

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 1, 2022  
MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The August 1, 2022, regular meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Doug Lawson.

**INVOCATION** was read by City Clerk Holly Nagy.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** was led by Mr. Gary Shaw.

**ROLL CALL**

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Charles Cople, Keenan Cortez, Josh DeTar, Mark Farnham, Doug Lawson, Gary Shaw, Kate Spencer, Phil Stinnett, and Christina Williams. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Cortez to finalize the amended consent agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, Cople, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9.

Council Bill No. 2022-131 will be heard under second and third reading.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

News from the Public Information Office

Joplin will join cities nationwide for "America's Night Out Against Crime" when Joplin Police Department hosts the National Night Out event tomorrow, Tuesday, August 2 at Schifferdecker Park. The event kicks off at 5:30 p.m. with free food and drinks served during the event. This is a fun-filled family night with activities for children of all ages. There will also be a free swim at the Schifferdecker Aquatic Center starting at 6:45 pm and ending at 8:45 pm. We hope to see a great crowd again this year because this event is a way to help strengthen community spirit and police-community partnerships.

Murphy Boulevard near Lone Elm Road in northeast Joplin is closed to through traffic for stormwater improvements to be completed in this area. The road should be open by mid-October, weather permitting. Drivers are encouraged to observe traffic signage regarding detours and be cautious while traveling the area. Drivers may want to choose alternative routes due to possible delays. This project is funded through the Parks and Stormwater sales tax.

Reminder - Tomorrow is the Missouri Primary Election. For the City of Joplin, voters will decide on Proposition Public Safety. We encourage citizens to please take the time to vote on Tuesday, August 2. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voting location questions should be directed to the County Clerk's offices of Jasper and Newton County.

**CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS**

Abbie Covington spoke on the public safety tax.

Mary Price spoke on Proposition Public Safety.

Deborah Ferguson spoke on safety tax and related budget issues.

Krissy Gray spoke on public safety tax.

Bob Reed spoke on Proposition Public Safety.

Mackenzie Roach spoke on Proposition Public Safety.

Joplin Professional Firefighters Local 59 spoke on support for a SAFER Joplin.

Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar to extend the speaking time of Mr. Humphrey by 1 minute. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, Copple, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Holly Nagy

PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESOLUTION NO. 2022-012

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

No one spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-012

Mr. Cortez introduced Resolution No. 2022-012 - A RESOLUTION granting a Special Use Permit (1st Request) for the operation of a Day Care Center located at 1918 S. Sergeant Ave. in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Copple that Resolution No. 2022-012 be passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-266**

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

No one spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

**COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-266**

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2022-266 - 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-2 (Single-family Residential) property as described below and located at 1908 W. 10 th St., City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Copple to remove this item from tabled status. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2022-266 be placed on First reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Farnham, and Shaw, 3. Nays: Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 6. The item failed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Shaw second by Mr. DeTar to approve the amended Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Minutes of the July 18, 2022, City Council Meeting

AMENDED COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-274 - AN ORDINANCE repealing Ordinance No. 2004-257, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, November 15, 2004, and adopting a new Zoning ordinance to be codified as Appendix 29 of the Joplin Municipal Code as amended. **Ordinance No. 2022-119.**

**RESOLUTIONS****RESOLUTION NO. 2022-010**

Mr. Cortez introduced Resolution No. 2022-010 - A RESOLUTION of the City of Joplin, Missouri, approving the final prioritized Community Project List in order to pursue various Federal, State and County grants and committing to the completion of the projects as set forth in the grant requirements, if awarded. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar that Resolution No. 2022-010 be passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

**ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY**COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-141

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2022-141 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program (FAA-AIP) for the Terminal Area Master Plan Design Services at the Joplin Regional Airport and authorizing the City Manager or his Designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Ms. Williams that Council Bill No. 2022-141 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2022-120**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-142

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2022-142- AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with McClanahan Construction Company Inc., in the amount of Four Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$494,000.00) for construction services associated with the Turkey Creek Wastewater Treatment South Sludge Thickener and Septage Receiving 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. Stinnett, second by Ms. Spencer that Council Bill No. 2022-142 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2022-121**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-523

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2022-523 - AN ORDINANCE approving the First Amendment to the 32nd Street Place Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2022-523 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2022-122**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-524

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2022-524 - AN ORDINANCE approving Redevelopment Project 3 of the 32nd Street Place Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and adopting Tax Increment Financing therein; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2022-524 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2022-123**.

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-277

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2022- 277 - AN ORDINANCE establishing grades and accepting the Final Plat of Emerald Glades Plat 1 located at 3330 and 3332 N. St. Louis Ave., in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Dr. Farnham to strike Council Bill No. 2022-277. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. This item was stricken.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-525

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2022-525 - AN ORDINANCE approving Redevelopment Project 4 of the 32nd Street Place Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and adopting Tax Increment Financing therein. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2022-525 be passed on first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2022-525.

**SECOND AND THIRD READING**COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-131

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2022-131 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the approval of the 2022 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) update detailing the safety processes and procedures for the City of Joplin, MO, Metro Area Public Transit System (MAPS) and Sunshine Lamp Trolley. This plan utilizes existing agency safety practices and Federal Transit Administration best practices to meet the regulations set in 49 CFR Part 673. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Dr. Farnham to pass Council Bill No. 2022-131 on Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. **Ordinance No. 2022-124.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****NEW BUSINESS**

Set date for Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for August 15, 2022.

Set date for Public Hearing on Property Tax Levy for August 22, 2022.

Ms. Spencer would like for the City Manager to establish an oversight committee for the new tax and also have a member of Police and Fire be on the committee.

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. Cortez, second by Mr. Shaw to adjourn to closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy, City Clerk, MRCC