**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL**
**INFORMAL MEETING NOTES**
**MARCH 2, 2026**

Mayor Cortez called the March 2, 2026, Joplin City Council informal meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

In attendance were Council Members: Joshua Bard, Doris Carlin, Mark Farnham, Keenan Cortez, Charles Copple, Josh DeTar, Ryan Jackson, Doug Lawson and Gary Shaw. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

**Boards and Commissions Appointments**

Airport Board: Mr. DeTar nominated Michelle Steverson. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 9.

Capital Improvement Public Safety: Mr. DeTar nominated Jon Thomas Buck. Nomination passed. Voting in favor Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, 7. Nays: Lawson and Shaw. 2.

Capital Improvement Public Safety: Mr. Bard nominated Bobbie Sapp. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 9.

Joplin Historical & Mineral Museum: Mr. Bard nominated Diane Reid Adams. Mr. Jackson nominated Chris Powell.

The majority voted for Diane Reid Adams.

Library Board: Mr. DeTar nominated Mikh Gunderman. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 9.

Traffic Commission: Mr. Jackson nominated Justin Maskus. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 9.

Traffic Commission: Ms. Carlin nominated Cindy McDonald. Voting in favor were Council Members: Bard, Carlin, Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Jackson, Lawson and Shaw. 9.

**Fire Department Update**

Gerald Ezell, Fire Chief, presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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City Clerk