

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
INFORMAL MEETING NOTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

Mayor Lawson called the February 21, 2023, Joplin City Council informal meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

In attendance were Council Members: Charles Copple, Keenan Cortez, Josh DeTar, Mark Farnham, Doug Lawson, Gary Shaw, Phil Stinnett, and Christina Williams. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

Absent: Kate Spencer

Park Ranger Introductions

Paul Bloomberg, Director of Parks and Recreation introduced Akela Landrum and Ethan Yates.

Sales and Use Tax Update

Leslie Haase, Finance Director presented.

We have received February Sales and Use Tax which is really for December. February 2022 was the largest month we've ever had in collections. Up .3%, so essentially the same as 2022. For four months of the fiscal year, we were up almost 4.5%. For Use Tax, February represents a full year now, we have a year's worth of collections. This was not our largest month. Our largest month was August which was really for June's sales. It was a good month, our second largest month. We projected that we would collect \$3.7 million over a year, and we collected \$4.3 million. First year of Use Tax has gone very well and I expect it to grow from here.

Downtown Joplin Alliance Quarterly Update

Lori Haun, Chad Bruckner, Luke Gibson, Anthony Monteleone from Downtown Joplin Alliance presented.

Boards and Commissions Appointments

Mr. Stinnett nominated Lisa Stewart for ADA.

Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, and Stinnett, and Williams 8. Nays: 0 Absent: Spencer, 1.

Mr. Copple nominated Michael King for Airport Board.

Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, and Stinnett, and Williams 8. Nays: 0 Absent: Spencer, 1.

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Mr. Stinnett nominated Jina Scott for CVB.

Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, and Stinnett, and Williams 8. Nays: 0 Absent: Spencer, 1.

Mr. Copple nominated Allison Riechman Bennett for Joplin Historical & Mineral Museum

Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, and Stinnett, and Williams 8. Nays: 0 Absent: Spencer, 1.

Mr. Copple nominated Victor Sly for the JRC.

Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, and Stinnett, and Williams 8. Nays: 0 Absent: Spencer, 1.

Mr. Copple nominated Jim West for the TIF

Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, and Stinnett, and Williams 8. Nays: 0 Absent: Spencer, 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Holly Nagy, MRCC, City Clerk