

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 3, 2021  
MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The May 3, 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**

Mayor Stanley presented a proclamation recognizing May as Historic Preservation Month to Jill Sullivan and members of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Mayor Stanley presented a proclamation recognizing May as National Community Action Month to John Joines, director of Economic Security Corporation.

**FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Economic Development Update.** Chamber president Toby Teeter introduced Amy Kauffman as the new MOKAN Business Development Coordinator. Mr. Teeter gave an update on new business attractions and expansion project; ongoing efforts of current projects; entrepreneurial ecosystem; marketing and promoting Joplin/Award of Excellence; and an economy overview.

**Health Department Update:** Health Director Ryan Talken presented the latest health statistics regarding COVID-19 and vaccines. There has been a decrease in Covid cases and hospitalizations. There is still a good supply of vaccines, but the demand has decreased. The vaccination rate for Joplin is around 40%. There will be a free vaccine clinic on Tuesday, May 5 at MSSU.

**Discussion of the Response and Recovery Plan**

The city council discussed the next step in the Recovery Plan. The city is currently in Phase 3 of the Recovery Plan which removed occupancy limitations for indoor or outdoor activities, however the restrictions in the business specific exhibits remain in place.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Shaw and seconded by Mr. Lawson to relax all current COVID restrictions in place. The motion includes no longer enforcing the exhibits of the Recovery Plan but allows businesses to have the ability to set their own restrictions. Voting in favor were Council members: Cople, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

City Staff was directed to prepare what Phase 4 looks like - what our step is for moving forward - and to bring this information to City Council in an upcoming meeting.

Discussion followed regarding the mask requirement for entering City Hall. The mask requirement was removed when the mandate was allowed to expire, however, City employees are required to wear a mask when they can't socially distance.

### **News from Public Information Officer Lynn Onstot**

**Free Tire Drop Off :** Friday, May 7 and Saturday, May 8. Hosted by the Joplin Recycling Center and Liberty Utilities, automotive passenger tires will be accepted at no charge from Joplin residents, Joplin residential landlords, and Liberty Utilities residential electric customers from 9 am to 3 pm on these days at the Recycling Center, 1310 West A Street. Up to ten tires per household will be accepted. Commercial, large truck, tractor, or racecar tires will not be accepted. We encourage residents to take advantage of this opportunity and remove tires from their garage or yards during this free drop off.

**City's Tree Limb Drop Off Service** will be open Saturday, May 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The drop-off site is located at 1702 North Schifferdecker Avenue, 6/10 of a mile north of Belle Center Road on the west side of Schifferdecker. This free drop-off service is for Joplin residents only and has no load limits. This drop off site will be open the third Saturday of each month through October.

This year is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the tornado that struck Joplin on May 22, 2011 and a citizens committee has planned a modest and heartfelt day of remembrance. The morning of Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the 10<sup>th</sup> running of the Joplin Memorial Run, which is dedicated to the memory of those passed away due to the disaster. For more information, go to [facebook.com/JoplinMemorialRun](https://www.facebook.com/JoplinMemorialRun).

As the community has done in other years, there will be a gathering in Cunningham Park near the time of 5:41 p.m. The observance ceremony will mark the moment from 2011 to honor and remember the loved ones who died with a reading of the 161 names. Prayer and music will also be part of the remembrance. Former Missouri Governor "Jay" Nixon has been asked to speak regarding the recovery, with Joplin Mayor Ryan Stanley serving as the emcee of the program. Preliminary plans also include community time in Cunningham Park starting at 3 p.m. with some organizations offering information and activities for those attending. We recognize that each of us will remember this fateful time in our own way. We want to thank everyone involved in the recovery efforts these past ten years. We are stronger because of the work, commitment and resilience that has been exhibited and illustrates we are truly Joplin Proud. For more information about these topics, please visit the City's website, [joplinmo.org](http://joplinmo.org) or contact the Public Information Office. Thank you.

## **CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Public Hearing procedures were read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer

Public Hearing for RESOLUTION NO. 2021-010

Mayor Stanley opened the Public Hearing.

Duncan Park, owner of the proposed short term rental appeared in favor of this item and stated he and his wife restored the home as a mid-century style and plan to market it as a discreet mid-term rental.

Michelle Lawrence spoke in opposition to this item. She questioned the definition of an Airbnb versus a bed and breakfast operation and does the proposed operation meet code requirement. She is also concerned about lack of security, parking and safety of children in the neighborhood.

The Public Hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-010

Mr. Monteleone introduced Resolution No. 2021-010 - a resolution granting a Special Use Permit (1<sup>st</sup> Request) for the operation of a short -term rental at 2308 S. Patterson Avenue, in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Monteleone, second by Mr. Cortez to approve Resolution No. 2021-010. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stanley, and Williams, 7. Nays: Reid Adams, Stinnett, 2. **Resolution No. 2021-010** was approved.

Public Hearing for CASE 018-21

Mayor Stanley opened the Public Hearing

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

CASE 018-21

Mr. Cortez introduced Case 018-21 - A request to declare surplus property at 1403 E. Valley St. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Copple to approve Case 018-21. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. Case 018-21 was approved.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-267

Mayor Stanley opened the Public Hearing

No one appeared in favor of this item.

Delores Bilke, 3427 Sergeant Ave., spoke in opposition to this item. She stated she has lived in this neighborhood for 30 years and wants it to remain quiet and safe. She is concerned about increased traffic, safety of children in the area and a potential for more accidents. After her speaking time expired, Ms. Bilkey asked for an additional minute to complete her comments. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Monteleone to grant an additional minute to Ms. Bilkey. Ms. Bilkey stated the design of the project would create hazardous ingress/egress situations due to the proposed positioning of the carports.

Tiffany Beaman, 3423 S Sergeant spoke in opposition to this item and stated she agreed with Ms. Bilkey's comments. She is concerned about the increased traffic and safety issues.

Rocksannia Alvarado, 3424 S Sergeant, spoke in opposition to this item. She stated there needs to be a traffic study done in the neighborhood. Safety is her main concern.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-267

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2021-267 - 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 (Single Family Residential) and include in District R-3-PD (Apartment House Planned Development) property as described below and located Southeast Corner of S. Jackson Avenue and W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street, City of Joplin, Newton County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Stinnett to **table** Council Bill No. 2021-267. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Council Bill No. 2021-267 was **tabled**.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-268

Mayor Stanley opened the Public Hearing

John Bolte spoke in favor of this item on behalf of Blake Onstot with 4 State Builders, and stated it would be beneficial to annex this property into the City of Joplin.

No one appeared in opposition of this item.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-268

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2021-268 - AN ORDINANCE approving the voluntary annexation by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, at the end of public right-of-way of W. Par Ln., Joplin, MO, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Stinnett, second by Dr. Reid Adams to pass Council Bill No. 2021-268 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. 2021-268**.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Minutes of the April 19, 2021 City Council meeting.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-124 - an ordinance authorizing an agreement by and between the City of Joplin and SkyWest Airlines, Inc., to establish operational guidelines and fees in the Commercial Terminal at the Joplin Regional Airport; authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. **Ordinance No. 2021-066**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-125 - an ordinance approving Work Authorization OLS-OC21-04 with Olsson in the not to exceed amount of Five Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$599,500.00) for professional engineering consulting services for Phases 2 and 3 of the Zora Widening project from Rangeline to MO-249, and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. **Ordinance No. 2021-067**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-512 - an ordinance repealing Section 86-152, Admission Fee, of Article V, Swimming Pools, of Chapter 86, Parks and Recreation, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 86-152, Admission Fee, of Article V, Swimming Pools, of Chapter 86, Parks and Recreation, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin to implement certain fee changes; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective. **Ordinance No. 2021-068**

**Mayor Stanley called for a break at 8:02 p.m.**

**The meeting reconvened at 8:13 p.m.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-011

Mr. Copple introduced Resolution No. 2021-011 - a resolution declaring the City of Joplin's intent to participate in Natural Hazard Mitigation and to work toward becoming a safer community. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Monteleone to approve Resolution No. 2021-011. Voting in

favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. **Resolution No. 2021-011-** was approved.

## **ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY**

### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-132

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2021-132 - an ordinance approving the City of Joplin to enter into a construction agreement with Goins Enterprise for the On Call Infrastructure and Utility Cuts 2021 project; 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. Stinnett, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2021-132 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent:0. Abstention: Shaw, 1. Council Bill No. 2021-132 was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2021-069**

### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-133

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2021-133 - an ordinance authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with G&G Construction Inc., for rehabilitation construction services in the amount of Two Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$239,000.00) for construction services associated with the Turkey Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility North Digester Thickener on behalf of the City of Joplin 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. Lawson second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2021-133 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. Council Bill No. 2021-133 was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2021-070**

### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-134

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2021-134 - an ordinance authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with G&G Construction Inc., for construction services in the amount of Three Hundred Four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty and No/100 Dollars (\$304,840.00) for construction services associated with the Turkey Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility UV expansion on behalf of the City of Joplin 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. Lawson that Council Bill No. 2021-134 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. Council Bill No. 2021-134 was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2021-071**

### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-602

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2021-602 - an ordinance approving the applications of Joplin Disc Golf for the 2021 Four -States Open and for KEG Media for the Mother Road Mayhem for utilization of FY21 Festivals and Celebrations support pursuant to Ordinance No. 2000-148, as authorized by the voters on November 7, 2000; authorizing the City Manager to execute appropriate agreements with each such organization for the utilization of such funds and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Monteleone that Council Bill No. 2021-602 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. Council Bill No. 2021-602 was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2021-072**

### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-603

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2021-603 - an ordinance approving a Recruitment Incentive Program designed to attract police applicants who do not require police academy training in order to save training time and expense. This program would allow qualified police applicants to receive an incentive upon successful completion of all police officer training phases to include the in-house academy and field training program. This program would also allow a referral incentive for qualified City of Joplin employees who refers a police officer applicant that successfully completes all phases of the program and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Dr. Reid Adams that Council Bill No. 2021-603 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. Council Bill No. 2021-603 was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2021-073**

## **ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Discussion of HB553**

Mr. Monteleone asked for a review of HB553, which specifies that no political subdivision can require its employees to reside within a jurisdiction. He asked if the bill would impact the residency requirement for the city manager that is stated in the Joplin City Charter § 3.01: "*the City Manager*] shall reside within the city during his tenure of office.

After discussion, Mr. Monteleone made a motion to pursue our elected officials to oppose HB553 and to ask our lobbyist to support us in this endeavor. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. City Manager Edwards will send a letter of opposition.

#### **Recognition of Dr. Reid Adams as recipient of the 2021 MSSU Spirit of Service Award**

Mayor Stanley congratulated Council Member Diane Reid Adams on her recent award. The Spirit of Service Award is an award given to an alum of Missouri Southern State University making significant contributions to their community through their time, actions, talents, and dedication. Dr. Diane Reid was named the 2021 Spirit of Service awardee and has given her time and talents to many organizations over the years. She serves as a role model for compassion and service and strives to make the world a better place. Dr. Reid Adams stated she received a check for \$500 which she will donate to American Association of University Women. She also received an engraved plaque and an MSSU medallion.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Barbara Gollhofer, City Clerk