

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 4, 2021
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The January 4, 2021 regular meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Ryan Stanley.

INVOCATION was read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the United States of America was led by Ms. Williams.

ROLL CALL

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Charles Cople, Keenan Cortez, Doug Lawson, Anthony Monteleone, Diane Reid Adams, Gary Shaw, Mayor Ryan Stanley, Phil Stinnett and Christina Williams. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

PRESENTATIONS

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Health Department Update

Health Director Ryan Talken gave an update on Covid cases. As of December 26, 2020, there was an average of 41 cases per day; 96 Joplin deaths; 90 combined hospitalizations (Joplin residents). The Joplin Health Department has not received any vaccines at this time. The available vaccines (offered through health care facilities) is focused on group 1A: residents and employees at long term care facilities, and front-line health care workers. The next phase of vaccines will be for group 1B: high risk people ages 18-64, First Responders and essential workers. Director Talken stated the demand for vaccines exceeds the availability and he does not know when the next shipment of vaccines will arrive in Joplin. Mayor Stanley asked Director Talken if he had any recommendations regarding the Recovery Plan. Director Talken advised to stay the course.

News from Public Information Officer Lynn Onstot

The City will open the tree limb site starting Thursday, January 7 through Saturday, January 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on those days. The site is located at 1702 North Schifferdecker Avenue, about six tenths of a mile north of Belle Center Road on the west side of Schifferdecker Avenue. This free drop off service is for Joplin residents only. Professional contractors will not be allowed to dump. Joplin residents have another option through their residential trash service with Republic Services. Republic allows yard waste removal on their regular trash pick-up day. Limbs must be cut to a maximum of four (4) feet and tied in bundles no heavier than 50 pounds. They ask that the diameter of each tree limb be no larger than four (4) inches.

Residential Leaf Pick-up is continuing. The City's two crews are making progress as they canvas all residential streets. The crew from Parks & Rec are finishing the P3 area which includes residences from 32nd Street to 20th Street from Range Line Road to west boundaries, and properties south of 32nd Street west of McClelland Boulevard. The P4 area is just north of that and will start soon.

The Streets Crew has moved to S3 to pick leaves up in neighborhoods between Joplin's northern boundary (including residents N of Fountain Road & W of St. Louis Ave.) to 15th Street between St. Louis Avenue and Main Street. Crews are working from the north end and moving toward 15th Street within the east/west boundaries stated. Crews are delayed during wet conditions. For updates go to the News section of the City's website [Joplinmo.org](http://joplinmo.org) or the City's Facebook page.

The Parks & Recreation Department is hiring cashiers, recreation instructors, lifeguards, and seasonal laborer positions at the Athletic Complex, the 3 aquatic centers, Schifferdecker Golf Course, and the parks. It's a great summer job for those in high school and college! Applicants must be 16 years or older by start date, 18 years or older for laborer positions. Applications for all positions are available now and being accepted at Joplin City Hall, 602 South Main Street in the Human Resources Department on the 1st Floor, or online at <http://www.joplinmo.org/jobs>.

Thanks to Mr. Talken for the vaccine update. The guidelines are coming from the state and once we know the schedules and specific details, we'll be putting those out to the public. For more information about these or other happenings at the City, check out our website at joplinmo.org.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Katie Shelton requested to address Council regarding city practices regarding the prevention, reporting, and investigation of sexual and physical abuse; however, she was not at the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Procedures read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer

Public Hearing for Council Bill No. 2021-250

Mayor Stanley opened the Public Hearing.

No one appeared in favor of, or in opposition, to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-250

Mr. Monteleone introduced Council Bill No. 2021-250- 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-1-HP property as described below and known as Fairview Cemetery, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Monteleone, second by Mr. Cortez to pass Council Bill No. 2021-250 on First Reading and advance to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2021-250**.

Public Hearing for Council Bill No. 2021-251

Mayor Stanley opened the Public Hearing.

Gary Rose appeared in favor of this item on behalf of his client.

No one appeared in opposition.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-251

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2021-251 - an ordinance providing the vacation of a 20-foot-wide drainage easement lying on property abutting the West right-of-way line of Calloway Drive, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Dr. Reid Adams to pass Council Bill No. 2021-251 on First Reading and advance to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2021-251**.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Lawson to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Minutes of the December 21, 2020 City Council meeting.

Minutes of the December 28, 2020 Special City Council meeting.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-178 - AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into a construction agreement with B3 Contractors LLC, in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$129,245.00) for construction of the Minor System Improvements 2020 (TSO601) project; and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. **Ordinance No. 2021-001**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-286 -AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2004-256, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, November 15, 2004, by removing from District M-2 and including in District C-3 property as described below and located at 3507 E. 20th Street, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2021-002**.

RESOLUTIONSRESOLUTION NO. 2021-001

Mr. Cortez introduced Resolution No. 2021-001 - a resolution authorizing the filing of a Second Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2019 One Year Action Plan with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as required for use of the City of Joplin's Community Development Block Grant Program (Entitlement) and the Joplin Consortium HOME Investment Partnership Program for fiscal year 2019; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Plan for, and on behalf, of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Copple to approve Resolution No. 2021-001. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. **Resolution No. 2021-001 was approved.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-002

Mr. Monteleone introduced Resolution No. 2021-002 - a resolution adopting a Compensation Philosophy to be used as a guideline for decisions affecting employee compensation matters by the City Council, management, employees and the citizens. Motion by Mr. Monteleone, second by Mr. Lawson to approve Resolution No. 2021-002. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, and Williams, 7. Nays: Copple, Stinnett, 2. **Resolution No. 2021-002** was approved.

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY**COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-500**

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2021-500- an ordinance amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 as adopted by Ordinance 2020-156 on October 19, 2020, to adjust appropriations and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2021-500 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2021-003**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-103**

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2021-103 - an ordinance approving an Agreement with Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. (AMA) in the not to exceed amount of Eighty-Five Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$85,000.00) for Right of Way Negotiation services for the Connecticut Avenue Widening Project, 32nd St. to I-44, and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2021-103 be passed on First Reading and advanced to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2021-103**

ORDINANCES – SECOND AND THIRD READING**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****NEW BUSINESS****Other Business:**

Mr. Shaw asked city staff to provide an update on the Pennsylvania Avenue viaduct status. City Manager Nick Edwards stated an update will be provided in the near future.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully,

Barbara Gollhofer, City Clerk