

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 16, 2022  
MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The May 16, 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 Ms. Kate Spencer.

**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**

Annual Audit Presentation  
Michael Kenan, Hood & Associates CPAs presented.

NLC Service Line Presentation  
Ashley Shiwarski, Home Serve USA presented.

2022 Cruising Presentation  
Lynden Lawson, Assistant Director of Public Works for Operations presented.

Use Tax Committee Discussion  
Rob O'Brian presented

**FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

News from the Public Information Office

The City of Joplin and the Joplin Historic Preservation Commission will hold a neighborhood public meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 26 to discuss ongoing projects in the East Town neighborhood area. The meeting will be held at the Boys and Girls Club Gym at 317 Comingo Avenue in Joplin. This meeting was previously scheduled for February 24 but was canceled due to severe weather.

This meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss the questions and comments neighborhood representatives provided during an initial meeting about the National Register Historic District nomination in the East Town neighborhood. City officials and Commission members will address the proposed district's location, its significance and

other possible preservation projects in the neighborhood, as well as give an update on the current and future plans and projects in the neighborhood.

Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting if schedules allow. They are also welcome to contact Tom Walters with the Planning and Community Development Department about this meeting and East Town neighborhood projects. He can be reached at 417-624-0820, ext. 1539.

There are just a few days left for residents to gather old tires they would like to get rid of at Joplin Recycling Center's FREE Tire Drop-Off Event on Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21. Tires will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both days at the Recycling Center located at 1310 West A Street.

There is a ten tire per household limit. Automotive passenger tires, with or without rims, will be accepted, however we cannot take commercial, large truck, tractor, or racecar tires.

This free event is funded by the City of Joplin as a community service.

For more information or to volunteer at this event, contact Recycling Coordinator Lindsey James at 417-624-0820 ext. 501, or visit the City's website at [www.joplinmo.org/recycling](http://www.joplinmo.org/recycling).

The City of Joplin is collecting items as part of the Children's Literacy Resource Drive during the month of May. Organized by the One Joplin Literacy Team and Joplin Parents as Teachers, the drive supports Kindergarten Bootcamp and future Joplin Parents as Teachers home visits. Additionally, book donations will be distributed to area Blessing Boxes to support community literacy needs.

Citizens can help with this cause by dropping off items in a collection box located in the Main Lobby here at City Hall. Look for this drop-off site near the entrance of Human Resources office on the first floor, near the main lobby elevators.

There are a number of items on the wish list including new or gently used books for children or teens, crayons, washable markers, watercolors, pinwheels, disinfectant wipes, stickers, rubber or plastic balls, shoestrings, wooden alphabet blocks, pencil grips, blank reward charts, flashcards, gold pencils, 24 – 50-piece puzzles.

Citizens can bring their items to City Hall and place them in the collection box during regular business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The collection will run throughout the month of May.

This resource drive has been developed through community partners committed to improving literacy in our area. For more information about this program contact [Director@OneJoplin.com](mailto:Director@OneJoplin.com).

## **CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS**

Margey Upson requested to speak on Part 5

Matt Lenhart requested to speak on Police, freedom, money pits

Tom Robertson requested to speak on public safety, tax/pension

Brian Evans requested to speak on Police Fire Pay, and proposed remedy for this crisis.

David Powell requested to speak on donation credit.

Motion by Dr. Farnham, second by Ms. Spencer to move Mr. Frank Thompson's comments up from New Business. Voting in favor were Council Members: Farnham, Lawson, Spencer and Stinnett, 4. Nays: Cortez, Copple, DeTar, Shaw and Williams 5.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Minutes of the May 2, 2022 City Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-265 - 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-3 (Apartment House) and including in District C-3 (Commercial) property as described below and located at 655 S. Lavender Ln., City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2022-069**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-267 - AN ORDINANCE providing the vacation of a utility easement lying on property Northeast of 2810 E Water's Edge Blvd., City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2022-070**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY**

Mr. Cortez made a motion to move Council Bill No. 2022-512 to the first item for business under Ordinances-Emergency. Second by Ms. Spencer. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

#### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-512

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2022-512 - AN ORDINANCE Calling an Election in the City of Joplin, Missouri to authorize the levy and imposition annually for municipal purposes of a tax which shall not exceed the maximum rate of one dollar on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation; and containing an emergency clause.

June Blakely spoke on this item.

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2022-512 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: Farnham, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2022-077**.

#### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-001

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2022-001 - AN ORDINANCE approving the 2022 Labor Agreement by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #27; authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City; and containing an emergency **clause**. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Ms. Williams that Council Bill No. 2022-001 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. 2022-071**.

#### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-002

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2022-002 - AN ORDINANCE approving the 2022 Labor Agreement by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, and the Joplin Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 59, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City; and, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2022-002 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. 2022-072**.

#### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-123

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2022-123 - AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into a construction agreement with Joplin Industrial Electric Inc., in the amount of One Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Six and 00/100 Dollars (\$186,496.00) for construction of the Murphy Boulevard High Water Automated Gates System project (TS0804); 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.

Abbie Covington spoke on this item.

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Shaw that Council Bill No. 2022-123 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Shaw, and Williams, 5. Nays: Farnham, Lawson, Spencer and Stinnett, 4. The Council Bill will move to Second and Third Reading.

#### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-357

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2022-357 - AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and USA Demolition for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 327 S. St. Charles Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Three Thousand Eight Hundred dollars (\$3,800.00); 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. 2022-357 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. 2022-073**.

#### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-358

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2022-358- AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and D & A Demolition for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 1611 S. Missouri Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Five Thousand Six Hundred dollars (\$5,600.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Ms. Spencer that Council Bill No. 2022-358 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. 2022-074**.

#### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-359

Dr. Farnham introduced Council Bill No. 2022-359 - 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 a lot located at 1201 S. Byers Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$16,500.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Dr. Farnham, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2022-359 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. 2022-075**.

#### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-401

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2022-401 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement with Simpson Lawn Care, Inc. for RFP 2022-06, On-Call Nuisance Lot Mowing Service, 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 Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2022-401 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. 2022-076**.

#### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-513

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2022-513- AN ORDINANCE amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 as adopted by Ordinance 2021-149 on October 18, 2021, to adjust appropriations and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2022-513 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. 2022-078**.

## **ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-121

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2022-121 - AN ORDINANCE approving an agreement and a purchase order for Five Hundred Seventy-five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$575,000.00) with Ace Pipe Cleaning, Inc., for the 2022 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. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Copple to approve Council Bill No. 2022-121. 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. 2022-121**.

### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-122

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2022-122 - AN ORDINANCE approving a work authorization with Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of Ninety-Nine Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$99,000.00) for the Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation Toolbox Project; 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. DeTar to approve Council Bill No. 2022-122. 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. 2022-122**.

## **SECOND AND THIRD READING**

### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-268

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2022-268 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2004-256, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, November 15, 2004, by removing from District R-1 (Single-family Residential) and including in District R-1-PD (Single-family Residential Planned Development) property as described below and located at 3330 and 3332 N. St. Louis Ave., City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. Cortez to pass Council Bill No. 2022-268 be passed on second reading, advance to third reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, and Williams, 7. Nays: Spencer and Stinnett, 2. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2022-079**.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Confirm Boards and Commissions Appointments

Motion by Mr. Cortez to confirm all appointed vacancies on the Boards and Commissions Appointments as presented. Second by Ms. Spencer. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Mr. Copple would like the City Manager to direct the Fire Dept. to look into water pressure issues in the area.

Mr. Stinnett would like to look into privatizing some assistance for the mowing crews.

Mr. Stinnett would like the City Attorney to review a possible conflict of interest with Mr. Copple voting for Fire Department pay increases.

Vote To Go into Closed Session, Which Shall Pertain 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 Therefore As Set Forth In Section 610.021 (2) 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 to adjourn into closed session. Second by Mr. Stinnett. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy, MRCC, City Clerk