

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 4, 2021
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The October 4, 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 Cople, Keenan Cortez, Doug Lawson, Anthony Monteleone, Gary Shaw, Diane Reid Adams Mayor Ryan Stanley, Phil Stinnett, and Christina Williams. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Stanley presented a resolution to Dan Pekarek to recognize Dan upon his retirement after 35 years of service to the City of Joplin. Dan served as Public Health Director for 23 years and led significant public health projects to assist and protect the wellbeing of citizens. He served as Interim City Manager from March 2019 through March 2020 and was named Assistant City Manager in June 2020. During his time with the City, Dan worked closely with the Environmental Protection Agency and helped establish the Jasper and Newton Counties Community Health Collaborative and Emergency Healthcare Coalition. He received the prestigious 2021 W. Scott Johnson Award in recognition of his distinguished service in the field of public health in Missouri and in commemoration of his skills, integrity, devotion to duty and constructive leadership. Dan served on numerous local and state committees and his contributions to the City and community are greatly appreciated. Mayor Stanley noted that Dan Pekarek was awarded a Key to the City during a recognition event at Mercy Park on October 1. The award is the highest honor bestowed by the City Council to acknowledge the contributions of an individual furthering the ideals of the city and to recognize outstanding achievements for longevity work to the City of Joplin.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

Health Dept. Update

Health Director Ryan Talken stated the downward trend continues for positive Covid cases and hospitalizations. He encouraged the standard procedures of staying home if you feel ill, wash hands frequently, and wear a mask when social distancing can't be practiced. For information on Covid testing and vaccination clinics, call the Health Dept. at 417-623-6122.

News from Public Information Officer, Lynn Onstot

Joplin High School's Parade is Wednesday, October 6, at 6:30 p.m. It will be on Main Street and run from 3rd Street to 7th street. Joplin Eagles will host Carthage Tigers for their Homecoming Game at 7 p.m. at Junge Stadium on Junge Boulevard. Both teams are 6 and 0.

Beginning Monday October 11, the west entrance to City Hall will be closed during normal business hours. Access to the building will only be available by using the Main Street entrance or the 6th Street entrance. This closure will allow contractors to safely continue the brick restoration along the west corners of City Hall. Access to the utility payment box located on the west side near the alley will be also closed during business hours. The drop box will be accessible during evening and weekend hours. These closures will be in effect for approximately two weeks, with completion set for October 25. We appreciate everyone's understanding during this time.

The First Thursday Art-Walk will take place this Thursday, October 7 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. from Fourth to Seventh Streets on Main Street and on Joplin Avenue. At 5 p.m. that day, the National Arts & Humanities Month kickoff will take place in Spiva Park at 4th and Main. The ceremony will include several music, poetry, and an introduction by Linda Teeter of ArtWalk. The Arts community will also receive a Proclamation recognizing this month presented by Mayor Stanley. This ArtWalk marks the completion of the 14th season of this event. For more information check out Joplin Arts District Facebook page.

The City's tree limb and brush drop-off site will be open Friday, October 15 and Saturday, October 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The drop-off site is located at 1702 North Schifferdecker Avenue, about ½ mile north of Belle Center Road on the west side of Schifferdecker. Drop offs are free of charge for Joplin residents. This will conclude the scheduled limb drop off program for this year. In November crews will be preparing for the City's Leaf Pick Up program. Generally, leaf pick up starts the Monday after Thanksgiving. So please watch for announcements in the near future.

For more information about these events and programs or other City news, please visit our website at joplinmo.org.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Amber McCormick postponed her request to speak on about changing some city ordinances to allow a future TNR program to get cat population under control.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing procedures were read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer

Public Hearing for Resolution No. 2021-016

Mayor Stanley opened the Public Hearing

No one spoke in favor of this item

Penny Amiet, Joplin, spoke in opposition to this item due to the increased traffic, loud noises, property, and operating a business illegally.

Deborah Ferguson spoke in opposition to this item and stated the home is located near a hidden corner which makes driving in the area treacherous and dangerous; and there is increased trespassing on residents' property.

Gary Jordan spoke in opposition to this item because he has concerns for the safety of the children in the area and he can smell drugs.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Resolution No. 2021-016

City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer stated there was a protest result of 88.2136% against this item.

Mr. Cortez introduced Resolution No. 2021-016 - a resolution granting a Special Use Permit (1st Request) for the operation of a short-term rental located at 4477 Bradley, in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Shaw to strike Resolution No. 2021-016. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. Resolution No. 2021-016 was **stricken**.

Public Hearing for Council Bill No. 2021-283

Mayor Stanley opened the Public Hearing

Kyle Cox spoke in favor of this item because he owns several nearby properties and thinks this is a good opportunity for future development.

Gil Stevens spoke in favor of this item. He is the real estate broker for the property and believes the request will benefit a future duplex project.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Council Bill No. 2021-283

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2021-283 - an ordinance providing the vacation of a street right-of-way lying on property E. 11th St. between S. Rex Ave. and S. Peters Ave., City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Cortez to pass Council Bill No. 2021-283 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. 2021-283**.

Public Hearing for Council Bill No. 2021-284

Mayor Stanley opened the Public Hearing

Matt McConnell spoke in favor of this item and stated he is the project developer.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-284

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2021-284 - 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 (Two Family Residential) property as described below and located at 3329 S. Jackson Ave. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Monteleone to pass Council Bill No. 2021-284 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. 2021-284**.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Stinnett, 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 September 20, 2021 City Council Meeting

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-149

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2021-149 - an ordinance approving an Agreement with Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) in the amount of Two Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$232,500.00) for water facility relocations required for the 32nd St. Widening project from Schifferdecker Ave. to Central City Rd. 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. 2021-149 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. Council Bill No. 2021-149 was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2021-130**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-151

Mr. Monteleone introduced Council Bill No. 2021-151- an ordinance approving an Agreement with Paragon Architecture, LLC in the not to exceed amount of Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Four Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$290,400.00) for architectural design services for Joplin Fire Station #7 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. Monteleone second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill No. 2021-151 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, and Williams, 8. Nays: Stinnett, 1. Council Bill No. 2021-151 was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2021-131**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-161

Dr. Reid Adams introduced Council Bill No. 2021-161 - an ordinance authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Rosetta Construction, Inc., in the amount of Two Million Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty- Four and 60/100 Dollars (\$2,011,734.60) for the Joplin Creek Interceptor project; 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 Dr. Reid Adams, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2021-161 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. Council Bill No. 2021-161 was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2021-132**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-162

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2021-162- an ordinance approving a Purchase Order be issued to Summit Truck Group in the amount of One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Eight and 11/100 Dollars (\$165,938.11) for the purchase of a Pothole Patch Truck; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2021-162 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. Council Bill No. 2021-162 was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2021-133**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-356

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2021-356 - an ordinance approving the contract by and

between the City of Joplin and B & D Yardbuilders for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 715 W 4TH St. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Six Thousand Two Hundred dollars (\$6,200.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2021-356 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. Council Bill No. 2021-356 was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2021-134**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-357

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2021-357 - an ordinance approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and B & D Yardbuilders for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 928 Murphy Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Five Thousand One Hundred dollars (\$5,100.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Dr. Reid Adams that Council Bill No. 2021-357 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. Council Bill No. 2021-357 was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2021-135**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-150

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2021-150 -an ordinance approving an Agreement with Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. in the amount of Four Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Six and 00/100 dollars (\$431,976.00) for facility relocations required for the 32nd St. Widening project from Schifferdecker Ave. to Central City Rd. and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2021-150 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. 2021-150**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-285

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2021-285 - an ordinance establishing grades and accepting the Final Plat of Abernathy Subdivision located at the Southwest Corner of W. 22nd St. and S. Schifferdecker Ave. in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Monteleone that Council Bill No. 2021-285 be passed on Frist 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. 2021-285**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-286

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2021-286 - an ordinance authorizing the City to enter into an Encroachment Agreement by and between the City of Joplin and Jeffery Neal, authorizing the Public Works Director, or his designee, to execute said Agreement by and on behalf of the City. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Dr. Reid Adams that Council Bill No. 2021-286 be passed on Frist Reading and advance to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, and Stinnett, 8.

Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Abstention: Williams, 1. The bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2021-286**
COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-405

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2021-405 - 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, 2021, through October 31, 2022, 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. Lawson, second by Ms. Williams that Council Bill No. 2021-405 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. 2021-405**.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND THIRD READING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Additional Request to Address Council

Eileen Donnelly spoke on the (transit drivers) retention issue, pay scale and their importance to the community.

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 more specifically for the purpose of evaluating certain Council employees; as set forth in Section 610.021(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. Monteleone to go into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and Williams, 9.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Barbara Gollhofer, City Clerk, MPCC