

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL  
APRIL 3, 2023  
MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The April 3, 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 David Wells Commander of VFW Post 5293.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Mark Farnham

Motion by Ms. Spencer, second by Mr. Cortez to excuse the absence of Mark Farnham. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**VFW Post 5293 Joplin South Awards Presentation**

David Wells, Commander of VFW Post 5293 presented awards to Training Chief, Mark Cannon and to Roxy Cooper, on behalf of the fallen officer Corporal Ben Cooper.

**Fair Housing Month Proclamation**

Pam Roychaudhury, Legal Aid of Western Missouri was present to accept the Proclamation.

**FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**News from the Public Information Office**

Here's a friendly reminder for Residents: If you have a storm shelter on your property within the City of Joplin, the Joplin Police and Fire Departments encourage you to register that information so first responders could find you more quickly should a natural disaster or other event occur. It's easy to do on the City's website at [www.joplinmo.org/stormshelterregister](http://www.joplinmo.org/stormshelterregister).

This information goes directly to our 9-1-1 Center, where it is stored in our computer database.

Please call Communications Manager Cheryl Konarski at 417-623-3131 x1409 with any questions.

The City of Joplin is hiring! We have positions in various fields. Some of the positions are Dietitian, Wastewater Plant Operator, 9-1-1 Dispatcher, Laborers, Public Health Nurse, WIC Certifier, Civil Engineer, Sign Shop Worker, plus more. The City offers a strong benefits package and citizens can learn more by visiting the City's website [www.joplinmo.org/jobs](http://www.joplinmo.org/jobs)

Also – we've started hiring for seasonal positions including lifeguards, pool operators and pool cashiers, and aquatic supervisors. These are great jobs for high school and college-age citizens, and also those who may have the summer off and wants to earn a little extra.

Everyone loves going to the pools, however personnel is needed to ensure our citizens are safe and watched after while enjoying our amenities. If interested or know someone who might be, please visit our jobs page at [joplinmo.org/jobs](http://joplinmo.org/jobs).

Due to the extremely high winds over the weekend, we know many people have limbs and branches to dispose of. To help our residents, Public Works will open the Tree Limb Drop Off this week, starting Wednesday, April 5. It will be open from 8:30 a.m. -2 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, April 8. And then it opens again for its monthly operational dates of Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15.

For those unsure where the drop off is located – 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. Another option for residents Tree limbs and branches bundled and cut to 4 foot maximum length can also be placed at curbside for pick up on their trash service day.

## **CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Holly Nagy

#### PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-260

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Logan Ellis spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-260

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-260 AN ORDINANCE approving the voluntary annexation by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, of property located at the intersection of W 32nd Street and S John Duffy Dr., approx. 3500 feet west of S John Duffy Dr. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Ms. Spencer that Council Bill No. 2023-260 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-260.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-261

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Luke Gibson spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-261

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-261 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District C-3 (Commercial) and including in District M-2 (Heavy Industrial) property as described below and located 6701 E 26th St. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Ms. Williams that Council Bill No. 2023-261 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-261.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-262

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Logan Ellis spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-262

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2023-262 - 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 (Residential) and including in District C-3 PD (Commercial Planned District) property as described below and located 2501 E 20th St. Motion by Mr. Stinnett second by Mr. Cortez to amend from C-3 PD to C-1 PD. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer and Stinnett, 7. Nays: 0. Abstained: Williams, 1. Absent: Farnham, 1. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Ms. Spencer that amended Council Bill No. 2023-262 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, and Spencer, Stinnett, 7. Nays: 0. Abstained: Williams, 1. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-262.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-263

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Logan Ellis spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-263

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-263 - 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) to R-2 PD (Two-Family Residential Planned District) property as described below and located at the intersection of W 32nd Street and S John Duffy Dr., approx. 3500 feet west of S John Duffy Dr. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-263 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-263.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-264

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Logan Ellis spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-264

Ms. Spencer introduced Council Bill No. 2023-264 - 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) to MUC (Mixed Use Commercial) property as described below and located at the intersection of W 32nd Street and S John Duffy Dr., approx. 3500 feet west of S John Duffy Dr. Motion by Ms. Spencer, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-264 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cople, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-264.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-265

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Logan Ellis spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-265

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-265 - 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) to MUC (Mixed Use Commercial) property as described below and located at the intersection of W 32nd Street and S John Duffy Dr., approx. 3500 feet west of S John Duffy Dr. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Ms. Spencer that Council Bill No. 2023-265 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cople, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-265.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-266

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Jerry Hill spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-266

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-266 - 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) to R-2 (Two-Family Residential) property as described below and located at 507 N Wall Ave. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Ms. Williams that Council Bill No. 2023-266 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-266.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Ms. Spencer to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1.

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COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-005 - AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 82 – Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article V – Offenses Against Health and Safety, by changing offenses related to marijuana as a result of November 8, 2022 general election ballot measure Amendment 3. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-042**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-103 - AN ORDINANCE approving a construction agreement with McClanahan Construction, Inc. in the amount of Two Million, Two Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$2,254,000.00) for the Turkey Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Equipment Building project, authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-043**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-604 - AN ORDINANCE approving the revised Rules and Regulations (Employee Handbook) as contained to govern employee conduct, workplace protections, job classification, benefits, compensation, discipline, safety, employment practices and to ensure compliance with the Charter of the City of Joplin, State and Federal employment laws. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-044**.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY****COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-006**

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-006 - AN ORDINANCE approving the Real Estate Contract by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, a Municipal Corporation, and Richard Williams and Tony Williams, for the sale of one parcel located at 115 E. 34th Street, Joplin, Missouri, totaling approximately 30,361 square feet of land; and 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 Ms. Spencer that Council Bill No. 2023-006 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-045**.

**COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-353**

Ms. Spencer introduced Council Bill No. 2023-353 - AN ORDINANCE approving the contract by and between the City of Joplin and Nelson Enterprises for the demolition of the structure(s) and clearing of a lot located at 1309 S. Jackson Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Four Thousand Two Hundred dollars (\$4,200.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Ms. Spencer, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-353 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-046**.

**COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-400**

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-400 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement between the City of Joplin, Missouri, and the Community Clinic of Southwest Missouri that pertains to CDBG-CV public service grant funds; 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. 2023-400 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-047**.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

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 pursuant to state law, and to discuss leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration thereof, pursuant to state law; as set forth in Section 610.021 (1) (2) RSMo, as amended, 2020. This meeting, record, and vote to be closed. Council shall adjourn at the end of the session. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Ms. Spencer to go into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy, City Clerk, MRCC