

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL  
INFORMAL MEETING NOTES  
MARCH 20, 2023**

Mayor Lawson called the March 20, 2023, Joplin City Council informal meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Kate Spencer

**Sales and Use Tax Update**

Leslie Haase, Finance Director presented.

We have our March Sales Tax which is 5 months into our fiscal year. You can see March was another good month for us compared to March 2022. We are up just over 6.5% for the month, for the year we are up 4.84%

On the Use Tax side, we've collected 13 months so overall you can see we collected \$4.7 million. We are not at the point where we can do month by month comparison yet because January, well March of 2022 was our first month and it was very small. March and April were very small months. In a couple months we will be able to look at month to month comparisons. Last month was our second biggest month for the year. This was our third biggest month; I think there were some holiday sales included in this.

**Hiring Update**

Michelle Ducre, Human Resources Director presented.

2022:

Vacant- 16% 97 positions. Filled - 84% 481 positions.

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2023:

Vacant - 11.65% 70 positions. Filled – 88.35% 531 positions.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Holly Nagy, MRCC, City Clerk