

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 1, 2021  
MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The March 1, 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. Lawson.

**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**

**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 presented the latest COVID and vaccine statistics: newly reported cases were down; hospitalizations have been decreasing, and the number of people receiving vaccinations has increased. The National Guard vaccination clinic is rescheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday at Carthage. MSSU will have a clinic Thursday and Friday. Flu cases are very low compared to this time last year.

**Response and Recovery Plan Discussion:** Council discussed the current statistics as they relate to guidelines noted in Phase 2, Step 4 of the Plan. Members noted that outdoor mass gatherings had been a question from organizations planning activities for upcoming spring and summer months. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Monteleone to remove the 250-person limit for outdoor gatherings, Mr. Copple seconded the motion. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. Another discussion regarding removing the social distancing regulation for restaurants and places of worship was held. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Stinnett to remove the distancing restrictions for restaurants and places of worship. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Lawson, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, and Stinnett, 6. Nays: Cortez, Monteleone, and Williams, 3.

**News from Public Information Officer Lynn Onstot**

The City of Joplin will participate in the statewide tornado drill at 10 AM tomorrow, Tuesday March 2, as part of the annual Severe Weather Awareness Week. Joplin's outdoor warning sirens will sound for a full three minutes, just as they would in an emergency. Residents are encouraged to use this drill as an opportunity to plan and prepare for a real situation. This is a good time to discuss sheltering plans with your family and co-workers and to check that you have a working battery-operated radio and flashlights, along with other necessary supplies in your designated "safe place."

Joplin's sirens are intended to notify those who outdoors to take shelter indoors. We encourage citizens to use a NOAA weather radio for storm alerts and/or to sign up on their phones for weather alerts with local news stations. Media stations also broadcast weather alerts, so stay tuned to local stations when your area is under a weather watch.

Tuesday, March 23 is Joplin's 148<sup>th</sup> birthday. Dr. Chad Stebbins, a communications professor at Missouri Southern and a local history buff will be delivering a presentation from his new books about the Connor Hotel and the man who made it possible, Tom Connor. This event runs from 6:30 to 8 p.m. March 23 in the Council Chambers. The public is welcome to attend. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. This event is hosted by the Joplin Celebrations committee, a group working to create awareness and events in honor of Missouri's Bicentennial celebrated this year; Joplin's Sesquicentennial in 2023; United States' Sestercentennial in 2026 and Route 66 Centennial in 2026. Councilwoman Dr. Reid Adams sits on that committee, so we appreciate her and the committee's work in planning this event and other upcoming activities for our community. (Connor Hotel book = \$21.99; Tom Connor book = \$10.00. Both books can be purchased directly from Dr. Stebbins for \$25. More details about these events can be found on the City's website, joplinmo.org.

### **CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS**

Sara Marker requested to address Council but did not appear.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer.

#### Public Hearing for Council Bill No. 2021-259

Mayor Stanley opened the Public Hearing.

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

The Public Hearing was closed.

#### Council Bill No. 2021-259

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2021-259 - an ordinance providing to vacate approximately 670' of a 75'-wide street right-of-way between S. Connecticut Ave. and E. 15<sup>th</sup> St. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Monteleone to pass Council Bill No. 2021-259 on First Reading and advance to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Abstention: Reid Adams, 1. The bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2021-259**.

#### Public Hearing for Council Bill No. 2021-260

Mayor Stanley opened the Public Hearing

Alan Bemo spoke in favor of this item and stated his daughter wants to build a home on the property.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

#### Council Bill No. 2021-260

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2021-260 - 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-1-PD and including in District R-1, property as described below and known as 4307 Swede Ln., City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Shaw to pass Council Bill 2021-260 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. 2021-260**

**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. Nays: 0.

Minutes of the February 16, 2021 City Council meeting.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-112 - an ordinance authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Ace Pipe Cleaning, Inc., for the 2021-2023 Evaluation and Rehabilitation Toolbox for Wastewater Collection System Project; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. **Ordinance No. 2021-029**

**RESOLUTIONS****ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY**COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-114

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2021-114 - an ordinance approving an agreement with Waste Corporation of Missouri (WCA) to provide disposal services of bulky items, limbs/brush, and tires at a local transfer station by Joplin residents; and dealing generally with the payment for those services; and containing an emergency clause Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2021-114 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. 2021-030**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-115

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2021-115 - an ordinance approving an agreement with Joplin Industrial Electric Co. in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand, Six Hundred Ten and 00/100 Dollars (\$300,610.00) for the purchase and installation of a generator; authorizing the City Manager to execute on behalf of the City and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2021-115 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. 2021-031**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-351

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2021-351 - an ordinance approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Clay Cole Trucking for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of lot area located at 1215 Iowa Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Two Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,500.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill No. 2021-351 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. 2021-032**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-352

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2021-352 - an ordinance approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Clay Cole Trucking for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of lot area located at 1119 Jackson Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Two Thousand Seven Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,700.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Shaw that Council Bill No. 2021-352 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. 2021-033**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-505

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2021-505 - an ordinance approving the job description for Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Coordinator and the placement of the position within the Salary Administration Plan for the City of Joplin; and, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Dr. Reid Adams that Council Bill No. 2021-505 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. 2021-034**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-402

Dr. Reid Adams introduced Council Bill No. 2021-402 - an ordinance approving an Agreement with G & G Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of One Hundred Nine Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Nine and 50/100 dollars (\$109,469.50) for construction of the Senior Center-Meals on Wheels Zone Improvement Project, and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Dr. Reid Adams, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill No. 2021-402 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 bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2021-402**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-403

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2021-403 - an ordinance approving an Agreement between the City of Joplin, Missouri, and Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission which will provide FHWA Metropolitan Planning Assistance and FTA Section 5303 assistance, hereafter known as Consolidated Planning Funds, from November 1, 2020, through October 31, 2021, in accordance with the rules of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) under 49 U.S.C. Section 5303 and 23 U.S. Code Sections 104(F) and 134 to conduct comprehensive and transportation planning programs, as the City of Joplin has been designated to conduct transportation planning programs for the Joplin Area Transportation Study Organization; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute said Agreement for the City. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Shaw that Council Bill No. 2021-403 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 bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2021-403**.

**ORDINANCES – SECOND AND THIRD READING****UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Copple discussed the possibility of the City providing sharps containers for volunteers doing clean up work at a vacated business. Health Director Talken stated there are DNR regulations pertaining to the request so he will look into it further and get a response.

Mr. Copple and Mr. Monteleone asked for future discussion on a preparedness plan during severe weather conditions, including cold and heat. They would like to see a severe weather policy. City Manager Nick Edwards replied he will work with a small team and bring a proposal to Council. Mr. Copple would like to have an impact study done regarding seasonal employees and the minimum wage. Mr. Edwards replied he will present this item at a future informal council meeting.

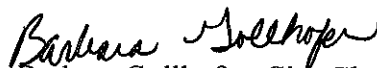
Mr. Monteleone discussed the recent approval of the Parks and Stormwater sales tax renewal discretionary items at the February 22 work session. He stated he would like to make a motion to approve the entire list of non-discretionary items proposed at the February 22 work session, which includes the Ewert Park improvements. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. Before the vote, Mr. Edwards stated this item is scheduled to be on the March 8 work session as a follow-up to the request at the Feb. 22 work session to get more detailed information regarding some of the projects (amphitheater, basketball court, ice ribbon) for the Park that were included in the consultant's presentation. After the discussion, a vote was taken. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, Monteleone, Stanley and Williams, 4. Nays: Copple, Lawson, Reid Adams, Shaw, and Stinnett, 5. The motion failed.

**NEW BUSINESS**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; and, to leasing, purchasing or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration; and, the hiring, firing, disciplining, or promotion of an employee or particular employees of a governmental body involving personal information; more specifically, for the purpose of evaluating certain Council employees; as set forth in Section 610.021(1)(2)(3) RSMo, as amended, 2020. This meeting, record, and vote to be closed to the extent provided by law. The City Council shall adjourn at the end of the session. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Shaw 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 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully,

  
Barbara Gollhofer, City Clerk