

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

Mayor Lawson called the June 20, 2023, Joplin City Council informal meeting to order at 5:30 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

Sales and Use Tax Update

Leslie Haase, Finance Director presented.

Starting off with June results. Another really good month if you look at June of 2023 compared to June of 2022 we're up 9.8% so for the year we are up 4.8% if you recall June would represent sales from April. Another good month in our community. The State changed the law and exempted a new category of manufacturing equipment and some other items that go along with that. Mr. Copple asked for an update on what that looks like, the impact of that. You can see by month for 2021, 2022 compared to 2023, remember the time lag, it went into effect in January so we wouldn't really see that until March. You can see that March and April were not really much money. That's the impact of this new exemption and will continue going forward.

Had a good month for use tax. We're finally at the point where we can start comparing month to month. So, June of 2022 to June of 2023 were up 12.5%. I think we will be able to show you that going forward. You can see that for 2022 which was not a full year we collected \$2.6 million so far we've collected \$3.2 million.

Downtown Joplin Alliance Quarterly Update

Lori Haun, Executive Director and Lindsay Gagnon, Market Director presented.

Schifferdecker Golf Course Cart Paths

Dan Johnson, Public Works Director presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Holly Nagy, City Clerk, MRCC