

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
JULY 15, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Gary Shaw.

INVOCATION was read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the United States of America was led by Dr. Reid Adams.

ROLL CALL

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Melodee Colbert-Kean, Keenan Cortez, Doug Lawson, Anthony Monteleone, Diane Reid Adams, Gary Shaw, Ryan Stanley, and Phil Stinnett. Also, in attendance were Interim City Manager Dan Pekarek and City Attorney Peter Edwards. Absent: Taylor Brown. Motion by Mr. Stanley, second by Mrs. Colbert-Kean to excuse Mr. Brown. Voting in favor were Council Members: Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0.

PRESENTATIONS

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer

Public Hearing for Council Bill No. 2019-268

Mayor Shaw opened the Public Hearing.

LeeAnn Howsman, 2622 E. 35th St., appeared in favor of this item and stated she works for Suzanne Nelson and she feels Suzanne is qualified to have a medical marijuana dispensary at her facility.

Connie Womack, 1020 W. Kensington, appeared in favor of this item and stated she has worked for Suzanne for five years and feels a dispensary will benefit many people, especially veterans.

Margo Gardner, 315 N. Tyler, spoke in favor of this item and believes the way Suzanne's will handle a dispensary will be in a clinical manner.

Suzanne and Dr. Bill Nelson, 67 Horsehoe, spoke in favor of this item. Suzanne stated an added medical marijuana dispensary will not increase traffic any more than what she anticipates after the

addition to the east is completed. The addition is for smoothies, juices, groceries, café and a salad bar. She intends to keep the buffer area to the north as a green space to respect the neighborhood.

Douglas Brooks, 3734 Chipmunk Dr., spoke in favor of this item and stated that as a psychologist, he believes this location for a dispensary is ideal, and the association of marijuana for pain is good.

No one appeared in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Dr. Reid Adams introduced Council Bill No. 2019-268 - an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2004-256, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, November 15, 2004, by removing from District C-1 and including in District C-3 property as described below and located at 3106 Connecticut Ave, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Dr. Reid Adams, second by Mr. Stanley that Council Bill No. 2019-268 be passed on First Reading and advanced to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Brown, 1. The Council Bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2019-268**.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Cortez to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Brown, 1.

July 1, 2019 Informal Council Meeting Notes

Minutes of the July 1, 2019 City Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2019-265 - 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 C-3 property as described below and located 2902 East 20th Street, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2019-101**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2019-266 - 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-2 and including in District C-1 property as described below and located 407 and 411 East 20th Street, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2019-102**

AMENDED COUNCIL BILL NO. 2019-267 - 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 and including in District C-1 property as described below and located 3925 South Range Line Road, City of Joplin, Newton County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2019-103**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2019-137 -AN ORDINANCE amending Article 10, Traffic Control Devices, of Chapter 114, Traffic, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin by enacting a new Section 114-798, Neighborhood Traffic Calming. **Ordinance No. 2019-104**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2019-615 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (“USFWS”) and Missouri Prairie Foundation, a Missouri Non-Profit Corporation (“MPF”), for the purpose of establishing responsibilities in improving and managing park property into a prairie grass, wild flower, and nature preservation area for a ten (10) year period; and authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute said memorandum of understanding by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. **Ordinance No. 2019-105**

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2019-004 - an ordinance approving an Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between the City of Joplin and Strategic Government Resources to provide services related to the search for a new City Manager; authorizing the Mayor to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill No. 2019-004 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Brown, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2019-106**

Mr. Stanley introduced Council Bill No. 2019-510 - an ordinance amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 as adopted by Ordinance 2018-145 on October 15, 2018, to adjust appropriations and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Stanley, second by Mr. Stinnett that Council Bill No. 2019-510 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Brown, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2019-107**

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2019-511 - an ordinance approving an agreement by and between the City of Joplin and Jasper County, Missouri to provide for the collection of City of Joplin real property taxes through the County real estate property tax bills; authorizing the City Manager to execute said agreement by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Monteleone that Council Bill No. 2019-511 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Brown, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2019-108**

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2019-512 - an ordinance authorizing the payment of funds sufficient to pay the outstanding Certificates of Participation, Series 2014, of the City of Joplin, Missouri, and authorizing certain documents and actions related to the prepayment; amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 as adopted by Ordinance 2018-145 on October 15, 2018; and, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Monteleone that Council Bill No. 2019-512 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Brown, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2019-109**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND THIRD READING**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****NEW BUSINESS****Additional Requests to Address Council:**

Allen Shirley, 3520 Alabama, addressed the Council to inform them of an upcoming exhibit at the Joplin Museum, celebrating the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11. Saturday, July 20, 2019 marks the actual 50th anniversary date. Mr. Shirley stated there will be many items available for viewing, including one-of-a-kind items. The museum hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm on Saturday.

Margey Upson, addressed the Council regarding the past, present, and future, voicing her concern about the performance of the city council.

News from the Public Information Office: read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer

Joplin Police Department will host the National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 6 at Schifferdecker Park. It starts at 5:30 p.m. and free food and drinks will be served during the event. This will be a fun-filled family night with activities for children of all ages. One of the main attractions will be a free swim at the Schifferdecker Aquatic Center starting at 6:45 pm.

Joplin joins 15,000 other communities also hosting National Night Out to help increase awareness for crime prevention; generate support and participation in local anticrime efforts; and strengthen community spirit and police-community partnerships.

This is always a popular event - last year 1,200 area residents enjoyed Joplin's National Night Out. We hope to see a great crowd again this year.

It's the third week in the month – so bring out your tree limbs and drop them off free of charge at the Drop Off Site at 1702 North Schifferdecker Avenue. Located about a half mile north of Belle Center Road on the west side of Schifferdecker, the site is open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Don't forget – this Thursday (July 18) is the Downtown Joplin's Third Thursday event. If you haven't had a chance to come downtown lately, this is a fun event to do so!

If you can't make it Thursday, then perhaps you'll be here for Downtown Joplin's Sidewalk Sale – set for Saturday, July 27. Shopping starts at 7 a.m.

Comments from Council:

Mayor Shaw acknowledged the three Police Department promotions that were recognized after the informal meeting today. He asked Police Chief Matt Stewart to announce the officers who were promoted: Isaac Costley was promoted from Officer to Corporal; Tom Bowin was promoted from Corporal to Sergeant; and Nick Jimenez was promoted from Sergeant to Captain.

Dr. Reid Adams read a note from a citizen who wanted to recognize and thank a city employee, Steven Martinez, Civil Engineer, for the wonderful assistance he provided with a yard issue.

Mr. Stanley commended Finance Director Leslie Haase for her leadership in the City's financial recovery after the tornado. During that time, the City has paid off City Hall, Joe Becker Stadium (approved tonight), some TIFs are retiring ahead of schedule, and the unrestricted fund balance is at \$7 million. Mr. Stanley thanked Director Haase for being a good steward of the city's funds.

Mayor Shaw stated he and Director Haase will be on an upcoming Newsmakers program to recap some of the city's accomplishments.

Mayor Shaw stated he attended a recognition reception on Sunday, July 14, in honor of a long-time former Housing Authority board member, William Smith. Mr. Smith is deceased, but his wife Betty was in attendance and Mayor Shaw thanked her and her late husband for their volunteer service to our community.

Vote to go into closed session

Vote to go into closed session, which shall pertain to the hiring, firing, disciplining, or promotion of an employee or particular employees of a governmental body involving personal information; as set forth in Section 610.021(3) RS MO, as amended, 2018. 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. Stanley, second by Mr. Cortez to go into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Brown, 1.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully,


Barbara J. Gollhofer, City Clerk