

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 19, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Gary Shaw.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** to the United States of America was led by Mr. Cortez.

**ROLL CALL**

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Taylor Brown, Melodee Colbert-Kean, Keenan Cortez, Doug Lawson, Anthony Monteleone, Diane Reid Adams, Gary Shaw, Ryan Stanley, and Phil Stinnett. Also, in attendance were Interim City Manager Dan Pekarek and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Update on the Boomtown TIF,**

Finance Director Leslie Haase presented an update on the Boomtown TIF. Director Haase stated the goal of TIF assistance is to help grow and develop the City, while being good stewards of taxpayer funds. Successful TIF Districts result in fully completed developments, which help TIF's pay off ahead of the 23 years and benefit the affected taxing jurisdictions through full development. The upfront risk of the development lies with the Developer rather than the City. As a result, when staff is evaluating TIF proposals, to the best of its ability, staff performs the necessary due diligence to provide Council with the needed information to help determine if the proposals will be a net benefit or net negative to the City. This includes negotiating provisions in a Redevelopment Agreement that help protect the City's and taxpayers' interest in the project with regard to the amount and use of TIF funds to reimburse the Developer for project costs. While Redevelopment Agreement provisions can help in this regard, it is important to note that even then there is no guarantee that a project will ultimately perform as projected and result in a net positive benefit to the City. There are several options for consideration. Staff is asking for direction so that the City can proceed in the manner that Council desires and supports. After presenting the options, Mr. Stanley asked to hear from the Developer's representative, Andy Prewitt. After discussion, Mr. Stanley made a motion to direct city staff to continue negotiations for more favorable terms with the Developer and to bring a council bill to the September 16 council meeting to be considered as emergency ordinance. Mr. Cortez seconded the motion. Voting in favor were Council Members: Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 7. Nays: Monteleone: 1. Abstention: Brown, 1.

**CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer

Public Hearing for FY2020 Proposed Budget

Mayor Shaw opened the Public Hearing

Finance Director Leslie presented an overview of the FY2020 proposed budget.

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

The Public Hearing was closed.

Budget Work Sessions are scheduled for September 23-25, 2019.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Stanley to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 9 Nays: 0.

August 5, 2019 Informal Council Meeting Notes

Minutes of the August 5, 2019 City Council Meeting

Minutes of the August 12, 2019 Special Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2019-269 - AN ORDINANCE providing for the vacation of a utility easement located approximately 145 ft. West and 175ft South of the intersection of 26<sup>th</sup> Street and Maiden Lane Avenue. **Ordinance No. 2019-121**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2019-270 -AN ORDINANCE approving a request by Lera Dill to remove from District M-2 (Heavy Industrial) and include in District C-2 (Central Business) for the operation of a duplex. **Ordinance No. 2019-122**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2019-005-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. 2019-123**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2019-143 - AN ORDINANCE approving an agreement with Gary B. Young and Kimberly D. Young to provide residential sanitary sewer to property located at 3931 Apricot Drive, authorizing the City Manager to execute or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. **Ordinance No. 2019-124**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2019-271 - AN ORDINANCE establishing grades and accepting the Plat of Sonic Addition #2 Subdivision located at 1030 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. **Ordinance No. 2019-125**

## RESOLUTIONS

### ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2019-144-an ordinance approving an amendment (Change Order No. 4) to the construction agreement with Crews Construction Inc., in the not to exceed amount of Ninety-Two Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Three and 91/100 Dollars (\$92,533.91) for the Tin Cup Lift Station Renovation 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. Cortez, second by Mr. Lawson that Council Bill No. 2019-144 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2019-126**

Mr. Brown introduced Council Bill No. 2019-451-an ordinance authorizing a Program Services Contract, by and between the State of Missouri, Department of Health and Senior Services, and the City of Joplin, Missouri, for the City of Joplin Health Department to receive compensation, for Thirty-Nine Thousand, One Hundred Ninety-Eight and no/100 Dollars (\$39,198.00); and, 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. Brown, second by Mr. Stinnett that Council Bill No. 2019-451 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2019-127**

Mr. Monteleone introduced Council Bill No.2019-514 - an ordinance amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 as adopted by Ordinance 2018-145 on October 15, 2018, to adjust appropriations and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Monteleone, second by Mr. Brown that Council Bill No. 2019-514 be approved on an emergency. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, and Stinnett, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2019-128**

### ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

Mr. Stanley introduced Council Bill No. 2019-617-an ordinance approving the applications of Active Lifestyle Inc., for Joplin Memorial Run; George A. Spiva Center for the Arts, for Master Level Art Instruction; Four-State Trucks/Chrome Shop Mafia, for Guilty by Association; Joplin Arts Fest Committee for the Joplin Arts Fest; Carl Junction Chamber of Commerce for the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Carl Junction Bluegrass Festival; Joplin Disc Golf Club for 15<sup>th</sup> annual Four State Open; Rufus Racing, for 12<sup>th</sup> annual Summer Roundup Triathlon; Emancipation Celebration Committee for Emancipation Park Day Celebration; Ozark Christian College, for 2020 Conference Series; Downtown Joplin Alliance for 2020 Event Marketing Campaign; Historic Murphysburg Preservation, Inc for the 2019 and 2020 Home for the Holidays events; George Washington Carver National Monument, for Marketing 2020 Park Events; Missouri Southern State University Alumni Association for Alumni Tracking Software; Joplin History and Mineral Museum, for a 2020 Marketing Campaign and upgrade to the Bonnie and Clyde Exhibit; Wildcat Glades Friends Group, for 2020 Event Marketing; ProMusica for 2020 Concert Series; and a Joint Marketing Effort with the Carthage CVB for utilization of FY2020 Festivals and Celebrations support pursuant to Ordinance No. 2000-148, as authorized by the voters on November 7, 2000;

authorizing the City Manager to execute appropriate agreements with each such organization for the utilization of such funds. Motion by Mr. Stanley, second by Dr. Reid Adams to pass Council Bill No. 2019-617 on First Reading and advance to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2019-617.**

## **ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND THIRD READING**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Appoint Citizens Committee for the One-half Cent (½¢) Sales Tax Election**

Mayor Shaw asked the council members to submit names to serve on the committee. The following nominations were submitted:

Dr. Reid Adams: Ted Easley

Mr. Stanley: Brandon Davis

Mr. Cortez: Scott Vorhees

Mr. Brown: Lori Haun

Mr. Lawson: Renita Kitchingham

Mrs. Colbert-Kean: Victor Sly

Mr. Stinnett: Dan McCreary

Mayor Shaw: Ken Copeland, Ron Richard

Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Dr. Reid Adams to accept the nominations. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 9. Nays: 0.

City staff will begin the process of contacting the committee members to set up meeting dates.

#### **News from the Public Information Officer, Lynn Onstot**

The new bridge over Shoal Creek is open. The Jackson Avenue Bridge replaces the low-water bridge that was built in 1919 and is now designated a Joplin Historical Landmark. The low-water bridge will remain open this week but will be permanently closed to vehicle traffic on Friday, August 23. Signage and bolsters will be placed on the north and south ends. Pedestrians and bicyclists can use this bridge as part of the McIndoe Park trail system. The new bridge also has an 8-foot shared pathway on both sides for pedestrians and bicyclists and offers a wonderful scenic view of the area. There will be an official opening of this project in upcoming weeks.

A public open house for the *Joplin Transit Service Analysis* will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on August 28 at the Joplin Public Library. The meeting will focus on transit improvement recommendations for the Joplin area. In addition, City staff and consultant team members will ride Sunshine Lamp's Red, Blue, and Green routes throughout that day, August 28 to talk with trolley riders about the recommendations. During the meeting and while riding the bus, community members can review and comment on exhibits describing the transit improvement recommendations, helping develop a refined set of recommendations for short-, medium-, and long-term improvements. These will be shared with the public near the end of 2019.

Mark your calendars. The Shoal Creek Conservation Education Center Opening will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, September 6. The Shoal Creek Center is located at 201 W. Riviera Drive in Joplin. Public service and educational programs will continue to be staples of the Shoal Creek facility, with new hours allowing for weekend visitation. We encourage everyone to come out to the Center to learn more about some of the exciting things the Missouri Department of Conservation is offering our area!

In recognition of the Labor Day holiday, the City of Joplin offices will be closed on Monday, September 2. This also includes the Public Transportation services and the Recycling Center.

The Joplin City Council meeting, regularly scheduled on the first Monday, will shift to Tuesday, September 3. Because of the holiday, residential trash and curbside recycling services will move one day forward, so Monday customers will have service on Tuesday, etc. through the week, using Saturday for Friday's service. For more information about the City and its many services and programs, please go to our website, [joplinmo.org](http://joplinmo.org) or find us on Facebook. Thank you.

**Comments from Council:**

Mr. Stinnett stated he had received several texts during the council meeting commenting on the poor audio and video of the television broadcast of the council meeting. He asked if this issue could be investigated to determine the poor quality.

Mr. Cortez asked everyone to keep the officers involved in a recent shooting and all police and fire personnel who are the front line every day in our thoughts and prayers.

Mayor Shaw acknowledged the recent passing of longtime Joplin Globe employee Carol Stark.

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, 2018. This meeting, record, and vote to be closed. Council shall adjourn at the end of the session. Motion by Mr. Stanley, second by Mr. Monteleone to go into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 9. Nays: 0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully,

  
Barbara J. Gollhofer, City Clerk