

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 5, 2020  
MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The October 5, 2020 regular meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Ryan Stanley.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** to the United States of America was led by Mayor Stanley.

**ROLL CALL**

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Charles Copple, Keenan Cortez, Doug Lawson, Anthony Monteleone, Diane Reid Adams, Gary Shaw, Mayor Ryan Stanley, Phil Stinnett, and Christina Williams. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Stanley presented a proclamation to representatives from Joplin's arts and cultural community to recognize October as National Arts & Humanities Month. In attendance were Emily Frankoski, Linda Teeter, Sharon Beshore, Jill Sullivan, Clifford Wert, Lauren Brown, and Holly and Bradley Crane

**FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Joplin Youth Council Update

Whitney Pachlhofer, City of Joplin liaison to the Joplin Youth Council, gave an overview of the JYC program.

Joplin City Council began this program in 2019 following a National League of Cities presentation highlighting the importance of providing service opportunities to students who exhibited an interest and initiative to assist their community.

Liaisons for the advisory board include Council Member Anthony Monteleone and former Council Member and Mayor Melodee Colbert-Kean. Mayor Ryan Stanley is also active with this group. Members are required to be Joplin residents and enrolled in grades 10 through 12. Terms are for one year and expire in May. Members may reapply at that time to continue serving on the council.

Members of the 2020-21 Youth Council are:

Jane Min	Thomas Jefferson	Chairperson
Kambrea (Kami) Manning	Joplin High School	Vice-Chair/ Public Relations Officer
Shrihari (Hari) Nagarajan	Thomas Jefferson	Secretary
John Wheeler	McAuley Catholic School	Treasurer
Jake Saunders	Joplin High School	
Caleb Thomas	College Heights	
Riley Peterson	College Heights	
Luke Johnson	College Heights	

Jane Min, Shrihari Nagarajan, and Caleb Thomas were in attendance and spoke on the JYC mission statement, upcoming projects and goals, and fundraising ideas.

Semi – Annual Insurance Update

Kim Wixson, Segal representative, presented the City of Joplin's Summary Healthcare Budget Projections, Assumptions, Rates and Fees for January 1, 2021.

The City experienced an operating deficit in fiscal 2019 and a surplus in year-to-date fiscal 2020. The 2020 contribution rates are projected to change as follows:

- Medical and prescription drug contribution rates will increase by approximately 1.1%
- Dental premium rates and corresponding contribution rates will decrease by 6.8%
- Vision premium rates and corresponding contribution rates do not change.
- Life and AD&D insurance premium rates and contributions decrease by 12.6% on a complete basis.

The projections are based on the assumptions and plan changes described in the report.

The City Council was pleased with the overall report.

**CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS**

Jennifer Thompson invited the city council and the general public to attend a Missouri Constitution Class at Oakton Church, 2183 Oak Street, Carthage, MO on Saturday, October 10, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The class is a review of the fundamentals of constitutional government.

Brian Evans spoke on the Police & Fire Prop B support by the city council. He also spoke in opposition to approving the Chamber of Commerce contract.

Nanda Nunnally-Sparks spoke in regard to the JACC statement by Toby Teeter, regarding diversity and inclusion. She asked for an additional 2 minutes of speaking time to complete her comments. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Lawson to allow the additional time. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, Copple, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Alyssa Adams spoke on comments made by some of the city council members regarding the Joplin Chamber of Commerce President Toby Teeter promoting a diverse and inclusive chamber.

Steve Urie spoke in support of Toby Teeter and the Chamber of Commerce and the behavior of Council to Mr. Teeter. Mr. Urie asked for an additional minute to finish his comments. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Copple to allow the additional time. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, Copple, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Donald Clarke spoke on comments on recent Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce efforts to raise the profile of Joplin, nationally and internationally, as an attractive place for corporations to locate new campuses and remote workers.

Nike Jackson addressed Council regarding their decision to separate from the Chamber of Commerce. She is in support of the JACC diversity and inclusion statement.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer

Public Hearing for Council Bill No. 2020-272

Mayor Stanley opened the Public Hearing

Clifford Wert spoke in favor on behalf of Harry Cornell Arts & Entertainment Complex.

No one appeared in opposition of this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-272

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2020-272 - an ordinance providing to vacate an alley right-of-way and all accompanying utility easements lying North of W. 8<sup>th</sup> St. and South of W. 7<sup>th</sup> St. located on property at the Southwest corner of S. Joplin Ave. and W. 7<sup>th</sup> St. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Dr. Reid Adams to pass Council Bill No. 2020-272 on First Reading and advance to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was read as **Council Bill No.2020-272**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Lawson to approve the Consent Agenda.

Minutes of the Sept. 21, 2020 City Council meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-007 - an ordinance repealing Chapter 114, Traffic, Article II, Administration and Enforcement, Division 2, Traffic Violations Bureau. **Ordinance No. 2020-144**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-162 - an ordinance authorizing the City of Joplin, Missouri, to enter into an Agreement with Wildwood Ranch, L.L.C., a Missouri Limited Liability Company, for the purpose of providing sanitary sewer service; and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute said Agreement by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Ordinance No. **2020-145**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-164 - an ordinance approving a Work Authorization OLS-OC20-09 with Olsson in the not to exceed amount of One Hundred Eight Thousand Six Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$108,600.00) for professional engineering consulting services for intersection improvements at 4th and Murphy Blvd; and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. **Ordinance No. 2020-146**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-165 - an ordinance approving a construction agreement with Jeff Asbell Excavating and Trucking in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty-six Thousand, Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$256,500.00) for the 20th & Malang Lift Station Improvement project; and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. **Ordinance No. 2020-147**

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-166 - an ordinance approving a construction agreement with G&G Construction in the not to exceed amount of Two Hundred Thirteen Thousand, Nine Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$213,900.00) for the 44th and Virginia Lift Station Improvement project; and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. **Ordinance No. 2020 148**

**RESOLUTIONS****ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY****ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**COUNCIL BILL NO. 2020-008

Mr. Copple introduced Council Bill No. 2020-008 - an ordinance amending Chapter 30, Businesses, Article III, Licenses, Division 6, Hotels, Motels and Tourist Courts, Subdivision II, Convention and Visitors Advisory Board by repealing Section 30-271, Established;

membership; term of members; officers and enacting a new Section 30-271, Established; membership; terms of members; officers. Motion by Mr. Copple, second by Ms. Williams to pass Council Bill No. 2020-008 on First Reading and advance to Second and Third Reading. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0. The Council Bill was read as **Council Bill No. 2020-008**

Mayor Stanley called for a recess at 7:39 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

## **ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

### **THIRD READING**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### Additional Requests to Address Council

At this time, the City Council heard from the following citizens:

Joshua Shackles spoke in support of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce.

Philip Butler spoke in support of the Chamber of Commerce and Toby Teeter comments.

Jamie Lindsey spoke in support of the JACC diversity and inclusion proclamation.

Mark Neuenschwander spoke in support of JACC and Toby Teeter.

Christy Jones spoke in support of efforts by the Chamber of Commerce to promote equality and fair treatment in Joplin.

Frank Thompson spoke in opposition to the City of Joplin contract with JACC and Toby Teeter being involved with our city's economic development.

Drew Kimble spoke on concerns about JACC and the seeds of uncertainty that are being planted in our community.

Abbie Covington spoke on the ineffectiveness of the economic development contract. Ms. Covington asked for an additional minute to complete her comments. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Cortez to allow the additional time. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Patsy Robinson spoke on the Chamber of Commerce issue regarding the JACC president's involvement about diversity in the community.

Eileen Donnelly spoke on the need for law and order for a civil society.

Ryan Jackson spoke on the potentially poor investment by the city to use the JACC for economic development purposes while Toby Teeter is employed there as the Chamber President.

##### Discussion of Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Budget Request

**Issue #1 – Chamber of Commerce Request: continue funding Economic Development services at a cost of \$195,000 (\$5,000 decrease); request to continue funding the MoKan Partnership at a cost of \$52,000.**

This item was tabled at the September 23, 2020 City Council budget work session.

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Copple, to remove this item from the table to allow discussion. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Lawson and seconded by Mr. Cortez to approve both requests under Issue #1. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, and Stinnett, 8. Nays: 0. Abstention: Williams, 1.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### News from the Public Information Office/Read by City Clerk Barbara Gollhofer

Congratulations to Council member Gary Shaw. He was recently named Citizen of the Year by the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce. Many of us know Mr. Shaw as a Council member for the past 18 years. He was elected to serve as Mayor from 2008 to 2010 and again from 2018 to 2020. Prior to serving on the City Council he was Chairman of several City boards, President of Main Street Joplin, President of Life Choice Ministries, Vice President of Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, and Treasurer of Joplin Area Ministerial Alliance, Mr. Shaw is a trustee, elder and staff member of Central Christian Center, where he has served, as executive administrator, for the past forty years. He and his wife and best friend Kathy have been married for more than 55 years. Again, congratulations Mr. Shaw – thank you for all you do to help make Joplin a great place to live, work and play!

Joplin Parks and Recreation is hosting a seasonally themed movie night at McClelland Park on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. The Movie at McClelland event will feature bonfires, yard games, and a showing of the 2019 hit “The Addams Family” on the Department’s giant inflatable screen. This event is being held in lieu of the Department’s annual Old-Fashioned Hayride. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Those interested may register by calling the Joplin Parks and Recreation office at 417-625-4750. Space is limited. Registered groups may bring blankets and chairs to sit in designated spaces that are appropriately distanced apart. Check-in will begin at 6:30 p.m. The movie, sponsored by Missouri Care, will start at dusk.

More information about these events can be found on our website at [joplinmo.org](http://joplinmo.org). Thank you.

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; and the hiring, firing, disciplining, or promotion of an employee or particular employees of a governmental body involving personal information, more specifically, for the purpose of evaluating certain Council employees; as set forth in Section 610.021(1) (3) RSMo, as amended, 2019. 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. Cortez, second by Mr. Monteleone to go into closed session. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley, Stinnett and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully,

  
Barbara J. Gollhofer, City Clerk