

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 6, 2023
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The March 6, 2023, 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 Mr. Charles Copple.

ROLL CALL

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Charles Copple, Keenan Cortez, Josh DeTar, Mark Farnham, Doug Lawson, Gary Shaw, Phil Stinnett, Kate Spencer, and Christina Williams. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

PRESENTATIONS

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

On Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 10:00 AM State Emergency Management and the National Weather Service will conduct a Statewide Severe Weather Tornado Drill.

Every school, citizen, and business are encouraged to participate in the drill. This tornado drill will be observed by the City of Joplin by sounding the warning sirens for a full three minutes, the same amount that would occur in an actual warning.

Residents should treat the drill as if it were an actual Tornado Warning. The purpose of the drill is to test everyone's readiness for life-threatening severe weather events such as tornadoes, flash floods, and damaging winds.

The National Weather Service will issue a Routine Weekly Test to NOAA Weather Radios so residents may want to listen for this as well. We appreciate everyone's willingness to take part in this important exercise.

The Joplin Recycling Center is hosting a Paper Shredding Event set for Saturday, April 1. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Center located at 1310 West A Street. Drivers must enter the Center from the west on A Street.

This event is free and open to all residents with a limit of 15 standard-sized file boxes per car. Please ensure that papers do not have any binders, binder file clips, or CD's

that are sometimes part of large folders or packets. Non-paper materials, such as cardboard, packing paper and brown paper sacks will not be accepted.

During this community service, large amounts of paper can be shredded quickly at no cost to area residents. The document shredding company, Big Bear Shredding, will have their mobile shred truck at the Center and look forward to helping residents clear out papers they've been storing in their homes.

Just a quick reminder - the City's Tree Limb and Brush Drop-Off is open next weekend. It will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, March 17, and Saturday, March 18. The drop-off site is located at 1702 North Schifferdecker Avenue, just about a half-mile north of Belle Center Road on the west side of Schifferdecker.

This month kicks off the monthly program that is offered from March through October on the third Saturday and the preceding Friday of each month.

Happy Birthday Joplin! On March 23, this year, the City marks its 150th year as a community since its incorporation in 1873. The Celebrations Commission has planned and organized various events and activities starting this month and running throughout the year. I invite Patrick Tuttle to the podium to tell us about more about these activities.

For more information or questions about these announcements or other City items, please visit our website or our Facebook page. Thank you.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Mary Price spoke on fiscal responsibility & adopted budget.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Holly Nagy

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-259

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

David Pettit spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-259

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-259 AN ORDINANCE providing to vacate approximately 550 feet of Bird Avenue, approximately located between W 15th St and W Junge Boulevard, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-259 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, and Williams 8. Nays: Stinnett 1. The Bill was read as Council

Bill No. 2023-259.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-253

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Gil Stevens spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-253

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2023-253 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District M-2 (Heavy Industrial) and including in District R-3 (Apartment House) property as described below and located approximately 200 feet East of the intersection of S. Maiden Ln. and W. 2nd St, South of W. 2nd St and North of W 4th St. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Ms. Spencer that Council Bill No. 2023-253 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cople, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, and Stinnett, and Williams 9. Nays: 0. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-253.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-252

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Jacob Lett spoke in favor of this item.

Brenda Nelson and Ryan Jackson spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-252

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-252 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District R-1 (Single-Family Residential) and including in District R-4 (Mixed-Density Neighborhood) property as described below and located at 2627 & 2629 S Oliver St, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-255 be stricken from the agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cople, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, and Stinnett, and Williams 9. Nays: 0. The Bill was stricken from the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-603 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by and between the City of Joplin and the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce to participate in a partnership with the Joplin Regional Alliance for Health Care and Health Science and approving a contribution of \$80,000.00 for the purpose of pursuing an economic development plan. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-030**.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-003

Mr. Shaw introduced Resolution No. 2023-003- A RESOLUTION of the City of Joplin, Missouri, authorizing the filing of an application in pursuit of a Wastewater Regionalization Incentive Grant as administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Ms. Spencer that Resolution No. 2023-003 be passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, and Stinnett, and Williams 9. Nays: 0.

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-107

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2023-107 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement and Work Authorization with Allgeier Martin and Associates, Inc. (AMA) in the not to exceed amount of Two Million Nine Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$2,926,000.00) for professional engineering consulting services for the 20th Street Widening project 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. Shaw, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2023-107 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, and Stinnett, and Williams 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-031**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-115

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-115 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin, Missouri, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Webb City, Missouri, for the purpose of street construction improvements associated with the Zora Widening from Rangeline to MO-249 Project; authorizing the City Manager 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. Copple that Council Bill No. 2023-115 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, and Stinnett, and Williams 9. Nays: 0 The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-032**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-116

Mr. Cople introduced Council Bill No. 2023-116 - AN ORDINANCE declaring the necessity of acquiring for public use certain fee simple right of way and easements for the purpose of street construction improvements associated with the Zora Widening from Rangeline to MO-249 Project; authorizing the City Manager and his designees to negotiate for the purpose of acquiring the necessary interests in land; authorizing the City Attorney and his designees to institute condemnation proceedings if such interests in land cannot be acquired by purchase through good faith negotiations; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cople, second by Ms. Williams that Council Bill No. 2023-116 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cople, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, and Stinnett, and Williams 8. Nays: Farnham 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-033**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-117

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-117 - AN ORDINANCE declaring the necessity of acquiring for public use certain fee simple right of way and easements for the purpose of street construction improvements associated with the Zora Widening from Rangeline to MO-249 Project; authorizing the City Manager and his designees to negotiate for the purpose of acquiring the necessary interests in land; authorizing the City Attorney and his designees to institute condemnation proceedings if such interests in land cannot be acquired by purchase through good faith negotiations; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Cople that Council Bill No. 2023-117 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cople, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, and Stinnett, and Williams 8. Nays: Farnham 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-034**.

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

NEW BUSINESS

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. Shaw, second by Dr. Farnham to go into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cople, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, and Stinnett, and Williams 9. Nays: 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy, City Clerk, MRCC