

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
INFORMAL MEETING NOTES
MAY 15, 2023**

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

In attendance were Council Members: Charles Cople, 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

Leslie Haase, Finance Director presented.

May of 2023 over May of 2022 were up almost 2%, so for the year we are up almost 3.5%. So, we are just a little over 6 months through the year, 7 months. We are doing fairly well on sales tax. On use tax you can see this was kind of an average month for us. We collected \$340,376 for 2023 we've collected over \$2.8 million almost \$2.9 million. In total we've collected \$5.5 million.

We will be able to start doing month to month comparisons going forward on use tax. There was a question last month about the manufacturing exemption. There is a two-month lag on sales tax. We are starting to track that, also those purchases are sporadic. They don't necessarily happen every month. We are going to start tracking that and I will report that as I can going forward.

Murphysburg Signage

Historic Murphysburg Preservation, Inc, presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Holly Nagy, MRCC, City Clerk