

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 2, 2021  
MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The August 2, 2021 regular meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Keenan Cortez.

**INVOCATION** was read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** was led by Mr. Copple.

**ROLL CALL**

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Charles Copple, Keenan Cortez, Doug Lawson, Anthony Monteleone, Diane Reid Adams, Gary Shaw, Phil Stinnett, and Christina Williams. Absent: Mayor Ryan Stanley. Motion by Mr. Monteleone, second by Mr. Lawson to excuse Mayor Stanley. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mike Seibert, Citizens Committee Chair for the Parks & Stormwater Sales Tax Renewal provided a presentation on the committee's education process for the tax renewal effort.

**FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

There being no further business to come the Council, the Consent Agenda was finalized.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION**

Health Department Update

Health Director Ryan Talken presented an update on Covid cases. There is a slight decrease in the number of active cases. There is a total of 99 patients in both Joplin hospitals; 19 are Joplin residents. Positivity rates continue to decline. There is a 43.6% completed vaccination rate for the 64801/64804 zip codes. Covid-19 testing and vaccination clinic information is available by calling 623-6123. Mr. Talken recommended focusing on vaccines and masking in crowded settings.

News from the Public Information Office

Missouri will celebrate 200 years of statehood August 10, 2021. A statewide committee, Missouri 2021, is helping to recognize Missouri's rich history and culture during the Missouri Bicentennial. The ice cream cone is the official state dessert and communities across the state will commemorate this event with an ice cream social. Four Ice Cream Socials are planned at various places and times:  
11:00- 1:00: Spiva Park; 4th & Main, Downtown Joplin  
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.: Historic Murphysburg The Gustave Kleinkauf House, 523 S Sergeant Avenue  
6:30 -7:30 p.m.: North Heights: Lifehouse, 516 N Wall Ave  
6:00-7:00 Bookhouse Cinema (also showing World's Fair 1904 documentary 7:00-9:00)

Joplin Police Department will host the National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 3 at Schifferdecker Park. at 5:30 p.m. with free food and drinks served during the event. This is a fun-filled family night with activities for children of all ages, including a free swim at Schifferdecker Aquatic Center from 6:45 pm - 8:45 pm. This event helps strengthen community spirit and police-community partnerships.

August 3 is election day. Joplin citizens will be asked to vote on Proposition Renewal. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### **CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS**

Dan McCreary spoke on short term rentals and the requirements for a license to operate an Airbnb. He had concerns about this type of commercial business in residential neighborhoods.

Sharon Wiggins-Alexander spoke on concerns regarding the deteriorating conditions of the 800 block of south Connor Avenue that affect the safety of the neighborhood. She asked if the City has funds for neighborhood clean-up. City Manager Nick Edwards stated he will follow-up with this.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Public Hearing Procedures read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer

#### PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESOLUTION NO. 2021-013

Mayor Pro Tem Cortez opened the Public Hearing

Lauren Peterson, 3001 Sunset Drive, spoke in favor of this item and is the applicant for the SUP.

Matt Howett, 3117 Abigail, secretary of Sunset Ridge Homeowners Association, spoke in opposition to this item stating a neighborhood survey resulted in opposition to this type of business in the neighborhood due to increased speeding in the neighborhood, thefts, and home invasions.

Deborah Ferguson, 4480 Bradley Drive, spoke in opposition stating the standards required for this type of operation are not equally weighted. She questioned the screening process for safety concerns.

The Public Hearing was closed.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2021-013

Mr. Stinnett introduced Resolution No. 2021-013 - a resolution granting a Special Use Permit (1<sup>st</sup> Request) for the operation of a short-term rental located at 3001 Sunset Drive, in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Lawson to Deny Resolution No. 2021-013. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, Lawson, Reid Adams, Shaw, and Stinnett, 5. Nays: Copple, Monteleone, Williams, 3. Absent: Stanley, 1. Resolution No. 2021-013 was denied.

#### PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-275

Mayor Pro Tem Cortez opened the Public Hearing

John Bolte, Small Arrow Engineering, 1302 S. Main Street, requested to strike this item on behalf of the applicant Blake Onstot.

John Podleski, 2025 Twin Hills, is opposed due to difficult accessibility to Par Lane.

Richard Hatfield, president of the Twin Hills HOA, is opposed due to traffic concerns in and out of Par Lane.

Mark Lane 2230 S. Fairway Drive is opposed due to the number of homes projected to be built is too many for the area. He's also concerned about utilities, and accessibility issues for school buses, trash trucks, etc.

John Lewandowski is opposed due to limited access and traffic concerns on Par Lane.

Jared Hubner, Par Lane, is opposed due to safety concerns and stated the development will decrease property values.

Barbara Myers, 4410 Golf Links Rd. is opposed due to limited accessibility for large vehicles such as buses, fire trucks and ambulances; and concerns for decreased property values.

The Public Hearing was closed.

#### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-275

Mr. Lawson introduced Council Bill No. 2021-275 - 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 R-4 (Townhouse) property as described below and located the end of Public Right-of-way of W. Par Lane. Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Stinnett to Strike Council Bill 2021-275. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, Nays:0. Absent: Stanley, 1. Council Bill No. 2021-275 was stricken.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Copple to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, Nays:0. Absent: Stanley, 1.

Minutes of the July 19, 2021 City Council Meeting

**COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-141-** an ordinance authorizing the approval of the 2021 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) update detailing the safety processes and procedures for the City of Joplin, MO, Metro Area Public Transit System (MAPS) and Sunshine Lamp Trolley. This plan utilizes existing agency safety practices and Federal Transit Administration best practices to meet the regulations set in 49 CFR Part 673. **Ordinance No. 2021-099**

**COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-144** - an ordinance approving Work Authorization OLS-OC-21-08 With Olsson in the not to exceed amount of Five Hundred Twenty Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$520,000.00) for construction phase professional engineering services for the 32nd St. Widening project from Schifferdecker Ave. to Central City Road and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. **Ordinance No. 2021-100**

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY**

##### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-145

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2021-145 - an ordinance approving the City of Joplin to enter into a construction agreement with Southwest Missouri Traffic Management Inc, in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Thirty and 00/100 Dollars (\$225,230.00) for construction of the 10<sup>th</sup> and Main Culvert Replacement project; 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. Copple, second by Ms. Williams that Council Bill No. 2021-145 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, Nays:0. Absent: Stanley, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2021-101**

##### COUNCIL BILLS NO. 2021-607

Mr. Shaw introduced Council Bill No. 2021-607 - an ordinance approving a Purchase Order to be issued to SHI/Microsoft Corporation to cover the annual support payment for the Public Safety and Financial software, as approved in the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 as adopted by Ordinance 2020-156 on October 19, 2020, to adjust appropriations and containing an emergency clause.

Frank Thompson requested to speak on this item and asked why it was considered an emergency. City staff explained budget amendments are considered emergency items per the City Charter.

Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Lawson to pass Council Bill No. 2021-607 on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, Nays:0. Absent: Stanley, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2021-102**

## **ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-007

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2021-007 - an ordinance authorizing the City of Joplin, Missouri, a Missouri municipal corporation, to enter into an agreement with Integrated Roadways, LLC, a Missouri limited liability company, for the purpose of developing a smart infrastructure program; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said agreement by and on behalf of the City of Joplin.

Frank Thompson requested to speak on this item and stated he had concerns regarding the data that may be collected through implementing this program.

Motion by Copple, second by Dr. Reid that Council Bill No. 2021-007 be passed on First Reading and advance to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, Nays:0. Absent: Stanley, 1. The bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2021-007**

### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-008

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2021-008 - an ordinance authorizing the City of Joplin, Missouri, a Missouri municipal corporation, to enter into an agreement with Bird Rides, Inc., a Delaware corporation, for the purpose of implementing a shared active transportation operation; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said agreement by and on behalf of the City of Joplin.

Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2021-008 be passed on First Reading and advance to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Stinnett, and Williams, Nays:0. Absent: Stanley, 1. Abstention: Shaw, 1. The bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2021-008**

### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-146

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2021-146 - an ordinance approving a work authorization with Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of Seventy Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$70,000.00) for the Shoal Creek WWTF Drying Bed Covers Project; and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Dr. Reid Adams that Council Bill No. 2021-146 be passed on First Reading and advance to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays:0. Absent: Stanley, 1. The bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2021-146**

### COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-276

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2021-276 - an ordinance establishing grades and accepting the Final Plat of Lou and Odes Acres Subdivision located at the Southwest corner of the intersection of W. 26<sup>th</sup> St. and S. Winfield Ave. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2021-276 be passed on First Reading and advance to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays:0. Absent: Stanley, 1. The bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2021-276**

**ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND THIRD READING**

**COUNCIL BILL NO. 2021-277**

Mr. Copley introduced Council Bill No. 2021-277 - 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 R-3-PD (Apartment House Planned Development) property as described below and located at the Southeast Corner of W. 34<sup>th</sup> St. and S. Jackson Ave. Motion by Mr. Copley, second by Dr. Reid Adams that Council Bill No. 2021-277 be passed on First Reading and advance to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copley, Cortez, Lawson, Montleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Stanley, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2021-103**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Additional Requests to Address Council:

Abbie Covington requested to speak on government transparency.

Deborah Ferguson spoke on personal responsibility.

Set Public Hearing for FY2022 Proposed Budget

Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Lawson to set the public hearing date for the FY2022 Proposed Budget for August 16, 2021. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copley, Cortez, Lawson, Montleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Stanley, 1.

Set Public Hearing for Property Tax Rate Levy

Motion by Mr. Shaw, second by Mr. Lawson to set the public hearing date for the Property Tax Levy for August 16, 2021. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copley, Cortez, Lawson, Montleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Stanley, 1.

Council Comments:

Mr. Copley asked the city manager to bring a budget amendment proposal to the city council in the near future for improved lighting at Ewert Skate Park due to safety concerns. City Manager Nick Edwards replied he will prepare an agenda item per the request.

Closed Session: 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; as set forth in Section 610.021(1) RSMo, 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. Lawson, second by to go into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copley, Cortez, Lawson, Montleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stinnett, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Stanley, 1.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21p.m.

Respectfully,

*Barbara Gollhofer*

Barbara Gollhofer, City Clerk, MPCC