JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
INFORMAL MEETING NOTES
DECEMBER 19, 2022

Mayor Lawson called the December 19, 2022, 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, Gary Shaw, Phil Stinnett, Kate Spencer, and Christina Williams. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and Assistant City Attorney Jordan Paul.

Sales and Use Tax Update

Leslie Haase, Finance Director presented.

We have December sales tax which represents sales from October. You can see for the month we are up about 3.25% so for the first two months of the fiscal year we are up just over 6%. Christmas sales will hit over the next two months. If you look at January of 2022 that was a very large month for us, but also February was the biggest month we've ever had. I will be surprised if our sales tax collections reach those levels. But we will wait and see.

Use tax for December almost mirrored November's collections so in total $424,027. For the first 10 months we've collected this, we're at $3,485,130 so if you recall we anticipated, we projected that we would collect $3.7 million. I believe with next months collections so 11 months in, we will hit that $3.7 million. I think we were pretty close on our estimate, maybe even a little conservative.

Parkwood Contract Update

Bobby Landis and Mike Greninger presented an update.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Holly Nagy, MRCC, City Clerk