

## **JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**August 3, 2020**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The August 3, 2020 regular meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Keenan Cortez.

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

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

### **ROLL CALL**

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Charles Copple, Keenan Cortez, Doug Lawson, Anthony Monteleone, Diane Reid Adams, Gary Shaw, Phil Stinnett, and Christina Williams. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards. Absent: Mayor Ryan Stanley. Motion by Mr. Monteleone, second by Mr. Lawson to excuse Mr. Stanley. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett and Williams, 8. Nays: 0.

### **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**

Kenneth Meisinger, One Joplin Neighborhood Council, 705 Illinois Ave., spoke on Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods.

Brian Evans, 4308 W. 28<sup>th</sup> Place, Joplin, spoke on the negative effect of the mask ordinance on local small businesses.

Stephen Evans, 3303 S. Moffet Ave. Joplin, spoke in opposition to the mask mandate.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer

Public Hearing for Council Bill No. 2020-268.

City Clerk Gollhofer reported there was a protest result of 13.0840% on this item.

Mayor Pro Tem Cortez opened the public hearing.

Jason Fellers, Weir, KS, appeared in favor of this item and stated he is the contractor for this item.

No one appeared in opposition to this item.

The public hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-268

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2020-268 - 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 R-2 property as described below and located at 902 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St., City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Monteleone to pass Council Bill No. 2020-268 on First Reading and advance to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Stanley, 1. The Council Bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2020-268**

Public Hearing for Council Bill No. 2020-269.

Mayor Pro Tem Cortez opened the public hearing.

Joe Moore, Diamond, MO, owner of the property, appeared in favor of this item.

No one appeared in opposition to this item.

The public hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-269

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2020-269 - 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 R-2 property as described below and located at 2701 S. Virginia Avenue, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Shaw to pass Council Bill No. 2020-269 on First Reading and advance to Second and Third Reading, Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Stanley, 1. The Council Bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2020-269**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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**RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-147

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2020-147 - an ordinance approving an agreement and work authorization with Olsson in the not to exceed amount of Three Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-One and 00/100 Dollars (\$323,961.00) for professional engineering consulting services for the update of the City of Joplin’s Storm Water Masterplan; 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. Shaw, second by Mr. Monteleone that Council

Bill No. 2020-147 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Stanley, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2020-110**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-404

Dr. Reid Adams introduced Council Bill No. 2020-404 - an ordinance approving an Agreement between the City of Joplin, Missouri, and Joplin Economic Housing Development Initiative that pertains to 2016, 2017, and 2018 HOME funds in the total amount not to exceed \$459,900.00; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute same on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Dr. Reid Adams, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2020-404 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Stanley, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2020-111**

COUNCIL BILL NO.2020-507

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2020-507 - an ordinance approving a Tax Increment Financing Funding Agreement by and between Woodsonia Joplin, LLC., a Nebraska limited liability company, and the City of Joplin, Missouri; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Monteleone that Council Bill No. 2020-507 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Stanley, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2020-112**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-518

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2020-518 - an ordinance approving a Petition to Establish the 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Place Community Improvement District and creating the 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Place Community Improvement District; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill No. 2020-518 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Stanley, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2020-113**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-005

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2020-005 -an ordinance re-adopting Chapter 2, Administration, of the Joplin City Code, Section 2-107, "Financial interest disclosure", requiring certain officials and employees of the City of Joplin to file Financial Interest Disclosure Statements as described herein. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Copple to pass Council Bill No. 2020-005 on First Reading and advance to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Stanley, 1. The Council Bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2020-005**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-141

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2020-141 - an ordinance approving a pedestrian crossing license agreement by and between the City of Joplin and Missouri & Northern Arkansas Railroad Company, Inc, as it pertains to construction of sidewalk improvements on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> street related

to the 4<sup>th</sup> and School Stormwater Project (TS0612); and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Monteleone to pass Council Bill No. 2020-141 on First Reading and advance to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Stanley, 1. The Council Bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2020-141.**

#### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-149

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2020-149 - an ordinance amending Chapter 118, Utilities, Article 2, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, by enacting a new Division 9, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Copple to pass Council Bill No. 2020-149 on First Reading and advance to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Stanley, 1. The Council Bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2020-149.**

#### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-151

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2020-151 - an ordinance approving a Work Authorization AMA-OC20-016 with Allgeier, Martin and Associates in the not to exceed amount of Eighty-One Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$81,500.00) for professional engineering consulting services for the design of Murphy Boulevard and Lone Elm storm water improvements; and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Monteleone to pass Council Bill No. 2020-151 on First Reading and advance to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Stanley, 1. The Council Bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2020-151.**

### **ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND THIRD READING**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### Additional request to address Council

Rodney D. Noran, 2301 S. Florida Ave, Joplin, spoke in opposition of the mask mandate.

The public hearing date for the FY2021 Proposed Budget was set for August 17, 2020.

The public hearing date for the 2020-2021 property tax rate was set for August 24, 2020

##### Health Dept. Update/Discussion of Covid-19 Recovery Plan

Health Director Dan Pekarek presented the following health update:

- As of August 1, there are 391 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 31 active, 345 inactive, 21 deaths, 103 quarantined, total of 27 COVID patients hospitalized (2 Joplin residents)
- On a positive note, the active number of cases are decreasing as well as the hospitalization number decreasing.
- the age range of the most cases in Joplin is between 20-39 years

- 7-day average number has decreased from 8 cases per day, to just under 5. Positivity rate is still a little higher.
- Last week the National Guard tested 535 individuals, 25 from Jasper County tested positive out of 406; 9 out of 90 from Newton County were positive.
- The number of hospitalizations has been added to the dashboard information.
- The Health Dept. has been working with the schools with the reopening plan for the fall.
- A reminder as we go into the fall season-please get your flu shot
- Continue to wash hands frequently, practice social distancing, wear a mask when going out in public and please stay home if you are sick.

After the health update, Mr. Lawson made a motion to move to Step 3 of Phase 2 of the Recovery Plan. There was no second to the motion.

Mr. Shaw made a motion to move to Step 3 of Phase 2 of the Recovery Plan and remove the social distancing requirement. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. Voting in favor were Council Members: Shaw, Lawson, 2. Nays: Copple, Cortez, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Stinnett, and Williams, 6. Absent: Stanley, 1.

#### News from Public Information Officer Lynn Onstot

Citizens should note that 7<sup>th</sup> street will close on August 24<sup>th</sup> will have a hard closure of 7<sup>th</sup> street between Illinois and just west of Michigan for 14 days. Detours will direct Eastbound truck traffic on 7<sup>th</sup> street to 32<sup>nd</sup> street via Maiden Lane. Westbound truck traffic on 7<sup>th</sup> street will be detoured to 32<sup>nd</sup> street via Range line. This closure will allow for crews to connect the stormwater improvements north and south of 7<sup>th</sup> Street that have been recently completed to reduce flooding possibilities of roadways and properties after rain events. The City is working with Missouri Department of Transportation on this closure and appreciate everyone's patience during this time.

The City has two projects underway that we will soon be asking residents to provide their input. We're starting the Study on Ewert Pool and surrounding area and want to know what type of amenities citizens may like in this area. Do you want it to remain as a pool or are there other recreational ideas you might have? We will have a survey for people to answer these questions as well as others, along with several Public Meetings for people to attend and learn more about the current status of the pool and possible other options. Please watch for announcements about ways you can participate.

The second project we're working on is Memorial Hall. This city facility has served the community in numerous ways throughout the years and we are now seeking more information about what citizens see for this building and area. Again, this is an opportunity to share your thoughts at public meetings and through the survey that will launch later this month. We'll have more details on both projects as we begin the public input process, We ask citizens to please watch for announcements on ways they can participate.

Masks are still available to Joplin residents. They are being offered via self-serve, and residents can pick up a mask for themselves as well as other family members or neighbors who may need one but have not received one yet. Masks will be available through Friday, August 7 or until supply is gone, at these locations:

- Joplin City Hall Main Lobby, 602 South Main Street
- Joplin Police Department, 303 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, south entrance
- Fire Station #2 at 2825 W Junge Boulevard
- Fire Station #4 at 3402 S. Main Street
- Fire Station #6 at 5302 W. 32<sup>nd</sup> Street

Tomorrow (August 4) is the primary election in Missouri. Don't forget to get out and vote.

For more information about these announcements, or other City news, please visit our website at [joplinmo.org](http://joplinmo.org).

Mr. Copple asked for an update on the salary comparison study. City Manager Edwards stated there is a meeting planned in the next few weeks with the consultant to hear the results of the summary. After that meeting, Mr. Edwards will report the results to the city council.

Mr. Monteleone asked if the city manager can look further into available funding that the city can use to help support the One Joplin Neighborhood Council and to follow up with the city council in 60-90 days with a findings report. Mr. Edwards replied that this topic is a priority to him, and he would like to organize a focus group to delve into the issue closer. It's his intention to discuss the issue further with the city council at a future work session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully,

Barbara J. Gollhofer, City Clerk