

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 18, 2023
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The September 18, 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 Keenan Cortez.

ROLL CALL

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Charles Cople, 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 Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar to excuse the absence of Dr. Farnham. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cople, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1.

PRESENTATIONS

32nd Street Place Development Update

Drew Snyder, from Woodsonia and Buzz Ball from B&B Theaters presented.

Beautification and Trees Update

Tony Robyn, Assistant City Manager presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Ready to rock out? Then you'll want to attend Rock-A-Thon - the 24th Annual Gem and Mineral Expo at the Joplin Historical & Mineral Museum this weekend of Friday, September 22 through Sunday, September 24. Come select and crack your own geode, get your mysterious rock identified, and peruse hand-made jewelry, sculpture, and much more with fellow rock hunters and hobbyists.

Admission is free and there will be drawings for door prizes. Hours of the show are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 22, and Saturday, Sept. 23, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. The event is hosted by the Tri-State Gem and Mineral Society and Joplin Parks and Recreation.

It's back by popular demand and bigger than ever! The Guilty by Association Truck Show is this weekend, Sept 21 - Sept 23, with a majority of the events taking place at 4 State Trucks, south of Exit 4, off I-44.

The excitement for Saturday night is the Big Rig Convoy as they drive to the Street Party at Mercy Park area, at 26th & Maiden Lane. The convoy route and show location will be along West 26th Street. Hundreds of trucks will leave the Joplin Petro area at 6 p.m., heading north on Schifferdecker Avenue to 20th Street. They'll take 20th Street to Main Street, turning right to get to 26th Street where they'll turn right heading to Maiden Lane and the Mercy Park area. Drivers will park their trucks along 26th Street just east of Maiden Lane to approximately Moffet Avenue.

The public is invited to come view the trucks, visit with participants and enjoy the Street Fair and a free concert featuring the Roots & Boots Tour with Aaron Tippin, Sammy Kershaw, and Collin Raye. If planning to attend, bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. For more info, go to the CVB's website: VisitJoplinMo.com

Just a quick reminder that this week Downtown Joplin Alliance is hosting Third Thursday! This month is hosted by Missouri Southern State University, and they always bring lots of fun energy and enthusiasm to downtown. Hope to see a lot of people there!

Joplin Parks and Recreation invites all Moms and their sons to their Mom-Son Date Night! Moms can treat their favorite guy(s) to an evening of music, games, dancing, buffet dinner, and prizes. A complimentary professional picture is included in the ticket price to commemorate the evening.

This event is offered on Friday, September 29 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. or Saturday, September 30 at 5:30 to 8 p.m. There is a charge of \$40 per couple and \$20 for an additional son.

For more information or to register, call Joplin Parks & Recreation at 417-625-4750 or visit www.joplinparks.org.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Jennifer Shotwell spoke on update from the Area Agency on Aging Region X- Joplin Senior Center.

Vicki Gray spoke on municipal code clarity and notification procedures of Code Enforcement.

Maurice Filson spoke on motorcycles and unnecessary deaths.
Kathy Martin spoke on homeless issues.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes of the September 5, 2023, City Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-139 - AN ORDINANCE approving a work authorization with Allgeier, Martin, and Associates in the not to exceed amount of Four Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$495,000.00) for professional engineering services associated with the 20th & Malang Lift Station improvements project on behalf of the City of Joplin and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. **Ordinance No. 2023-135.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-284 - 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, 2023, through October 31, 2024, 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. **Ordinance No. 2023-136.**

RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-013**

Mr. Shaw introduced Resolution No. 2023-013 - A RESOLUTION approving a modification to the City of Joplin Purchasing Policy. Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Cortez to approve Resolution No. 2023-013 as presented. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cople, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1.

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY**COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-366**

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-366 - 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 2119 Manitou St. in the City of Joplin, Missouri, for Six Thousand Four Hundred Ninety dollars (\$6,490.00); 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. 2023-366 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cople, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Farnham, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-137.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-452

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-452 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Program Services Contract by and between the State of Missouri, Department of Health and Senior Services, and the City of Joplin, Missouri, for a term commencing October 1, 2023 and running through September 30, 2024, for the amount of up to Seven Hundred Three Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety One Dollars and no Cents (\$703,891.00), to enable the Health Department to provide nutritional assistance and education to residents of Jasper County, authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri: and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2023-452 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. 2023-138**.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Confirm Boards and Commissions Appointments.

Reappointments:

Board of Adjustment - James Pinjuv
CVB - Josh Shackels
Police & Fire Pension Board - Ken Copeland

Appointments:

Board of Adjustment - Chase Kraft
CVB - Dancy Blizzard
Housing Authority Board – Gary Spruce
JIDA - Greg Bowman
Parks and Recreation - Mariah Kraft
Proposition Action Committee – Lisa Nelson
TIF Committee – Nicole Shoaf

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

Mr. Stinnett would like for the City Manager to look into the cost to do minimal repairs to Memorial Hall.

Mr. Copple would like to solicit public feedback to determine what the options are. Such as the up and ready cost, demolition cost. etc.

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 as set forth in Section 610.021(3) RSMo, as amended, 2020, more specifically for the purpose of evaluating certain Council employees. 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 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 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy, MRCC, City Clerk