

JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 21, 2021
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The June 21, 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 Mr. Shaw.

ROLL CALL

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Charles Copple, 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

Alternative Transportation

Jeremy Lynch, Senior Account Executive for Bird Company, presented information on a shared active transportation operation for electric scooters within Joplin corporate boundaries. After the presentation, the city council discussed the proposed interim operating agreement. The City will develop a pilot program with input from stakeholders, including Bird Company, to provide a comprehensive framework for shared active transportation operations in the future. The purpose of the agreement is to establish interim rules and regulations governing Bird Company's operation within the city to ensure that such an operation is managed in a manner consistent with the safety and well-being of pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and other users of City's right-of-way. The city council consented to move forward on this and directed city staff to formally present it at a future meeting.

Smart Pavement Technology

Miguel Jaramillo, Director of Business Development for Integrated Roadways, presented an overview of Smart Pavement technology and listed benefits for implementing this kind of technology on our roadways. Attached to his presentation was a smart infrastructure MOU between the City and DEVCO. The MOU is an umbrella agreement under which the parties will undertake activities to facilitate the development and deployment of smart infrastructure. The primary purpose of the MOU is to ensure the coordination necessary to implement smart infrastructure projects in the public right-of-way including, but not limited to, the installation and operation of Smart Pavement and Smart Pavement Control Centers. The MOU is non-exclusive and subject to funding, availability and does not represent a commitment on behalf of either party to pursue specific projects or partnerships. The projects and activities described in the MOU shall require subsequent agreements between the parties and may be subject to the city council's approval. After discussion, the city council consented to have city staff bring the MOU to a future meeting for formal approval.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Downtown Joplin Alliance Update

Lori Hahn, President of Downtown Joplin Alliance, presented an update of the current projects underway in the downtown area.

Capital Improvement & Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee Semi-Annual Report.

Lori Hahn, Chair of the committee, presented the report. She stated the Committee agrees that the revenues from the ¼-cent parks and stormwater sales tax, the 3/8 cent capital improvements sales tax, and the ½-cent public safety sales tax are being collected above the projected level for the 2021 fiscal year.

The projects under Phase I of the Parks/Stormwater Sales Tax have been completed as promised. The projects under Phase II of the Parks/Stormwater Sales Tax are in progress as set forth to the voters.

The projects under Phase I of the Capital Improvements Sales Tax are all complete as promised, except one which is the Traffic Signal Upgrades. This project is expected to be completed during the 2021 fiscal year. The projects under Phase II of the Capital Improvements Sales Tax are in progress as set forth to the voters.

For the public safety sales tax, all capital items have been completed as promised except for the remaining Eastside fire station. All operational items have been completed except the staffing for the remaining Eastside fire station and the remaining streetlights.

Mr. Copple reminded Ms. Hahn to include the apparatus for Station 7 in the public safety sales tax report.

Semi-Annual Insurance Update: Segal

Kim Wixson, Vice President and Health Consultant at The Segal Group, provided the semi-annual preliminary financial statement and budget to actual report, which included the 2020 and 2021 YTD financial statement; projected vs. actual income and expense for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2020 and the 3-month period ending March 31, 2021; the 2020 and 2021 YTD claims, enrollment and utilization summaries; and the medical and prescription drug large claimant experience.

Sales Tax Update

Finance Director Leslie Haase stated sales tax revenues were up 29% for June 2021 and YTD increase of 10% for FY 2020.

Mayor Stanley called for a break at 8:08 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 8:18 p.m.

News from the Public Information Office

In consideration of the Missouri Southern State University COVID Operation Plan, the City of Joplin and Missouri Southern State University have modified this year's Independence Day Celebration to a fireworks-only show. The fireworks will be set off on the eastern side of the Missouri Southern State University campus on Sunday, July 4 at 9:45 p.m. Area residents are welcome to watch the display from designated MSSU parking lots. Parking lots will open at 8:30 p.m. with the fireworks show starting at 9:45 p.m. Ten minutes prior to the show's beginning, crews will light a single firework for display to alert the audience of the impending start. The show will last approximately 20 minutes and will be set to music, which visitors can tune into 88.7 KXMS to experience. The entirety of the fireworks celebration will be broadcast live on KGCS TV Channel 21 and on KCGS Facebook page. The stadium and amenities will be closed to the public. For more information visit Joplin Parks & Recreation Facebook page or Missouri Southern's website.

City offices will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day. This closing includes the MAPS and the Sunshine Lamp Trolley services as well as the Recycling Center. All City services will resume their regularly scheduled hours on Tuesday, July 6. Please note that residential trash pickup does NOT Change since July 4th falls on Sunday this year.

If shooting off Fireworks at your house – please remember these simple rules:

- They can be discharged only on July 1, 2, 3, and 4 from 12 Noon to 11 p.m.
- Bottle rockets and Chinese Lanterns are not permitted within the City.
- All who are setting off fireworks must clean up their shoot area. This is for everyone’s benefit – including yours because your neighbors will continue to wave when they see you because they enjoy having you and your family in the neighborhood.
- We wish everyone to have a happy and safe July 4th.

There will be a municipal election on Tuesday, August 3. This is the first of three elections that citizens will vote on City initiatives in upcoming months. There is a lot to talk about for each of these elections, and to help get information out to our citizens, City staff has developed an Elections webpage. It will provide all of the details about the various proposals. It is simple to find at joplinmo.org/elections. At the top of the page is a little history about Joplin and the work that has been done this past year with the Listening Tour and strategic planning by the City Council that resulted in Goals for the City. From there, Action Plans have been developed as the City looks to community betterment. To reach these goals takes resources, and this website is designed to help explain the different ballot initiatives. Visit joplinmo.org for more details on these events.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes of the June 7, 2021 City Council meeting.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-004 - an ordinance authorizing the City of Joplin, Missouri (“City”), a Missouri municipal corporation, to enter into agreements with Joplin Schools (“District”), a political subdivision and public school district of the State of Missouri, for the purpose of providing parking space for Memorial Hall; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said agreements by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. **Ordinance No. 2021-086**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-269 - an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2004-256, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, November 15, 2004, by removing from District M-2 (Heavy Industrial) and including in District R-1 (Single Family Residential) property as described below and located 720 S. Minnesota Ave., City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2021-087**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-271 - 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 including in District R-3 (Apartment House) and District C-3 (Commercial) property as described below and located 3320 & 3330 N. Range Line Rd., City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2021-088**

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-138

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2021-138 - an ordinance approving a Work Authorization AMA-PG21-001 with Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of Three Hundred Thirty Four Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$334,000.00) for professional engineering consulting services for the design of the rehabilitation of the parking garage at 6th Street and Virginia Avenue; 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. Cortez, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill No. 2021-138 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, and Williams, 7. Nays: Copple, Stinnett, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2021-089**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-140

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2021-140 - an ordinance approving an amendment (Change Order No. 1) to the construction agreement with Joplin Industrial Electric Co. Inc., in the amount of One Hundred Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Six and 15/100 Dollars, (\$112,336.15) for the Turkey Creek WWTF Generator Replacement 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. Copple, second by Dr. Reid Adams that Council Bill No. 2021-140 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. 2021-090**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

ORDINANCES – SECOND AND THIRD READING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Request to Address Council

Sawyer Smith, Blue Haven Homes, LLC, announced that the roof on the Olivia Building has been completed and renovation of the interior has begun. A completion date of Spring 2022 is projected.

Abbie Covington spoke on women's health.

Deborah Ferguson spoke on relevant topics.

Boards & Commissions Appointments

Moved to the July 6 informal meeting.

Health Update

Cases continue to trend upwards. Case counts and hospitalizations are increasing. There are 84 active cases; the 7 day case average is 15; 80 hospitalizations; vaccination rate is at 46% for the city; statewide vaccine average is 43.6%. Joplin Health Dept. has several upcoming clinics in-house and in the community.

Updated streetlight report.

Mr. Stinnett asked for an updated streetlight report for a future meeting. City Manager Edwards stated a report will be provided at a future informal council meeting or council work session.

Right-of-Way Discussion

Mayor Stanley stated there is a lot of work occurring in the city's rights-of-way and he would like to see what information concerning citizens' rights the city has in place and what we can expect from contractors doing business in our city and using our rights-of-way. City staff will prepare information to bring to a future meeting.

Closed Session

Vote to go into closed session which shall pertain to legal action, causes of action, or litigation including a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys pursuant to state law, as set forth in Section 610.021 (1) RSMo, as amended, 2020. This meeting, record, and vote to be closed. Council shall adjourn at the end of the session. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Monteleone to go into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully,

Barbara Gollhofer, City Clerk