

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

April 2, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting for the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Michael Seibert.

INVOCATION - read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the United States of America was led by Mrs. Lewis

ROLL CALL – Answering Roll Call were Taylor Brown, Melodee Colbert-Kean, Miranda Lewis, Dan McCreary, Michael Seibert, Gary Shaw; Ryan Stanley, Phil Stinnett, and Jim West. Also in attendance were City Manager Sam Anselm and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Seibert presented the *Mayors Monarch Pledge Proclamation* to Val Frankoski. Ms. Frankoski thanked all those who support this pledge and volunteered their time with this project.

Mayor Seibert presented the *April as Fair Housing Month Proclamation* to Doris Carlin with Community Housing Resource Board of Joplin. The winners of the 2018 Fair Housing Poster Contest, sponsored by the Joplin Community Housing Resource Board and the Boys & Girls Club of Joplin, are:

Landon Duke (1st)
Adalyn Osburn (2nd)
Tianna Taylor (3rd) wasn't there but her poster was displayed
Karlie Parker (4th)
Rose Shepherd (5th)
Abigail Meeks (6th)

Mayor Seibert presented the *2018 National Service Recognition Day Proclamation* to Shelly Goertz with Independent Living Center. Ms. Goertz stated the focus of this year's recognition is on the senior volunteers over the age of 55 who volunteer with Area Agency on Aging and Senior Centers by delivering meals to the homebound and doing home safety checks.

Recognition of Board/Commission/Committee members who have completed their terms. The following people were recognized for their service to the City of Joplin on

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| Robert Loudermilk | Airport Board | 2011-2017 | (present) |
| Randy Moore | Airport Board | 2011-2017 | |
| Gregg Wilkerson | City Tree Board | 2010-2017 | |
| Chris Churchwell | Cap. Imp. & Pub. Safety Sales Tax Oversight | | 2011-2017 |
| Roberta Myers | Library Board | 2008-2017 | |
| Charles Parker | Library Board | 2011-2017 | |

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| Aaron Doll | Parks & Recreation Board | 2011-2017 | (present) |
| Kyle Birkinsha | Tax Increment Finance Commission | 2011-2017 | |
| Lee Smith | Planning & Zoning Commission | 2009-2017 | (present) |
| Candy Gagle | Traffic Commission | 2009-2017 | (present) |
| Ryan Jackson | Traffic Commission | 2009-2017 | (present) |

Brent Baker introduced Blake Mertons, VP of Operations and Electric for Liberty Central (formerly Empire District Electric), who presented Liberty's new generation resource plan, deemed the Customer Savings Plan that invests in new wind assets, located regionally while retiring an existing older coal firing plant in Asbury, MO.

Recognition of Outgoing Council Member Miranda Lewis. Mayor Seibert presented Ms. Lewis with an appreciation plaque for her years of service from 2014-2018 as a council member.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA –There being no further business to come before the Council, the Consent Agenda was finalized.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Shelby Howard, 2626 Salem, Joplin MO, addressed the city council regarding police officer retention and pay, and to seek an official update and information relating to recent talks of pay and salary levels of public safety employees. City Manager Anselm replied that more discussion is needed regarding these issues and that a future work session will be scheduled to include the newly elected council members.

Allen Shirley, 3520 Alabama, Joplin, addressed the city council to inform them and the public of the 153rd Anniversary of the Assassination of President Abraham Lincoln exhibit at the Joplin Museum April 3-24, 2018.

Gary Kenney, 1148 Lark Rd, Joplin, addressed the council regarding the wind farm proposed by Empire Electric and the closing of the Asbury plant closing.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Procedures – read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer

Public Hearing for Resolution No. 2018-008.

Mayor Seibert opened the public hearing.

Leonard Clevenger, Joplin, appeared in favor of this item.

No one appeared in opposition to this item.

The public hearing was closed.

Mr. Shaw introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2018-008 -A RESOLUTION granting a Special Use Permit (1st Request) to Leonard Clevenger for the operation of a Bed and Breakfast located 2519 S. Picher Avenue, in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. West that Resolution No. 2018-008 be approved. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Lewis, McCreary, Seibert, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and West, 9. Nays: 0.

Public Hearing for Resolution No. 2018-009.

Mayor Seibert opened the public hearing.

No one appeared in favor of, or opposition to this item.

The public hearing was closed.

Mr. Brown introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2018-009 - A RESOLUTION granting a Special Use Permit (1st Request) to Leonard Clevenger for the operation of a Bed and Breakfast located 2523 S. Picher Avenue, in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. McCreary that Resolution No. 2018-009 be approved. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Lewis, McCreary, Seibert, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and West, 9. Nays: 0.

Public Hearing for Council Bill No. 2018-522

Mayor Seibert opened the public hearing.

Kenneth Meisinger, Joplin, appeared in favor of this item,

Jill Sullivan, 721 N. Sergeant, Joplin, appeared in favor of this item.

No one appeared in opposition to this item.

The public hearing was closed.

Mr. West introduced COUNCIL BILL NO.2018-252-AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2004-256, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, November 15, 2004, by designating the property known as the Frederick H. Rodgers House as an Historic Landmark and include in a Historic Preservation Overlay District as described below and located 536 N. Wall Avenue in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. West, second by Mr. Stanley to place Council Bill No. 2018-252 on First Reading and advance to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Lewis, McCreary, Seibert, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and West, 9. Nays: 0.

CONSENT AGENDA- Motion by Mr. Stanley, second by Mr. Shaw to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Lewis, McCreary, Seibert, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and West, 9. Nays: 0.

Minutes of the March 19, 2018 Council Meeting

RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

Mr. Stanley introduced COUNCIL BILL NO. 2018-112-AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Bennett, Inc. for the construction of the Yellow Area Projects, in the amount of Two Million, Two Hundred Forty-Three Thousand, Four Hundred Seventy-Four and 75/100 Dollars (\$2,243,474.75); 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.

Stanley, second by Mr. Shaw that Council Bill No. 2018-112 be approved on an emergency. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Lewis, McCreary, Seibert, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and West, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2018-041**.

Mr. West introduced COUNCIL BILL NO. 2018-408- AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into a developer agreement with Joplin Bungalows, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Economic Security Corporation of the Southwest Area, to provide for the development of the Joplin Bungalows in an amount not to exceed Four million dollars (\$4,000,000) and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute said Agreement; and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. West, second by Mr. Brown that Council Bill No. 2018-408 be approved on emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Lewis, Seibert, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and West, 8. Nays: McCreary, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2018-042**

Mr. Shaw introduced COUNCIL BILL NO. 2018-505 - AN ORDINANCE amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 as adopted by Ordinance 2017-167 on October 16, 2017, to adjust appropriations and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Stanley to amend Council Bill No. 2018-505 by removing the section dealing with the IT/GIS position and keeping the portion that amends the city manager's budget for training. Voting in favor of the amendment were Council Members Brown, Colbert-Kean, Lewis, McCreary, Seibert, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and West, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was read as **Amended Council Bill No. 2018-505**.

Mr. Stanley introduced Amended Council Bill No. 2018-505. Motion by Mr. Stanley, second by Mr. West that Amended Council Bill No. 2018-505 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Lewis, Seibert, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and West, 8. Nays: McCreary, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2018-043**

Ordinances – First Reading

Mr. West introduced COUNCIL BILL NO. 2018-407 - AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement between the City of Joplin, Missouri, and Preservation Resources, Inc; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute same on behalf of the City. Motion by Mr. West, second by Mr. Stanley that Council Bill No. 2018-407 be passed on First Reading and advanced to Second and Third Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members Brown, Colbert-Kean, Lewis, McCreary, Seibert, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and West, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2018-407**.

Mr. Shaw introduced COUNCIL BILL NO. 2018-604 -AN ORDINANCE approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) And Agreement by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, a Municipal Corporation, and Rotary Sculpture Garden, dealing generally with the placement of sculptures in specified locations throughout the City owned Mercy Park; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Agreement, and such other documents as may be necessary, by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Brown that Council Bill No. 2018-604 be passed on First Reading and advanced to Second and Third Reading and passed. Voting in were Council Members Brown, Colbert-Kean, Lewis, McCreary, Seibert, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and West, 8. Nays: 0. Abstention: 1, Stanley. The Council Bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2018-604**.

Mr. Stanley introduced COUNCIL BILL NO. 2018-605 - AN ORDINANCE amending Section 86-252, Rules, of Article VII, Dog Parks, of Chapter 86, Parks and Recreation, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin, by amending Section 86-252, Rules, to implement certain language changes. Motion by Mr. Stanley, second by Mrs. Colbert-Kean that Council Bill No. 2018-605 be passed on First Reading and advanced to Second and Third Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Colbert-Kean, Lewis, Seibert, Stanley, and West, 5. Nays: Brown, McCreary, Shaw, Stinnett, 4. The Council Bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2018-605**.

Ordinances – Second Reading and Third Reading

Unfinished Business

New Business

Mr. Stanley introduced Case 005-18: Approximately 1,000 feet East from the intersection of Richard Joseph Blvd West and Richard Joseph Blvd North - A request to Review the Site Plan for the Proposed Menards Home Improvement Store. Motion by Mr. Stanley, second by Mrs. Colbert-Kean to approve Case 005-18. Voting in favor were Council Members Brown, Colbert-Kean, Lewis, McCreary, Seibert, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett, and West, 9. Nays: 0.

News from Public Information officer, Lynn Onstot:

Mark your calendars! The Joplin Recycling Center is holding their Annual Tire Drop Off on Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5. Hosted by the Recycling Center and Liberty Utilities – Empire District, automotive passenger tires, with or without rims will be accepted at no charge from Joplin residents, Joplin residential landlords, and Liberty Utilities residential electric customers from 9 am to 3 pm on these days at the Center. Up to ten tires per household will be accepted. Commercial, large truck, tractor, or racecar tires will not be accepted. For more information, contact Mary Anne Phillips, City of Joplin Recycling Coordinator at 417-624-0820, extension 501, or visit the City's website at www.joplinmo.org.

This year's Spring Table Tennis Tournament is a two-day event, encouraging beginning players to participate on the first day. Scheduled for Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14, Tournament Director Janus Lazarus is hoping to get more players involved by offering the novice divisions on Friday, April 13. The second day, April 14, will offer a tournament event for all ages. An Exhibition City Challenge is set for 9:30 Saturday morning, as members of the City Council play against staff from the Park & Recreation Department. The tournament will be held at Memorial Hall in Joplin. Admission is free of charge to spectators.

Reminder - Tomorrow is the Municipal Election. Here in Joplin, voters will decide on City Council members and School Board members, as well as a question posed by Jasper County.

We encourage citizens to please take time to vote. Please check out our website at joplinmo.org for more details on these events. Thank you.

Mr. Shaw stated he and Troy Bolander were interviewed by James Rike, a media person from Columbia MO, who has made nearly 50 trips to Joplin to attend major events that have marked a milestone since the tornado.

Mr. Stanley remarked on the upcoming annual table tennis tournament; more players are needed. Mr. Stinnett asked returning council members to be thinking about the Chamber of Commerce contract in light of the change by chamber president Rob O'Brian. Mr. Stinnett also asked about the status of change orders. Mr. Anselm explained the system the engineering technician has developed is still in beta testing mode, and the engineering technician responsible for entering data into the testing system has been unavailable to work on it. Mr. Anselm will keep the council updated on this.

Mr. Brown encouraged everyone to get out and vote tomorrow and that he was pleased it has been a civil campaign. Mr. Brown also expressed his thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Lewis for her time and service on the city council.

Mrs. Lewis stated she serves on the Community Advisory Council for Missouri's Foundation for Health, it's a funding organization that helps fund public health initiatives. Twice a year they host a meeting in the field and we were fortunate to have a meeting in Carthage. Joplin's Health Director Dan Pekarek was on the panel and helped bring to light some of the public health issues that Joplin and surrounding communities are facing. Mrs. Lewis wanted to publicly recognize and thank him for the asset he is and the wealth of knowledge he has on public issues.

Mrs. Lewis also stated that it has been an honor to serve the citizens of our community. She also thanked all those she's worked with over the past four years and was grateful for the "behind the scenes" of the all the city staff and the work it takes to make this city run.

Mayor Seibert also expressed his thoughts on his time serving on the council. He stated it was a pleasure and he was very proud to have been the mayor. On behalf of the city council, he complimented and thanked the city staff and employees for all their input and presentations to help the council make informed decisions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully,


Barbara J. Gollhofer, City Clerk, MRCC