approve the June 2, 2020 general municipal election results. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 9. Nays: 0.

### **RECOGNITION FOR OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mayor Shaw recognized outgoing Council Members Taylor Brown and Melodee Colbert-Kean with an appreciation plaque for their years of service on the Joplin City Council. Mr. Brown served from April 2016 to June 2020 as general council member. Mrs. Colbert-Kean served from April 2006 to June 2020 as the Zone II council member.

### **RECOGNITION FOR MAYOR SHAW**

Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Stanley recognized outgoing mayor Gary Shaw for his service to the city and community as mayor from 2018-2020. Mr. Stanley presented Mr. Shaw with an appreciation certificate signed by the other council members. Mr. Shaw read a prepared speech of his reflection as his term as mayor the past two years. Mr. Shaw will continue his term as Zone I council member until 2022.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Adjourn Sine Die of the current Council.**

Mayor Gary Shaw closed the Joplin City Council meeting. Outgoing council members Taylor Brown and Melodee Colbert-Kean stepped down from the dais.

City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer took the Mayor's chair and called the meeting to order.

Judge Podleski approached the dais to swear in the newly elected Council Members. Order of swearing in was determined by the number of votes received, starting with the most votes: 1) Williams 2) Stinnett 3) Monteleone; 4) Cortez; 5) Copple. After Judge Podleski administered the oath of office, the council members were seated at the dais.

#### **Election of Mayor**

City Attorney Edwards read the procedures for the election of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Joplin as directed by Charter. Mrs. Gollhofer conducted the election of the Mayor by asking for nominations. Mr. Stinnett nominated Ryan Stanley. Mr. Monteleone nominated Keenan Cortez. No other nominations were made. Voting in favor of Mr. Stanley were Council Members: Shaw, Stanley, Copple, Lawson, and Stinnett, 5. Voting in favor of Mr. Cortez were Council Members: Cortez, Monteleone, Williams and Reid Adams, 4.

Mr. Stanley was declared Mayor.

**Election of Mayor Pro Tem**

Mayor Stanley took the mayor's seat and conducted the election of Mayor Pro Tem.

Mrs. Williams nominated Diane Reid Adams. Mr. Stanley nominated Keenan Cortez.

Mr. Shaw nominated Doug Lawson.

Voting in favor of Diane Reid Adams were Council Members: Cople and Reid Adams, 2.

Voting in favor of Keenan Cortez were Council Members: Stanley, Williams, Monteleone, and Cortez, 4.

Voting in favor of Mr. Lawson were Council Members: Stinnett, Shaw and Lawson, 3.

It takes a simple a simple majority of 5 votes to elect a mayor and mayor pro tem. The candidate with the lowest numbers of votes (Reid Adams) is eliminated and the other candidates (Cortez, Lawson) remain on the ballot. Mayor Stanley called for the vote.

Voting in favor of Keenan Cortez were Council Members: Cortez, Reid Adams, Cople, Stanley, Monteleone and Williams, 6.

Voting in favor of Doug Lawson were Council Members: Stinnett, Shaw and Lawson, 3.

Mr. Cortez was declared Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Stanley stated he appreciates the opportunity to serve as mayor and will do his best to meet the challenges that are presented to him and the council members. He expressed his thanks and appreciation to Taylor Brown and Melodee Colbert-Kean for their service to the city, community and nation during their time on the city council.

There being no further business to come before council the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Gollhofer, City Clerk