

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 21, 2023
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The August 21, 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 Ms. Christina Williams.

ROLL CALL

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Charles Cople, 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

Broadband Deployment Status Update

Riz Shaw from A&M presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

It's that time again – Back to School – for students of all ages.

It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school. Drivers, please use caution. Watch for children at school bus stops. Be alert; children often are unpredictable.

Obey reduced speed limits in school zones. Prepare to stop for pedestrians in and near the crosswalks.

If driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. This will allow more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. And please remember: it is illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

With schools back in session, there will be more cars on the roads along with school buses stopping frequently. This could cause some delays, so plan a little extra time and don't rush so you and everyone on the road can arrive to school, work and other destinations safely.

The City is looking for School Crossing Guards who work with the Joplin Police Department to help students cross the street safely at designated crosswalks. This part-time position works one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon Monday through Friday. If interested, people can apply at JoplinMo.org/jobs or in the Human Resources here at City Hall Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mark your calendar for September 8 and 9 for **ROCK STOCK: Joplin Local Legends Concert Weekend**. This is the final event of the Joplin 150th Celebration and will reunite local bandmates who may no longer formally play together but whose past performances have left lasting memories for many in our community.

Friday night will focus more on the music of the 90s to today, and Saturday night will reflect on those from the 70s and 80s. The event will be held at the Amphitheater in Landreth Park.

In addition to the entertainment, there will be an opportunity for the public to meet with area not-for-profit organizations led by United Way, a selection of local food truck cuisine, and a beer garden hosted by Daybreak Rotary. We'll bring more information at the next meeting. Until then, check out Celebrate Joplin's Facebook page for the details.

At our last meeting I mentioned the City's annual Auction. It is set for 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 16 and will be held in the Street Maintenance Barn located northwest of the Public Works Center, on West 2nd Street.

We will be posting the preliminary merchandise list later this week on the City's website at joplinmo.org/auctionlist.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Holly Nagy

FY 2024 Proposed Budget Public Hearing

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

No one spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Nick Edwards, City Manager presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Shaw 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 August 7, 2023, City Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-011 - AN ORDINANCE re-adopting Chapter 2, Administration, of the Joplin City Code, Section 2-107, "Financial interest disclosure", requiring certain officials and employees of the City of Joplin to file Financial Interest Disclosure Statements as described herein. **Ordinance No. 2023-114.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-283 - 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-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) to District C-3 (Commercial) property as described below and located at 2918 E 20th St. **Ordinance No. 2023-115.**

RESOLUTIONSRESOLUTION NO. 2023-009

Mr. DeTar introduced Resolution No. 2023-009- A RESOLUTION of the City of Joplin, Missouri, approving the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Community Revitalization Grant Program as set forth in the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) federal grant regulations and directed by the State of Missouri Department of Economic Development. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Copple that Resolution No. 2023-009 be passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Mary Price spoke on this item.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-010

Mr. Cortez introduced Resolution No. 2023-010- A RESOLUTION honoring Ron Richard for his years of dedicated service by naming the park area and walking trail located between Murphy Boulevard and Campbell Parkway from the west intersection of those streets, east to 15th Street "Ron Richard Memorial Park". Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar to amend Resolution No. 2023-010 to read Senator Ron Richard Memorial Park. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar to approve Resolution No. 2023-010 as amended. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCYCOUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-136

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2023-136 - AN ORDINANCE approving a purchase agreement between the City of Joplin and Master's Transportation Inc. for the purchase of (3) light duty cut-a-way vehicles with Americans with Disabilities (ADA) compliant lifts; and, amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as adopted by Ordinance 2022-161 on October 17, 2022; and, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2023-136 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. 2023-116**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-141

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2023-141 - AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with D&E Plumbing and Heating Inc. in the amount of Three Million Seven Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Nine and 50/100 dollars (\$3,776,349.50) for construction of the Connecticut Avenue Widening project from 32nd Street to I-44 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 Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2023-141 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. 2023-117**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-143

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2023-143 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the acceptance of a Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Public Transit Operating Assistance Grant Agreement for state funds to be used for operating assistance for the Metro Area Public Transit System (MAPS); and, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Ms. Spencer that Council Bill No. 2023-143 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. 2023-118**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-144

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-144 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing an agreement by and between the City of Joplin and Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc., in the not to exceed amount of Six Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$661,455.00) for engineering design services for the rehabilitation of Runway 13-31 at the Joplin Regional Airport; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as adopted by Ordinance 2022-161 on October 17, 2022; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2023-144 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. 2023-119**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-360

Ms. Spencer introduced Council Bill No. 2023-360 - 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 217 N. Gray Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Five Thousand Eight Hundred dollars (\$5,800.00); 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. 2023-360 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. 2023-120**.

Mary Price and Brian Evans spoke on this item.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-361

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-361 - 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 508 N Cox Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Three Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Five dollars (\$3,475.00); 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 Ms. Spencer that Council Bill No. 2023-361 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. 2023-121**.

David Latham spoke on this item.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-362

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-362 - 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 109 S Forest Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Three Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$3,500.00); 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 Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2023-362 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. 2023-122**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-363

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-363 - 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 208 S Oliver Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Four Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$4,500.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2023-363 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. 2023-123**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-364

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2023-364 - 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 1101 S Jackson Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Four Thousand Seven Hundred Forty dollars (\$4,740.00); 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 Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-364 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. 2023-124**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-365

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-365 - 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 112/114 N Byers Ave. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Thirty-Six Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$36,500.00); providing how the cost thereof shall be paid; how the assessment thereof shall be made; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Ms. Spencer that Council Bill No. 2023-365 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. 2023-125**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-406

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-406 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement between the City of Joplin, Missouri, and Joplin Economic Housing Development Initiative that pertains to 2021 and 2022 HOME funds in the total amount not to exceed \$517,000.00; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute same on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Mr. Cortez to amend Council Bill No. 2023-406 to include the declaration that this ordinance is an emergency under section 2.12 (1) and (4). Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Ms. Spencer that amended Council Bill No. 2023-406 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. 2023-126**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-515

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-515 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Contract by and between the City of Joplin and Guidehouse Inc. for a contract extension to provide grant related assistance; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Contract by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as adopted by Ordinance 2022-161 on October 17, 2022; and, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-515 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cople, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-127**.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READINGCOUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-012

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2023-012 - AN ORDINANCE approving a plan for an industrial development project; authorizing the City of Joplin, Missouri to issue its taxable industrial development revenue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$36,960,000; and authorizing and approving certain documents and actions in connection therewith. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Cople that Council Bill No. 2023-012 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cople, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-012.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-135

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-135 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the approval of the 2023 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Safety Targets for the City of Joplin, MO, Metro Area Public Transit System (MAPS) and Sunshine Lamp Trolley. Approval of the annual PTASP Safety Targets are required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations set in 49 CFR Part 673 of the Federal guidelines. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2023-135 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cople, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-135.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-147

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-147 - AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 114, Traffic, Article IX, Pedestrians. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Ms. Spencer that Council Bill No. 2023-147 be passed on the first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cople, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-147.

**SECOND AND THIRD READING
UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NEW BUSINESS

Declare Excess Surplus Property for The Annual City of Joplin Auction on September 16, 2023.

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

Mr. DeTar would like for the City Manager to direct staff to bring back numbers on the cost of replacing trees on Main Street and to replace banners on light posts.

Mr. Copple would like to know how the Tree City USA and MDC grant money was spent and what projects were completed.

Dr. Farnham stated that these topics have been discussed at the Tree Board meetings and that it might be a good idea for a representative from the Tree Board to make a presentation to City Council.

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; and which shall pertain to the hiring, firing, disciplining, or promotion of an employee or particular employees of a governmental body involving personal information as set forth in Section 610.021(2)(3) RS Mo, 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. DeTar to go into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy, City Clerk, MRCC