JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
INFORMAL MEETING NOTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2024

Mayor Lawson called the February 20, 2024, 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, Gary Shaw, Doug Lawson, Anthony Monteleone, 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.

Presenting February sales tax which represents December sales. We are up 3.9% and 2.8% for the year. Essentially, we are keeping up with inflation.

Use Tax – It was a good month for use tax. One of our largest months you can see we are up almost 31%, for the year we are up 29%. So, the use tax continues to grow, I do believe we are seeing the full impact of Wayfair at this point meaning that rather than collecting use tax from businesses that have a presence in Missouri, we are now collecting use tax from businesses across the United States.

Marijuana Tax- Just about as even with January as can be. So, it seems like this will be our collections for the time being, if we stay at this level every month it will be more than we projected.

Parkwood Tournaments Update

Mike Greninger, Managing Member presented.

Banner Program

Tony Robyn, Assistant City Manager presented.

Downtown Trees Streetscape Update

This item was moved to New Business during the formal meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Holly Nagy, City Clerk