

JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
INFORMAL MEETING NOTES
AUGUST 5, 2019

Mayor Shaw called the August 5, 2019 Informal Meeting of the Joplin City Council to order at 5:15 p.m.

In attendance were Council Members: Taylor Brown, Melodee Colbert-Kean, Keenan Cortez, Doug Lawson, Anthony Monteleone, Diane Reid Adams, Mayor Gary Shaw, and Phil Stinnett. Also, in attendance were Interim City Manager Dan Pekarek and Assistant City Attorney Jordan Paul. Absent: Ryan Stanley.

Parks and Recreation Department Annual Report

Parks and Recreation Director Paul Bloomberg presented the 2018 annual report for his department.

Director Bloomberg stated the Joplin Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for the City's recreational programs and maintains 24 City-owned parks and greenspaces. Other facilities include Memorial Hall, 3 aquatic centers, 4 cemeteries, Joe Becker Stadium, the Joplin Athletic Complex, and Schifferdecker Golf Course. The Department is responsible for over 1,000 acres of park land, including walking, hiking and biking trails. Participation in most of the recreation programs continues to increase. 2019 numbers are expected to surpass 2018.

Director Bloomberg stated he has a great staff and he believes the Joplin Parks and Recreation Department provides quality parks, services, and programs to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Joplin and surrounding communities.

The city council thanked Director Bloomberg for his report and commented on the beautiful design of the report. Paul credited Carla Bond, Business Development Director for Parks & Rec, for producing the report, in-house.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Barbara Gollhofer, City Clerk