

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL  
JUNE 20, 2022  
MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The June 20, 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 the City Council.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Semi-Annual Oversight Report-** Presented by Lori Haun, Executive Director Downtown Joplin Alliance

**Action Plan – 1st Floor/Mezzanine Remodel Presentation** – Presented by Leslie Haase, Finance Director

**Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Presentation-** Presented by Leslie Haas, Finance Director

**FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

News from the Public Information Office

The public is invited to come out on Wednesday, June 22 and join Joplin firefighters, City officials and other community members during a "wet down" ceremony for the new ladder truck being put into service at Joplin Fire Station #5. The event will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22 at Joplin Fire Station #5, 3223 S. Texas Avenue. (Parking is available on the southwest side of the Food 4 Less parking lot.)

After the wet down portion of the event, participants can join firefighters to "push" the truck into the station to be ready for the next call. This tradition of wetting down a fire truck as it begins service is reminiscent of the late 1800s when fire departments used horses to pull a fire apparatus to fires. After fighting the fire, the crews would wash and ready the horses and the apparatus in preparation for the next call. Crews push the apparatus into the station's bay because the horse-drawn equipment could not be easily

backed into the building. To move the equipment into the station, firefighters and community members gathered as a group to push the heavy equipment into the fire bay.

As July 4th Independence Day approaches, citizens need to keep safety in mind as they handle fireworks to avoid any problems. We remind everyone to adhere to all regulations involving the sale and discharge of fireworks in Joplin, and also ask citizens to be a good neighbor and remove any trash or debris from the fireworks they discharge.

Fireworks may be sold within the City of Joplin from July 1 to July 4th. They may be discharged from 12 noon to 11 p.m. on July 1st through July 4th.

Residents cleaning up their shoot site should ensure fireworks are cooled before they are disposed of. Remaining fireworks barrels can be sprayed with water or dunked in a bucket before disposing them. We appreciate everyone's help in keeping our community clean during this festive holiday.

Joplin Parks & Recreation and Missouri Southern State University have once again joined together for Joplin's Independence Day celebration. Event will be held at Fred G. Hughes Stadium at Missouri Southern State University on Monday, July 4.

Food vendors will open at 5:30 P.M. in the stadium parking lot, and the stadium opens at 7 p.m. Live music begins at 7:30 as the band Mixed Tapes entertains the crowd. Fireworks start at begin at 9:45 p.m. Guests can sit in the stadium or bring lawn chairs and blankets for lounging in the grassy area on the west side of the field. This is a family fun event and everyone is welcome!

A reminder – the online public meeting for Missouri Department of Transportation regarding improvements along Missouri Route 66, also known as 7th Street, is open through Sunday, June 26. The meeting can be accessed on their website at [MoDOT.org/missouri-route-66-traffic-safety-improvements](http://MoDOT.org/missouri-route-66-traffic-safety-improvements). The address of this website is listed on the slide. Those unable to access the online meeting are encouraged to contact MoDOT's Southwest District Office at 417-895-7600 to provide their feedback.

MoDOT is in the planning stage to consider improvements to the pavement, sidewalk and traffic flow along this busy east/west corridor in Joplin. Work is tentatively scheduled for 2024 and 2025.

### **CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS**

Margey Upson requested to speak on Part 6.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Holly Nagy

#### PUBLIC HEARING FOR CASE 040-22

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Chris Crowder spoke in favor of this item.

The following residents spoke in opposition to this item.

Tim Wilson  
Dave Shepper  
Kevin Alexander  
Betsy Wood  
Ken Heinz  
Jennifer Fuller

The Public Hearing was closed.

Case 040-22: Site Plan Review - Approximately 500' West of the intersection of E. Zora St. and N. St. Louis Ave. – A request to review a site plan – Dollar General. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar that Case 040-22 be approved. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Lawson, Shaw, and Stinnett, 6. Nays: Farnham and Spencer, 2. Absent: Williams, 1.

### **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 and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Williams, 1.

Minutes of the June 6, 2022, City Council Meeting.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-124 - AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 118 Utilities, by repealing Chapter 118 Utilities, and enacting a new Chapter 118 Utilities in lieu thereof. **Ordinance No. 2022-098.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-129 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Work Authorization with Olsson in the not to exceed amount of One Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty and 00/100 dollars (\$162,750.00) for professional engineering consulting services for the design of the Grand Falls Trail; and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. **Ordinance No. 2022-099.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-269 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2004-256, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, November 15, 2004, by removing from District C-O (Non-retail Commercial) and including in District C-3 (Commercial) property as described below and located at 309 W. 20th St., City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2022-100.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-270 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2004-256, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, November 15, 2004, by removing from District C-3 (Commercial) and including in District R-3 (Apartment House) property as described below and located at 7415 E 32nd St., City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2022-101.**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-271 - 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 C-3 (Commercial) property as described below and located at 3101 N. Range Line Rd., City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2022-102.**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-011 - A RESOLUTION approving a request of the appointment of a member of the Board of Directors of the Northpark Lane Community Improvement District. Motion by Mr. Cortez second by Dr. Farnham to approve the Resolution No. 2022-011. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Williams, 1.

## **ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY**

### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-132

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2022-132 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program (FAA-AIP) for the Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting Building Design Services at the Joplin Regional Airport and authorizing the City Manager or his Designee to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2022-132 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Williams, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2022-103.**

### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-134

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2022-134 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Performance Boiler and Mechanical LLC., for a purchase order in the amount of Two Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Four and 47/100 Dollars (\$234,344.47) for construction services associated with replacing a boiler at the Shoal Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility 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; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cortez, Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Williams, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2022-104.**

### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-521

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2022-521 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Contract by and between the City of Joplin and Guidehouse Inc. to provide ARPA-Infrastructure related assistance; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Contract by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and, 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 and containing an emergency clause.

Mr. Frank Thompson spoke on this item.

Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2022-521 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar,

Lawson, Shaw, Spencer and Stinnett, 7. Nays: Farnham, 1. Absent: Williams, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2022-105**.

### **ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

#### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-125

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2022-125- AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with C & L Grease and Wastewater Services for Sludge Hauling On-Call Services not to exceed the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$150,000.00) for Sludge Application and Hauling, 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 Dr. Farnham that Council Bill No. 2022-125 be passed on first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Williams, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2022-125.

#### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-133

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2022-133 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin, Missouri, to enter into a Marketing Agreement with Utility Service Partners Private Label, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, for the purpose of promoting a service line warranty program; and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Mr. DeTar that Council Bill No. 2022-133 be passed on first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Williams, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2022-133.

#### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-522

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2022-522 - AN ORDINANCE reaffirming the gross receipts tax to be imposed upon electric corporations conducting business within the City and matters relating thereto. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Ms. Spencer that Council Bill No. 2022-522 be passed on first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Williams, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2022-522.

#### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-606

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2022-606 - AN ORDINANCE approving the reorganization of the Human Resources Department. Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2022-606 be passed on first reading and advance to second and third. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Williams, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2022-606.

### **SECOND AND THIRD READING**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chris Tucker requested to speak on fireworks sales.

Boards and Commission Appointments

Reappointments:

ADA Accessibility Committee -Steve Urie-Ross, Judith Edwards, and Camille Turner  
Library - Mary Gaarder and Emily Stanley

New Appointments:

ADA Accessibility Committee - Jerry Phommachack  
Centennial Celebration Committee - Diane Reid Adams  
Housing Authority - Eric Colbert  
Library -Jean Coltharp

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

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. Cortez, second by Mr. Shaw to adjourn into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Williams, 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully,

  
Holly Nagy, City Clerk, MRCC