JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
INFORMAL MEETING NOTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2021

Mayor Stanley called the November 15, 2021 Joplin City Council informal meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

In attendance were Council Members: Charles Copple, Keenan Cortez, Diane Reid Adams, Gary Shaw, Mayor Ryan Stanley, Phil Stinnett, and Christina Williams. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and Assistant City Attorney Jordan Paul. Absent: Doug Lawson, Anthony Monteleone.

Sales Tax Update

Finance Director Leslie Haase reported the November sales tax were up almost 9% compared to the same time period last year. Reports indicate that sales and sales tax will come back down to normal as we shift from a nation that started buying a lot of goods instead of services during the pandemic.

Healthy Joplin Presentation

Mike Sanders, member of the Healthy Joplin team, explained the purpose of Healthy Joplin and introduced other team leaders. Healthy Joplin is a collaborative effort of local health agencies, individuals, and businesses who are passionate about improving the well-being of our community. Their desire is to eliminate health obstacles and create an environment where everyone has the right to a healthy well-being and access to a healthy lifestyle through impactful initiatives. The initiatives include activities such as: walking/running/biking/swimming/skating/playing; workplace wellness, and healthy kids. To help increase awareness for improving health, Healthy Joplin would like the Council's support and approval for Healthy Joplin affiliates to stencil hashtags on trails and walkways that reflect different types of activities such as #WalkJoplin, #RunJoplin, etc.

Discussion followed the presentation. After the discussion, the consensus of the council was to approve the project, but they would like a follow-up report regarding details and clarification on where the stencils will be located and what type of material will be used for the stencils before the project actually begins.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Barbara Gollhofer, MPCC, City Clerk