

JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL  
INFORMAL MEETING NOTES  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

Mayor Shaw called the September 3, 2019 Informal Meeting of the Joplin City Council to order at 5:15 p.m.

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

**Introduction of new Library Director Jeana Gockley/Library Update**

Ms. Gockley stated she has been the Joplin Public Library Director for 8 weeks and is enjoying the position and learning a lot. Her previous Library experience included working for the Joplin Public Library as the Children's Librarian for 12 ½ years. In 2016, she became the Library Director for McDonald County. Following that and immediately prior to becoming the Joplin Library Director, she was a Branch Manager for Springfield Greene County Library. Each of those experiences will greatly benefit her new position and Library Director.

Director Gockley stated she likes the slogan that was created when the new library was being designed and built: "Make Joplin at the Center of it All" because she thinks it fits well with all they're trying to achieve.

Her top priorities as Director are working on the 2019-2020 budget; developing a new Strategic Plan and striving to make the library a larger part of the businesses community by working with the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce to bring the Kaufman Foundation's 1 Million Cups program to Joplin. This program is for local entrepreneurs to network with each other over coffee. The free sessions typically last 1-2 hours and are designed to give entrepreneurs feedback about what they can improve.

Other services the Library provides are meeting room spaces; faxing, copying and printing services; data bases for things such as market research; and a genealogy department.

The Library will have the largest mobile World War I museum during the week of September 8. The museum will open for visitors on Sunday, September 8 and will remain open until Friday, September 13; with a closing reception scheduled from 6 to 7:30 pm on Thursday, September 12. All ages are encouraged to attend this memorable and moving experience in the library's Community Room, during regularly scheduled library hours.

Any other business

Mr. Cortez asked for an update on the city manager search. Mayor Shaw stated the advertisement brochure went out nationwide a couple of weeks ago and the City will accept applications through September 20. At that time, the search firm will provide a list of applicants for the Council's review and proceed with interviews after that.

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Barbara Gollhofer, City Clerk