

**Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting  
August 24, 2020**

**Call to order**

The Special Meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Ryan Stanley.

**Invocation** was given by Assistant City Clerk Roschelle Forsythe

**Flag salute** was led by Mayor Protem Keenan Cortez.

**Roll Call:** Present: Chuck Copple, Keenan Cortez, Doug Lawson, Anthony Monteleone, Diane Reid Adams, Gary Shaw, Mayor Ryan Stanley, Phil Stinnett and Christina Williams. Also, in attendance were Assistant City Attorney Jordan Paul and City Manager Nick Edwards.

**Reading of the Special Call.**

Assistant City Clerk Roschelle Forsythe read the Special Call.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, will conduct a Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2020, at Joplin City Hall, 5th Floor Council Chambers, 602 S. Main Street for the purposes stated below.

**Public Hearing**

Public Hearing on the 2020-21 property tax rate.

Finance Director Leslie Haase led the discussion on the property tax rate.

Mayor Stanley opened the Public Hearing.

No one appeared in favor of this item.

June Blakely, Joplin, appeared in opposition of this item, questioning why we need a tax increase.

Deborah Ferguson, Joplin, appeared in opposition of this item, asking what the emergency is.

The Public Hearing was closed.

**Ordinances-Emergency**

Mr. Monteleone introduced Council Bill No.2020-520 - levying taxes in the City of Joplin, Missouri for the year 2020 in the amount of Eighteen and Six Hundredths Cents (\$0.1806) on One Hundred Dollars of valuation of all real property in said City, and levying taxes in the Joplin Public Library District for the year 2020 in the amount of Twenty-Five and Forty-Five Hundredths Cents (\$0.2545) on One Hundred Dollars of valuation of all real property in said District, and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Monteleone, second by Mr. Copple that Council Bill No. 2020-520 be approved on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2020-127.**

**Transit Master Plan Analysis**

Robert Lolley, Transit Coordinator, and Sarah Frost, consultant with Transystems, presented the analysis report. Finance Director Leslie Haase reviewed the financial assumptions portion of the presentation. After the presentation there was discussion and questions from Council. City Manager Nick Edwards thanked Ms. Frost, Robert Lolley and Public Works staff for their work and participation in this presentation. He added this is just one more thing the city could do better.

Three questions that were asked for Council to consider:

- To Approve the 2020 Transit System Analysis
- To authorize staff to apply for FTA grants to conduct conceptual design for a future transfer station to prepare for a hub and spoke transit system.
- To develop corporate partnerships to increase resources and reduce the net city cost of the hub and spoke transit system.

Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Lawson to approve the 2020 Transit System Analysis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Monteleone to Authorize city staff to apply for Federal Transit Administration grants to conduct conceptual Design for a future Transfer Station to prepare for a hub and spoke transit system. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Shaw to explore the development of Corporate Partnerships to increase resources and reduce the net city cost of the Hub and Spoke Transit System. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

There was discussion regarding council conduct at the last City Council meeting. The lack of citizens wearing masks, how citizen outbursts should be addressed and the number of people in the council chambers. Regarding the masks, Mayor Stanley stated that with exemptions to the ordinance that really couldn't have been enforced. Regarding the outbursts and comments from citizens, it was the consensus of council members to assist the Mayor in being aware of who is making those comments and address the individual(s) or have a police officer remove them if need be. As far as the capacity, City Manager Nick Edwards stated that wouldn't happen in the future. If the number of people exceeded the number of chairs, people could socially distance in the hallway.

Mayor Stanley reminded everyone that the next City Council meeting will be on a Tuesday, rather than Monday, due to the Labor Day holiday. It will be Tuesday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Roschelle Forsythe, Assistant City Clerk