JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
INFORMAL MEETING NOTES
JUNE 17, 2024

Mayor Cortez called the June 17, 2024, Joplin City Council informal meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

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

Absent: Josh DeTar

Sales and Use Tax Update
Leslie Haase, Finance Director presented.

Use Tax is up for the month almost 68%. So, for the year we are up almost 38%, use tax continues to come in very strong. You can see for the year we are just shy of $4.5 million.

Marijuana had an ok month. Back to what we saw at the beginning of collections. $48,630, we budgeted $300,000 but we have already exceeded that at $405,000.

Downtown Joplin Alliance Quarterly Update
Lori Haun, from Downtown Joplin Alliance presented.

Boards and Commissions Appointments
Mr. Jackson suggested waiting for additional applications from city residents for the Airport Board, and the Council agreed.

Ms. Carlin nominated Michelle Cramer and Doris Lewis for Board of Health.

Mr. Jackson nominated Kristine Gastafson for the Housing Authority.

Mr. Copple nominated Darius Adams for Joplin Sports Authority.

Mr. Bard nominated Mickel Clark for Joplin Sports Authority.

Mr. Copple nominated Heather Vanotterloo for the Library Board.

Mr. Jackson nominated Veda Boyd Jones for Library Board.

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Mr. Copple nominated Mica Henry for the Library Board.
The majority of Council chose Veda Boyd Jones for Library Board.

Josh Bard nominated Andrew Reynolds for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Discussion ensued; Mr. Reynolds is not a city resident. Ms. Carlin nominated Michael Gilpin to fill the Parks and Recreation position.

Mr. Shaw nominated Frank Buchanan for the Personnel Board.

Mr. Jackson nominated Natasha Klue-Michael for the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Mr. Bard nominated Gary Spruce for the Planning & Zoning Commission.

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

Holly Nagy
City Clerk