

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
JULY 19, 2021
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The July 19, 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 the Council, the Consent Agenda was finalized.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

Sales Tax Update: Finance Director Leslie Haase reported sales tax revenues increased 27% for May and 11.9% increase for the year.

Health Department Update: Health Dept. Director Ryan Talken provided an update on Covid 19 cases and vaccines. Cases are up 14%; 98 hospitalizations/23 are Joplin residents; there was a 3.5% decline in Joplin's positivity rate and a 42% increase in testing. Nationwide cases are on the upswing. 43.16% of Joplin residents have completed vaccinations.

News from the Public Information Office:

The Missouri Dept. of Health and Senior Services will be in southwest Missouri to assist with COVID Testing. No pre-registration or appointment needed to receive a test. Testing will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting July 22 through August 10 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at The Roxy parking lot, 108 N. Joplin Avenue in Joplin. Having a state issued identification card available at the testing site will speed up the process; however, no identification documents are required. Results will be available as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours from the event.

The Joplin Health Dept. is having a FREE Covid Vaccine clinic July 20 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in their building at 321 E. 4th Street.

Joplin Police Department will host the National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 3 at Schifferdecker Park. It starts at 5:30 p.m. with free food and drinks served during the event. One of the main attractions will be a free swim at the Schifferdecker Aquatic Center starting at 6:45 pm and ending at 8:45 pm. Joplin is one out of 16,000 other communities also hosting National Night Out to help increase awareness for crime prevention; generate support for and participation in local anticrime efforts; and strengthen community spirit and police-community partnerships.

On August 3 Joplin citizens will be asked to vote on Proposition Renewal at a Municipal Election. Proposition Renewal asks citizens to renew a ¼ -cent sales tax for parks projects and stormwater improvements. This question is titled “Proposition Renewal” because voters originally passed this ten-year sales tax in 2001 and supported its renewal in 2011, and it expires March 31, 2022. The ballot issue will not increase the sales tax. If passed, this will continue to provide funding to address water retention and flooding issues with stormwater improvements in the next ten years. To learn more about Proposition Renewal, visit the Elections section on the City’s website at joplinmo.org/elections or contact Lynn Onstot at 624-0820, extension 1204.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Brian Brown requested to speak on the invocations at council meetings, but he did not appear.

Tom Walters requested to speak about installing additional lighting at Ewert Skatepark. City staff will follow up on the request.

David Guilford requested to speak on persons disturbing the peace in his neighborhood and the lack of law enforcement officers available to readily respond to this type of call.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Procedures read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-277

Mayor Stanley opened the Public Hearing

Speaking in favor of the council bill:

Matt McConnell, Matco Builders, represents the property owners (Thomas & Susan Coy)

Josh Anderson, Hunter Millard Architects, is in favor of the PD zoning change.

Jeremy Bland stated he will be the property manager for the project.

Tiffany Beaman stated she feels the project will benefit Joplin.

Speaking in opposition to the council bill were:

Doris Bilkey stated this is a quiet neighborhood and the proposed project will create parking issues and increased traffic. After Ms. Bilkey’s speaking time expired, Mr. Lawson made the motion to extend her time for one minute. Mr. Monteleone seconded the motion. Motion passed 9-0.

Bill Bussey stated the project will increase traffic in a quiet neighborhood and the parking design is too dangerous for a busy road.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Council Bill No. 2021-277

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2021-277 - 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-PD (Apartment House Planned Development) property as described below and located at the Southeast Corner of W. 34th St. and S. Jackson Ave. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Dr. Reid Adams to **deny** Council Bill No. 2021-277. Voting in favor were Council Members: Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, and Stinnett, 4. Nays: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, and Williams, 5. The motion to deny failed.

Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Lawson to pass Council Bill No. 2021-277 on First Reading and advance to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, and Williams, 5. Nays: Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, and Stinnett, 4. The bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2021-277**.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Shaw 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 July 6, 2021 City Council Meeting

Minutes of the July 14, 2021 Special City Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-006 - an ordinance amending Chapter 42– Courts, Division 1– Generally, Section 42-35– Court costs and other fees, by repealing subsection (j). **Ordinance No. 2021-094**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-143- an ordinance authorizing the City of Joplin, Missouri, to enter into an agreement with Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc., a Missouri Corporation, for the purpose of constructing the West 32nd Street widening project from South Schifferdecker Avenue to South Central City Road for the not to exceed price of Eight Million Six Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Thirty and 29/100 Dollars (\$8,687,130.29); and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. **Ordinance No. 2021-095**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-273- 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 C-O (Non-Retail Commercial) property as described below and located 1827 & 1831 S Wall Ave, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2021-096**

RESOLUTIONS**ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY****COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-518**

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2021-518 - an ordinance amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 as adopted by Ordinance 2020-156 on October 19, 2020, to adjust appropriations and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2021-518 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adam, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2021-097**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-606

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2021-606 - an ordinance approving an agreement with Environmental Works for construction and environmental services for underground storage tank closure; authorizing the City Manager to execute on behalf of the City and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Monteleone that Council Bill No. 2021-606 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. 2021-098**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-141**

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2021-141 - an ordinance authorizing the approval of the 2021 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. Cortez, second by Mr. Copple to pass Council Bill No. 2021-141 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. 2021-141**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-144

Dr. Reid Adams introduced Council Bill No. 2021-144 - an ordinance approving Work Authorization OLS-OC-21-08 With Olsson in the not to exceed amount of Five Hundred Twenty Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$520,000.00) for construction phase professional engineering services for the 32nd St. Widening project from Schifferdecker Ave. to Central City Road 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. 2021-144 be passed 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. 2021-144**

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND THIRD READING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS.

Requests to Address Council

Abbie Covington spoke on the Warriors Pledge from President Ronald Reagan.

James Pierce spoke on vaccinations and urged everyone to do their research.

Deborah Ferguson requested to speak on taxes and vaccinations.

Frank Thompson spoke on infrastructure and the cyber security issue. He had concerns he wanted the City to address. Mayor Stanley replied that due to the ongoing investigation, they could not answer his questions at this time.

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; as set forth in Section 610.021(1) 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. Copple 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 was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully,

Barbara Gollhofer, City Clerk, MPCC