

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL  
INFORMAL MEETING NOTES  
APRIL 17, 2023**

Mayor Lawson called the April 17, 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, Kate Spencer, Phil Stinnett, and Christina Williams. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

**Sales and Use Tax Update**

AJ Whistler, Asst. Director of Finance presented.

This is sales tax we collected in the month of April. It would've been for sales tax remitted and collected for February of this year. Sales tax in comparison to the same month in 2022, was down approximately 1.5 %. We anticipated that sales tax could drop in this particular month because this same month in the previous year there was an increase that particular month a year ago. When reviewing the year-to-date sales tax that has been received so far for the year compared to last year, we are currently up still 3.7% so far that we have collected this year.

When reviewing the second quarter sales tax for our categories of our top 100 businesses and looking at the year to date several of our top categories within line of our previous year. We do have some categories that are outperforming including our discount stores, construction, and home improvement stores and restaurants.

For the month of April that was remitted in February we collected \$394,395. We believe that starting with next month that will be a good comparison that we will be able to start doing year to year comparisons. The use tax we started collecting in January 2022 first couple months that we started collecting the use tax dollars it was a little slow starting in that third month, which will be next month, is when things started to level out. We believe that next month we will start to be able to compare apples to apples and see how those collections are being compared on a year-to-year basis.

**RAVENii Update**

Taylor Lavette, from RAVENii presented.

**Joplin Sports Authority Quarterly Update**

Jared Bruggeman, Director of JSA presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Holly Nagy, MRCC, City Clerk