JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
INFORMAL MEETING NOTES
DECEMBER 18, 2023

Mayor Lawson called the December 18, 2023, Joplin City Council informal meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

In attendance were Council Members: Charles Copple, Keenan Cortez, Josh DeTar, Mark Farnham, Doug Lawson, Anthony Monteleone, Gary Shaw, Phil Stinnett, and Christina Williams. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

Chief Pearson Introduction

Chief Pearson introduced himself to Council.

Sales & Use Tax Update

Leslie Haase, Finance Director presented.

This is for December sales, use and marijuana tax for the first time.

Good news, this actually represents sales from October. We're up 2.85% for the month, so essentially we will be flat for the year. As far as, now that we have our two months for fiscal year 2023 we will accrue these two months back to 2023 and we budgeted in the 1% sales tax. $17,442,000. Our actual will be $17,410,000, so I think we hit it about as close as we could.

We will move to use tax. Use tax for December was a really good month again, up 40% that may be some timing from last month, because it was down. For the first two months of the year we are up almost 17% so use tax continues to grow.

Marijuana – this was our first month receiving marijuana tax, not all of the cities across Missouri that passed this tax actually saw any collections, it would depend on whether the businesses in their communities are monthly remitters, quarterly remitters so we did receive our first payment of $45,819. I really don't know at this point in time if this will be what we can expect month in month out, if it is, annualized that would be $550,000, but time will tell and we will see over the next couple of months how this comes in.

Downtown Joplin Alliance Quarterly Report

Lori Haun, from Downtown Joplin Alliance presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Holly Nagy, City Clerk, MRCC