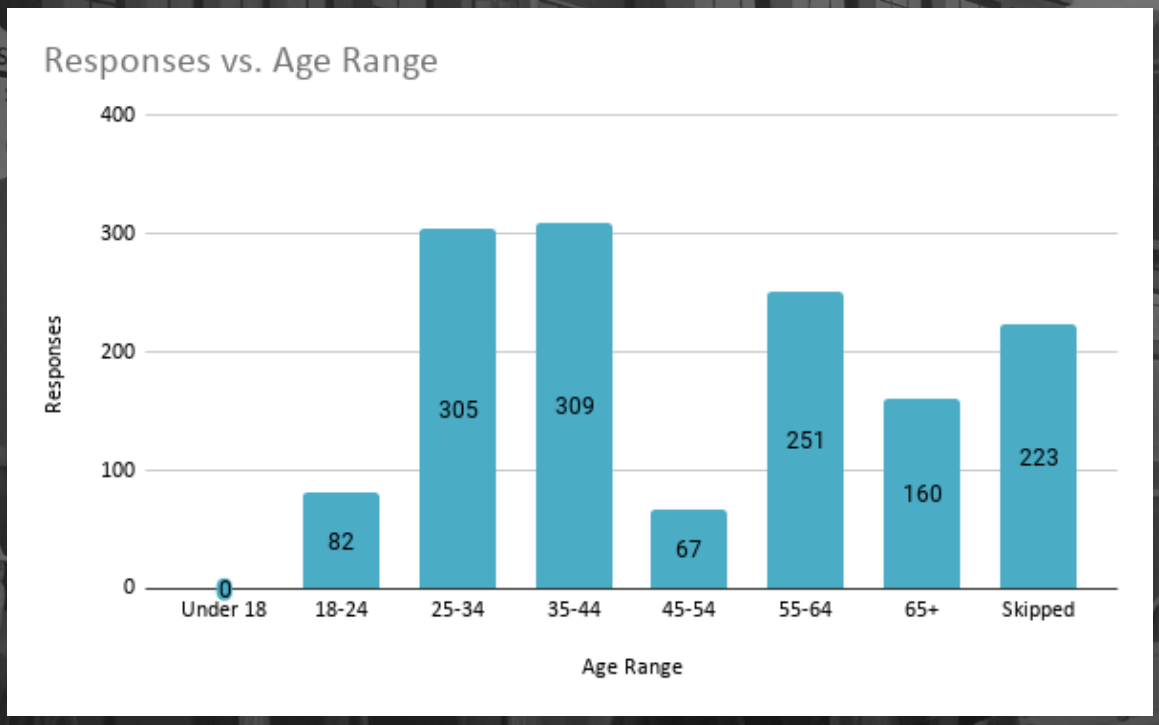
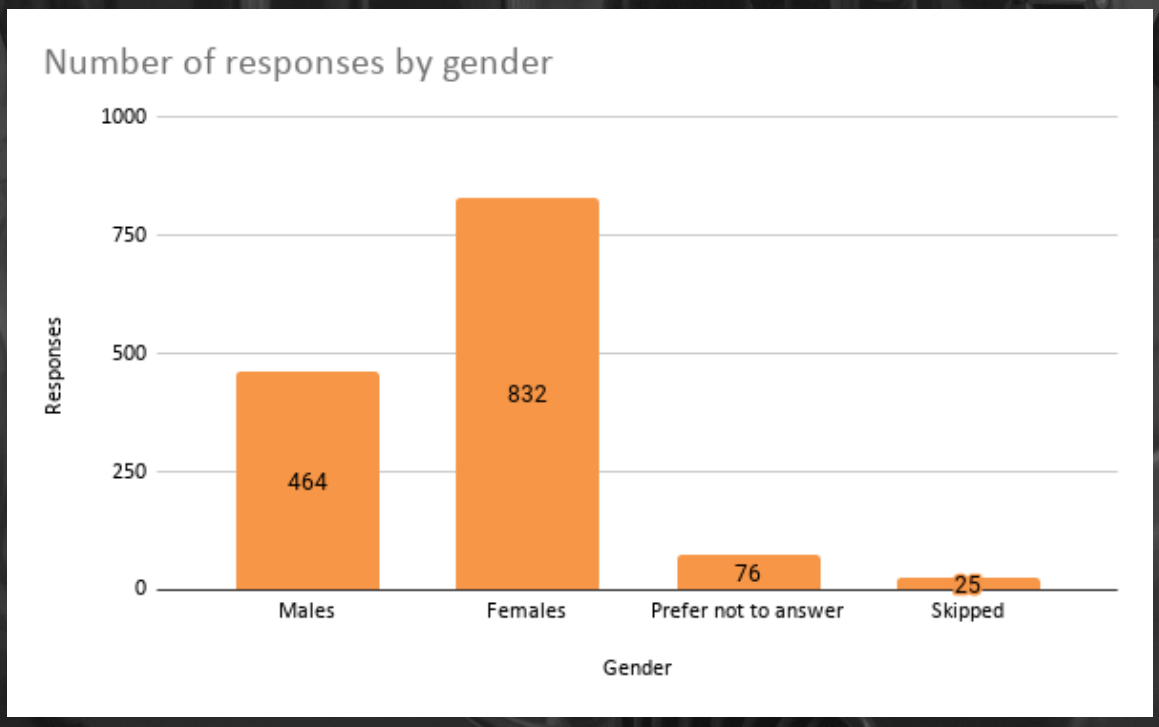
APPENDIX


Responses vs. Age Range
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Under 18
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25-34
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65+
Skipped
Age Range


Number of responses by gender
1000
750
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Responses
464
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76
25
Males
Females
Prefer not to answer
Skipped
Gender

"What makes Joplin Special?" | Raw Survey Data

friendly people / really cool local businesses
Our location along Rt 66, the historical neighborhoods, and retail center for surrounding rural areas.
People are friendly. The weather is great
Strength of community and support
It is a mix of rural and large town culture.
Location and History
I grew up here, left after high school and returned 2001. It seems like the town I left in 1965.....comfortable
It has the potential to be a really nice area with a small town feel
The people.
I love the small town atmosphere I get here, even for a town of 50,000.
The sense of community and peaceful atmosphere.
History. But it's stuck there a bit.
It's local businesses such as Forest & Field, the Greenhouse Coffee Shop, & its trails for hiking,running, biking.
Little places like Pineapple bliss!
I haven't been here long enough, or truly been able to get out and know the community because of not only the pandemic, but the unwillingness to adapt a mask mandate / health protocols that would allow for a return to a "new-normal"
Cost of living is great.
Cute small town
Small businesses and kind people!
Small town feel
The nature, people, and small town feel.
It is at a special geographical location being so close to neighboring states.
Cheap to live here and has all the basics someone would need.
The people and the sense of community
Community and very open environment even during pandemic
The people and their kind values.
Small town feel with all the needed amenities
I enjoy the small town feel
Unsure
The trees
Parks and healthcare availability are wonderful. But with such a large healthcare system/facilities in the area, the lack of focus on public health initiatives for the city is unacceptable
Joplin is special because everything here is brand now and easy to access on Rangeline or Main St.
Its quirky and eclectic businesses and architecture
Easy access to everything
Local restaurants and parks
small town feel
The people here are so open and kind and the shared trauma of the tornado has brought a lot of people together.
Honestly not much.... there's not much to do in joplin
The hospitality of the people in the community
I love that everyone here is so supportive of our school. Whether it's neighbors who bake for us or RD at Goodyear in 7th street taking care of my car for me, I know I'm well-looked after even when I'm so far from home and short on time. Shout out to Jason and MWB and Hope City Church for taking care of me, too. I LOVE that I can lean on the members of the Joplin community, and so does my family.
Nature, trails, etc
Not a whole lot
It's central location as a hub for the 4 states area.
The people! Everyone is so welcoming and really wants to be there for their neighbors.
Small town ness
Small town feel
Big town with a small town feel
It's nice
Not too big and still has that hometown feel.
Hometown
Nothing
Route 66, History, our size but with all the amenities, mix of all industries
Close knit, grew up together, our history together
A good special is the sincerity of the people. A negative special is the political story of the city.
"Small town feel with amenities of a big city"
What makes Joplin a special place is the people that call it home, the people here are some of the best in the world. The potential of Joplin is as big as we want it to be but yet it seems that it will always have that down home welcoming feel to residents and tourists.
In the last 10 years Joplin has seen much growth and change and is primed for growth. Under great Chamber leadership and the combined cost of living and friendly atmosphere of the city, this should be a place where businesses want establish themselves and grow.
all the citizines and managers and the police dept
Its community
Nothing. Wasteful Spending by the city
Unique and quaint original small family owned business shops and stores selling unique one of a kind or vintage or quality used products also Rt. 66
The locally owned businesses
"Admittingly, I am not from Joplin. I am from outside of Kansas City. Out of everywhere I've lived in the Midwest (Minnesota, Illinois, and a few places in Missouri), Joplin, by far, has the most churches, chain restaurants, and drama filled residents than anywhere else I've been. I am here now due to employment.
I attended MSSU because, frankly, it was cheap. I had full-tuition scholarships at several private schools, but the price of room/board was extravagant, and I could come to MSSU for less cost. Until I applied at MSSU, I had never heard of Joplin, besides seeing it on a road sign. As college students, there was nothing for us to do here. We would go to Pittsburg or Springfield for entertainment and shopping purposes. Most of us who lived in the dorms left Joplin post-graduation with no plans to return.

I moved away for nearly 10 years and returned due to my husband's employment and the location being closer to family than where we were previously. We choose Joplin out of necessity and both my spouse and I are discouraged by the mainstream dialogue and mindset by the residents. There is so much potential, but the common theme is it seems to be ran off by the vocal majority. The "old money" seem to be dictating where the City is moving, and frustratingly, it seems to be in the past. "
Small town feel while providing services, jobs, medical care, shopping, food ect. for a sizable surrounding area
"Her people. The way we worked together after the tornado. We still have hope and optimism that we can be more & do more.

A community that has a little bit of everything, from shopping to healthcare to entertainment to culture."
It's still a progress in works. Still developing. Still open to good ideas. The citizens are tougher then nails after 2011. Law and Order.
"It's overzealous police that pray on the poor, innocent, and anyone who DARES be out past sundown, when the accost anyone walking the streets.

Its complete lack of thought by city planners except how to funnel the public money into the pockets of their friends.

And its devotion to minimizing, and compartmentalizing black communities.

Mostly, though, I gotta say it's how little our city cares about proven science and the advice of medical professionals about covid. You endanger us all so that you can run by Starbucks on the way to work.

You all sicken me"
Currently only its history. For instance, Joplin use to be called little Chicago, and had heavy tires to the mob.
It smell a bad
Most of the people.
The opportunity to give input. The uniqueness of being small but having opportunities to seem large.
THE KIND PEOPLE.
The people and small Midwestern feel
Small town atmosphere, but the people that live here have big hearts.
Nothing at the moment.
We are a small community but have a lot of resources available.
Small friendly town
History &Historic Buildings
"It's not too large but offers/offered many social and shopping options.

"People helping each other
The potential for New business.
Slow pace – easygoing lifestyle – nice people & great place to live
The employees make it special. Also that it is a hub city and not a destination city.
Small town feel.
It is my hometown.
Offers a small town feel yet has a lot to offer
"IT'S PEOPLE , OF COURSE

ALSO SHOPPING IS CONVENIENT AND WHATEVER YOU'RE INTO, IT'S HERE. BE IT CRAFTS, HOME REPAIR/REMODELING, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, THE ARTS, CLOTHES, OR EATING."
A lot of home-grown home-owned businesses; good size; close to several larger metro areas and states; pretty; people who know how to pull together in a crisis and build again and come back; good affordable university but welcoming faculty. Also, we went through the tornado, but it doesn't define us.
The notorious amount of meth heads.
Joplin has a unique location in the US. We're in the middle of it all and we have an opportunity to be a great city for people as they travel. You can see the ocean, the mountains, the deserts and many of the best US locations within a day's drive.
where I chose to raise my family. I like the history
The people
It is a hometown with city amenities
The location and massive population spike during the daytime and weekend.
The community support and the availability of goods and services. It is a safe place.
Joplin is the main retail/workforce hub of the area. The city needs to focus on what it does best. The town is not a tourist town. Their are larger cities that are closer to Joplin that will always win the tourist "battle"
The people. As we have seen and experienced after the tornado and other disasters, the citizens of Joplin are friendly, helpful and compassionate.
The kindness shown by the community
Schools, churches, hometown feel.
The size, you can get pretty much anywhere in town in 15 minutes.
The people. It's a great community that comes together when needed.
It's home. Small town feel
Medium sized city with small town feel, lower cost of living than other regions, variety of business (small, big box, etc) the list could go on
Sense of community, which was strengthened after surviving the tornado. Number of excellent colleges in this town. Low cost of living. The PEOPLE who live here.
It's home
the ability our community has to come together and support one another in stressful times.
Parks
The history and the people here.
I am not sure that Joplin is special to me.
Possibly the addition of the KC medical school. Definitely the services available for the disability community make this area special.
The running/ bike trails. The people willing to make daily sacrifices to serve our city
The people
Jobs, Reasonable cost of living, the strong community of citizens. Location to larger cities in the Midwest. Low crime rate.
Downtown, the community as a whole,.
Small businesses.
Joplin has many neighboring communities that travel into Joplin for food, shopping, and entertainment. Joplin has the unique opportunity to provide business for a much larger population that just the ~50,000 that live within the city limits.
The people
Low cost of living, lower crime rate but still a regional center with all the amenities
Mining history. Surrounding rural areas that comprise the greater Joplin region.
It's small town feel with bigger city advantages. It also provides many cultural, athletic and educational opportunities for people to enjoy
Having things to do. Bowling, golfing, parks, shops, etc.
The people, our perseverance, our community spirit. Look at all that is going wrong with the world. The protests, the riots, the anti-everyone but one group sentiment, being against the police. We don't experience that in Joplin. We are Joplin and we

are Joplin strong. We have a very unique community. There is not an area that isn't safe. In big cities if you make the wrong turn your life is in danger. That isn't Joplin. We accepting, tolerant, understand, and we all stick together when times get hard.
It is my hometown. It is also in the Ozarks, which I love.
A growing Medical and Educational influence provided by the two hospitals, MSSU, the Medical School, and the Dental school. create a magnet to draw professionals to the area. Also a growing artistic community supported by several agencies like Spiva, Connect to Culture, and the university.
The people in the community.
Small town feel with all basic amenities.
Nothing....too many regulations
The tornado.
Absolutely nothing
The only thing that makes Joplin really special is family lives here. Lived here most my life, 44 years of J-Town. The near by nature is about the only gem of Joplin. Bring back the Autobahn Society.
Before the mask mandate it was a great place to shop and hang out, not so much anymore.
Close community, great schools.
Small close nit community that supports a broad rural community as well
FRIENDLINESS, BUT NEED TO BRING MORE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNGER FAMILIES. NEED TO QUIT PUTTING THEM ON RANGELINE OR DOWN TOWN, SOUTH WEST AREA.
small town feel with big city accommodations
"I think our people make Joplin special. They are friendly and neighborly.

"Crossroads of America I-44/I-49 . Strong work force . Skilled labor . Two major hospitals . Four year university . Airport with capabilities of landing large aircraft.
The tight knit community of downtown business owners who value community and the arts!
The falls
The people and the pretty outdoors
The way the community comes together to help each other.
"the people supporting others

"Nothing really
a large health care hub for many surrounding rural areas which bring in revenue
location, industry, people are nice, cost of living is reasonable, access to medical facilities, Central US location. Joplin airport and close to two other regional airports. Spacious city layout. No traffic jams. Great parks that are well cared for. Forward looking Chamber of Commerce. Vibrant arts and culture community. Tolerance for diversity (for example I was impressed that the Pride Festival did not attract bigots). Friendly Police (I am white so cannot speak for my Black friends). Low violent crime rate. Good location if you are a remote worker on a good salary like me. very good hospitals. Borders of four states leading to vibrant cross-state traffic. Close to Crystal Bridges. Great to see Cornell Entertainment Complex. Spiva. Great open spaces. I could go on!
Nature, beauty.
Low cost of living
I like that we have a lot to offer, many parks and hiking trails, family friendly activities, cost of living is low, most people are kind, and I really like that we have many surrounding communities that are easy access too (CJ, WC, Oronogo). I like that we have farm lands and city restaraunts both within short driving distance.
Absolutely NOTHING
The small town feel with the conveniences of a larger metropolitan area.
Major city for many outline small communities.
How we band together in a crisis
it's history and old buildings
"Good place to raise a family

Being a Christian community"
The people of our community and the helping hands we have in it.
It has big city advantages but is a small community in attitudes and behaviors
The people who live and work here
It is a very welcoming city to people who visit or move here. The schools are exceptional. The parks are very good (including walking trails). Large entertainment venue needs improvement, but with the new performing arts center on the way...that should help a lot.
Smaller sized town with a lot of businesses. the small town feel with bigger city options for eating, shopping, dining, etc.
It's people
All the outdoor activities available.
Nothing lately
It's location and convenience and a reasonably diverse community and types of businesses
It's where we've lived as a married couple and raised our 3 children and 4 grandchildren for 45+ years! It's home!
There are things to do.
The community
the people. history preservation. artwork through out the city.
I think it's a special size and time for joplin to make a huge jump in growth. I believe good decisions will be vital.
Health Care employment opportunities, cost of living, draws from surrounding rural areas providing business opportunities, clean.
It is centrally located between several larger cities in all 4 states. It has always been home.
Has a smaller town feel but has several businesses to chose from.
Joplin is a pretty town with nice parks and walking trails. Our history is interesting.
Small town feel that provides big town opportunities.
Its a BIG "small town"
"The daytime Joplin population swells by about 4-5 times to approximately 240,000.

Population within 40 mile radius is around 400,000, making it Missouri's fourth largest metropolitan area.

Highways U.S 71 and Interstate 44 intersect.

Medical School and soon to come Dental School.

Two quality Hospitals

Talented and dedicated city workers (Police, Fire Dept, city workers, and city management, finance director)

Joplin School System"
The sense of community and the American small town pride that the people hold.
Having my church, job, friends, and family in Joplin.
Route 66 heritage
Smaller Town
Joplin has a number of resources for people in need. I have heard from clients I work with that have moved from somewhere else that Joplin has more resources than where they moved from.

"It's my HOME!

We are located in a beautiful part of the state.

We are large enough to be part of the small town feeling but we also have many educational advantages of larger cities, diverse cultural eating opportunities, excellent educational opportunities, shopping, nature.... There are many reasons. "
strong small community
The wonderful people
Cheaper Cost of Living
It is a place that is very affordable to live in on a modest salary and still have many things to do and places to go.
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Solid Down to earth. Good People
kind people
Joplin has people who care about their community and each other. We are geographically placed to take advantage of the culture and activities offered by nearby communities. Many parks and walking trails.
Great people. Good location.
The people, the parks, the walking trails makes Joplin special.
The amount of jobs in the area. Joplin is a great place for people who want to make money, and live in an area where you can save money. Living expense is cheap.
The community has an unusual natural inclination of togetherness. It just comes together.
Its people and their attitude towards their city.
Quiet safe feeling city
Unique location to surrounding communities with larger offerings.
It's location, simple drive to many other locations for fun activities.
Its size, proximity to bigger cities: Springfield, KC and Fayetteville
n/a
the people
it has about anything we need in shoping , medical care, services; all were close.
I used to think it was the kin ship that everyone shared, but now it really only is the tornado.
PERFECT PLACE FOR RETIREMENT YOU HAVE THE RURAL AREA AND THE CITY AREA NET
"it has fond memories for me, from my childhood

"
The amazing array of foodie adventures considering the population. Good down home folks. Greenery in every direction and proximity to so many interesting cities within 2.5 hours.
"We like the size which gives us a variety of shopping and eating choices and at the same time I can get anywhere in 15-20 minutes

its small town feel, with unique stores/shops/resturants.
Small community, good schools
I can't really say.
Small town feel with city amenities
It is a good size city with a small town feel. Not too big, not too small. Beautiful parks. Shoal Creek and the chert glades are one of a kind. Low cost of living. I came to college here and have never left after 25 + years!
Small town feel
"Neighborhoods, People, High School sports and Focus on Families to name just a few.

Cost of living and Crime rate are both very low!"
Conservative, judeo-christian values. Relatively low crime. Strong sense of community and can-do attitudes. Third Thursdays have been fun.
THE PEOPLE. I JUST MOVED HERE ABOUT 9 MONTHS AGO. I HAVE NEVER SEEN/MET SOME MANY WELCOMING PEOPLE.
I USE TO THINK IT WAS A PEACEFUL TOWN, NOT SO SURE NOW
Close knit community, beautiful parks, walking trails and historic buildings
the people
Small town charm
sitting in the corner of 4 states
People come together in time of need.
It's small town feel with some larger city resources
Variety, Education-MSSU, OCC, Crowder, public and private k-12 schools giving choices
Eating establishments, shopping.
Larger city attractions in a smaller town.
I own just about every book about Joplin that has been released over the past 20+ years. I love looking at the photos of downtown, the people, the stories. It is a great please to be and a good place to still get your kicks.
You have an interesting downtown but it needs to be revitalized - more businesses, and redo some of the run-down areas.
Good library
It's home to me. Born and raised. I used to think it was a great place to raise kids.
i really do not know
Smaller city, good shopping, lower cost of living, nice housing, location to lakes
NOTHING! THIS IS THE MOST BORING TOWN THAT I HAVE EVER LIVED IN. DOWNTOWN IS UGLY WITH SO MANY VACANT BUILDINGS AND THE RESIDENTIAL AREAS ARE DISCUSTING AROUND DOWNTOWN.
Small town feel and friendliness with bigger city amenities. Low cost of living. Railroad history. Recovery from 2011 Joplin Tornado. Proximity to nature with rivers and lakes.
Medical and Dental school in town!! Excellent health care available. Route 66 and automotive history/Americana.
It's a good central location to small towns outside of it that offers a variety of businesses for everyone in and around to enjoy.
friendliness
The people more than anything else.
smaller city, but things to do
The amount of small businesses thriving, the people look after one another.
Small town feel with big city amenities.
The community
The people and having a ton of entertainment
Our geographical location. That's about it right now. Our potential to be better is there, but is met with many barriers.
the wide variety of places to eat with our families
Not much
It's an interesting mix of small-town and city life.
Large enough to have options but small enough to have communication. Do miss the smaller, everyone knows everyone still.
Small town crime rate low but getting worse
History; route 66 and Center of America
Joplin has a lot to offer, great restaurants, motels, things to do, friendly people, a city with a small town attitude,
"Joplin is special due to having a good amount of business and people rebuild after the tornado. The city came together and helped those in need.

"
The way the community comes together when there is trouble.
Bigger city with hometown feel.
It is a relatively large community that feels small and relatively friendly. Joplin is definitely the HUB for many things.

The revitalization of downtown with local shops.
Location and universities
it has an interesting history
Small town feel, but need to increase different venues
Sense of community and appreciation for others. After the 2011 Tornado, you saw the power of Joplin people and it was amazing.
Our location
One thing that makes Joplin special is It's various parks and pools. Another thing that makes Joplin special is it has most all the retail shops and restaurants that larger cities have.
Big city with a small town feel.
Joplin has a lot of modern amenities, and the Midwestern town charm
I am not from Joplin but my siblings did grow up here. I think what makes Joplin special is that it has a small town feel with big city amenities. Also, as a black man I have always felt safe in the city no matter the event or the interaction.
Most of it's citizens are caring, loving people who want to help other
I love the small town feel but big town benefits
Small town feel with big town attractions and shopping.
A long history of families-multiple generations-that have lived here or close to this area. It's small enough to still have somewhat of a small hometown feel, but large enough to have a variety of dining/entertainment options.
Size, people, and history.
Centrally located in the country
I grew up here and it is my hometown.
Even when I have lived somewhere else I come back to Joplin as my hometown.
I have lived here for several years and we used to have more free activities for the children to participate in. I know the city still offers activities but it would be great if they could be offered free activities again so that all children could be included. We now have the medical school.
PLACES TO SHOP
A sense of community.
The city I was borned in.
Sense of community it has.
A lot of people from other states comment on the hospitality of Joplin residents when coming in from out of town
The people. Mostly good. Mostly caring. Mostly with a moral compass. Mostly conservative views with a heart for people.
Watered Gardens is amazing. Also, the parks and trails, and places to eat.
How it's came back better than ever after the tornado; everything we need is right here and we rarely have to travel for any extra necessities; Chic-fil-a is top notch
nothing.
"Closest name brand department stores and restaurants to NEO area

The small local businesses - very diverse and creative.
The citizens
Location and mix of constituents
Culture
na
The sense of community and the closeness to nearby activities
It has a small town vibe
2 Major hospitals, major shopping hub
The people
Back in the day it was Joplin 66 Speedway and the different outdoor activities. Also, four seasons sports complex having large softball, basketball and baseball tourneys with team traveling from all over. No there really isn't anything special about Joplin!
The people and the town's history
The ineptitude and inefficiency of it's municipal government.
The "hometown" feel makes Joplin special. I never really feel afraid or scared in this town.
I feel there are opportunities for entrepreneurs here.
The people are warm and welcoming. I've lived in a lot of states and large cities and traveled overseas throughout my life. The people in Joplin are friendly! Cost of living is good compared to other regions of the country and this area is fairly safe, other than issues with drugs and human trafficing.
Nothing
It's the closest thing to an actual city with opportunities in the southwest corner of the state.
Hub for the United States, right in the intersection of I-44 and US71/249.
its the place of Bonnie and Clyde, and the 2011 Tornado.
It's home for 66+ years
It is easy to get around in and has everything you need.
Has a 'down home' feel in some areas. Location is good for low cost of living, yet within a day's drive of big city amenities.
Community, work ethic, economic potential (taxes, cost of living, etc)
the community support
The people - I remember coming to Joplin from SEK when I was a kid and teenager, and the people always seemed nicer and friendlier here than they did in my hometown.
The diverse people
Joplin feels like a small town but really isn't. It is close to a lot of other towns that have fun things to do (Tulsa, Springfield, NW Arkansas, Branson, lakes, camping).
I think we have a lot of people that truly care about our community and it's people and want to see our community grow and prosper.
The resilience and support of the community after the 2011 Tornado.
The people here
Big city vibe with small town feels
4 state area
It's people and the historic nature of the mining operations.
Great cost of living for young families
Community connection. Coming together for a need identified and offering a divers and robust employer and employment opportunities.
Basically its the central hub for the 4 state area
The togetherness
The people, everywhere you go the people are quick to be hospitable. It's a great little community that comes together in times of need.
It's people who are kind, willing to give directions to strangers and help each other when in need. It's location is great as it is close to lakes, and a day trip from some bigger cities.
We take pride in how our community looks, the safety of the citizens and those who visit daily and that all citizens voices are heard even when we can't support all.
The small town vibe.
The sense of community in some aspects.
Great community for recovery.
Diversity of people, financial class and views.
the citizens in the community take care of each other as if we are all family.
community togetherness
Small town atomsphere
Our United community
nothin
Nothing to be honest. We're just another small town on the map trying to survive.
It's a quiet place to live
Can't really think of anything besides it being my birth place and family living here.

small town atmosphere and low cost of living
Small town feel.
My family
It's small town feel.
I love the size of Joplin, it is big city living but small town feel, when you came from a small country town.
It is my hometown, it has historical buildings, it has an outstanding police and fire departments that are not recognized enough
friendly, great local restaurants
The restaurants
Location
People. Hands down. Genuine, hard working, strong values, full of grit, willing to help. We have our fair share of haters, but we have more than our fair share of incredible humans.
We are a community of people who come together as one, whether we face adversity or just have a mission to accomplish furthering our community. We are a resilient people who have no problem overlooking age, ethnic background, sex or religious preference when it comes to the value of a human life. We are not just friendly, we are neighborly.
When people ask why I live in Joplin, I tell them that it's a city that is just the right size. We have everything you need and even if we don't it's only a couple hours to a larger metropolis. It's small enough that you can make a difference. It's also right in the middle of the country to getting to either coast, it's only a couple hours flight. We have 4 distinct seasons, particularly beautiful spring and fall. We have a great downtown and cool history.
Nothing
IDK
Clean. Safe. Hometown feel.
When you listen to the people
Small town feel with more opportunities than a small town
its people.
All the small local businesses. Eagle drive, Turtleheads, Blackthorn, Whiskey dicks....Just to name a few. Also not being forced to wear a mask.
We are at the crossroads of several highways, which makes us perfect to gain tourism commerce. We have several colleges to choose from. We have 3 medical groups to choose from within minutes of each other. We have multiple dominations of churches to serve everyone.
The size, convenience, people and culture. We love the updated downtown areas, new restaurants, and shopping centers. I also like the new highway layout and connectivity to the four state area.
nothing
The people
Joplin is geographically unique in that it pulls from the surrounding areas–including other states. It has 2 large medical hospitals.
It has a strong historical imprint up until around the 1950's.
(Mostly) small town traffic with many of the resources of a larger city.
it is big enough to have a wide variety of businesses, but it is small enough to know people. It is also a great home to the arts and is progressive in establishing trails and recreational facilities.
The history and all the old buildings
Downtown
It used to be the unique food restaurants we had in town.
"A few things Joplin could capitalize on more:

- It's history and location along Route 66.

- Central location within the country. Could be more of a hub for shipping and warehouse for businesses like Amazon etc.

- Outdoor Amenities: Trails, rivers, lakes."

Location
Mining heritage. Climate seasonal change, and is yet not to extreme.Joplin straddles Midwest, south, west, Indian Territory.
Small town....with everything you need from big city
"Its the ""can do

"" attitude of the citiozens"
I don't really know what to put here. It used to be a quaint town.
its story of resilience
The small town feel we used to jabe
It used to be special when it respected freedom of choice and promoted unity instead of creating social media posts/videos pitting citizens against each other for politics
It's geographic location.
Nothing.
Low cost of living. Unique location 2 hours from cities or lakes and trails. Great golf courses, tennis courts and clubs. Great local eating places and chains. Just a great place to raise a family. Wonderful private schools so people have choices about their children's education. Churches. No drama here like the cities have right now.
"The Midwest mentality.

The many supportive organizations that make it easy to contribute to helping our neighbors."
Low crime.
The small businesses
I think they communicate very well via Facebook and are very transparent. I really appreciate all the hard work.
It's small town vibe
the people of the city and their work ethic
Joplin has a colorful history. It is a good size, and good location. Most of the people are still small town good people. Other than that, not much. Used to have a great nite life but that has been stomped out. Joplin like most others has become a follower dependant on outside consulting industry for every little decision.
Location near highways & interstate. Not so large that our traffic is terrible. Great place to raise kids.
Location, transportation, amenities for size, quality health care for size, HUB of regional area
Hard working people
Not sure anymore
It's stinky smell
Location, medical facilities, universities, cost of living, sports capital in the Midwest, trucking, acees to rail.
Clean air to breathe and safe water to use.
"1. Rebuild from tornado– while I was stationed at the Mercy tent hospital, I gave tours to OOT groups– everyone would remark how neighborhoods were already working when the teams would arrive

2. Strong churches who walk the talk out in the community

3. Community services are very extensive for this size of community

Conservative Values
How the community comes together to help each other out
My family all live here
Meth users
Tenacity. We never quite. It's an honor to be a Joplin resident. I've been here since I was three, I'm 55 now, and we always find a way. I.e. has anyone ever come together in a tragedy as well as us? No offense to others but we, Joplin, did it. I'm proud of us!

Joplin has a unique downtown with room to grow.
The demographics, rich mining history, hospitality
We have a vibrant, if perhaps small, coterie of people who believe that we can have nice things. And with a town the size of Joplin, small group can make a big difference.
The people. The local businesses.
nothing
The people. We've proven we can come together for the common good.
"our location. we serve a large rural population. ready access to transportation-I-44, trucking, air transportation.

extensive medical resources- hospitals, medical school, potential dental school.

educational- public, private, university schools of quality.

peaceful, safe community. many religious resources."
Small town feel
Location
It is a home town, that provides for 99% of what a big city has to offer. Good local food and easy to get around streets
"The fact that it is on the Intersection of two Interstates.

Beautiful metro downtown.
"Affordable safe fun places to go visit

Honestly I was born and raised here so to me the history is what makes it speacial
"Really not much

But it has been a good place to raise a family, been hear 20 years.

Probably the best thing as been the cost of living.

And good Midwest people. "
The people and how they work together to make the city a great place to live.
Sense of community, proximity to bigger cities, resilience
nothing
I have live no where else.But I like Joplin
My hometown
Simple people
It's my hometown
Small town feel but close to cities.
The people
Big town, small town feel.
restarants
It is generally a good town with good decent people.
The people are very friendly for the most part.
Small town feel!
It has all of the amenities of a big city, but still has a small town charm
The EF 5 tornado. And the community
Route 66
Quiet town
Honestly it has nothing that sets it apart from any city in the area of compatible size...
NW ark has art, culture, unique places to eat that are not franchises. Springfield has minor league baseball, a zoo, bass pro. Tulsa has the BOK center that brings in various concerts, minor league hockey, they have several festivals, farm shows, rv shows, gun shows... etc
Central location
cost of living is reasonable
Joplin is diverse. We have a lot to offer: colleges, med schools, 2 major hospitals, lots of local small businesses.
Community unity and diversity
Everything in close proximity
Great size, has a wonderful university in MSSU for its citizens, great restaurants, sports from youth to college, nice people
The capability to survive whatever kind of disaster hits.
The people who live here.
Potential
"Joplin is full of strong and determined folks. Joplin has a big heart.

Joplin has a lovely downtown and rich history. "
HyVee to Joplin please.
It's affordability and geographic location
Honestly, itbused to be the music and night life. All the way back to the sixties with a resurgence in the late 2010's, but it's all but dried up.
There is more things to do than in Neosho
Friendly people, traffic not bad, some great small businesses
Meth
It's my home
A small town
It used to be the nice people and how everyone came together in a time of crisis.
not very much.
There isn't really anything that stands out to me. Its sad...but very true.

We still have some pockets of nature in our town with the parks and tree planting
It is less expensive to live in Joplin when compared to other cities such as KC and St. Louis.
Crime "seems" to be lower per capital. Better weather than northern Missouri!
I've lived my whole life in Joplin, and have traveled around the world. It's not my favorite place.
People care about their community and each other.
Joplin is the epicenter of a pretty large area, which includes more than one state.
Great Schools in our area. Joplin has definitely made great progress since the tornado.
Nothing
The idiots running it
Natural beauty, friendly & diverse community, resilience
Joplin and surrounding areas came together to support one another after the tornado
The tight knit community feel
Simple, good town.
Masks
Small town feel
Downtown life and businesses.
Sadly, after nearly 8 years as a resident nothing immediately comes to mind. I value cultural and artistic events and opportunities ie theater, museums, etc, and find Joplin lacking these offerings. Jobs seem largely isolated to restaurant work, retail, and hospitals. Also as a person who is liberal and non-Christian it has also been difficult to build a sense of community. I do appreciate that there are multiple parks, the walking trail along Connecticut Ave, Wildcat Glades, and the library. All of these have offered opportunities for enjoyment for my and children and I. Though prior to the pandemic we made it a point to travel outside of the area for much of our fun and recreation. Particularly to KC, Tulsa, and OKC, and have been to most of the museums and zoos those places have to offer.
Variety of eating places
The cost of living, low compared to other places.
Small town feel
Proximity to better places
It's people. Cost of living. Close proximity to I-44 & 49. Community involvement.
It's a bigger town but it has a small town feel.
Crossroads of the nation
More retail compared to surrounding towns.

Unconstitutional mask ordinance
Honestly, I'm not sure anymore.
The community coming together in times of great need.
I was born here. And the people are typically nice to you in person. And it's very cheap.
Low crime rate, just enough of everything without the big city hassles. Though, a Hy Vee would be nice.
Cheaper living
The people of Joplin are resilient and brave.
The close communities within the city.
This is were I grew up.
The people are wonderful, and there's the art scene is really starting to grow. Joplin is also very affordable.
It's central location
Our low cost of living.
I think it used to be the feeling of community. But I don't think it feels that way now
Moved to the area last year for a new job. We noticed it has the big small town feel. Which makes it warming and relaxing. It has a decent retail district and resturant availability. But it's the small businesses that we loved. Lots of opportunities for us to shop and visit local.
It's history
Access to outdoors and art community.
Community
Nothing lately
History and Location
Progressive small town. Not very community friendly, there seems to be a big divide between the classes as to what people participate i different things across the city, and the news usually covers and announces events after the game happened.
In these times? Not much unfortunately.
Crossroad of nation
The people
Small businesses
That my family is here. Joplin itself had some progress to make to become special.
It's a surprising city. Compared to other areas in the country I lived in, Joplin is a welcoming warm place.
It's history, the location, and its community
I love that we have a downtown with fun things to do and we are surrounding by great walking and hiking areas on both ends of town.
The fact that we as citizens can walk around without wearing masks, and know for a fact JPD won't be doing anything about it since the Chief already said they don't have the man power to enforce this BS mandate.
People who care about the city and its future
The total disregard to anything good.
Joplin's location makes it special. We are in an excellent location for those traveling through as well as supporting surrounding areas with stores and restaurants not available in their area.
The downtown area. Joplin Empire market
Our downtown scene and people
Its history of striving together through good times and bad.
Resilience, determination, diversity
Not much
Has a strong ethics history. Conservative work ethics. Hard work pays off. Everyone helped during tornado. Did not sit back and wait for help.
The people
Small businesses
Joplin is special because of what we have been through as a town and how we at times will support each other.
It's home, I have many memories here and it's where I have returned to live. Roots and famkly
The people. We really came together with a sense of pride for our town after the tornado.
The People
It's not too big, not too small
Sense of community. And low cost of living.
Support for each other
It's home
Joplin is a great community. We need other grocery stores here to compete with Walmart.
Small town
Diverse population. Central to the United States. Good schools. Diverse economy.
Small town values
Big city diversity feel in a smaller town
For the most part people are kind, but as of lately people have been acting crazy.
It's size, people friendly (most of the time), shopping opportunities.
The incessant need for everyone to conform to the same backward standards and religion.
The people. How they come together to get things done.
Joplin is special because of the people. I love the parks, the falls, and Third Thursday which has been cancelled this year.
The people and it's location as the Gateway to them Ozarks. The city parks, Wildcat Glades and Grand Falls
The variety of restaurants
The community. We have great people in our community!
Our People
Its like family
Joplin has always been a law abiding citizen area who pay taxes for their leaders salaries bcs they "Listen " to the citizens. Joplin leaders have always considered the Majority rule in discussions of actions. Following the constitution and ensuring people have the freedom guaranteed to them. I love that about Joplin. They are for the people.
People are friendly and very resilient.
It is a strong city with visions, we came back stronger in the belief Joplin can be all it wants to be after 2011. The people are ready for changes of improvement You have the four states and inner states to draw from. The town has history and is still writing it. But it has no attraction to pull people in. Build it it they will come !!!
I feel like we don't have much that makes it special
The people
Central location
Easy to get around in.
It's home!
"It is both mine and my husbands hometown.

The people (not the city government). Self reliance is important to the residents, who don't like to be TOLD what to do. Governance will only succeed, with the permission of the governed.
We have great community.
Nothing
"We are an ideal size community, not too big, not too small.

We have a large number of churches with active congregations. Our school system is excellent. We have 2 universities. We have walking trails, biking trails, good parks. We have close access to many rivers, lakes, and outdoor activities."
Joplin has significant historical value as a mining town. Its geographical location is unique in that it is located along historical Route 66 and is at the edge of the Ozarks in close proximity to three bordering states.
The people. Location.
Friendliness
The crackheads
Nothing
It's location in the four state region

Shopping
The people are caring and helpful.
My family is here.
The homeless problem
Clean small town.
there isn't really anything 'special' about Joplin other than it is on I-44 trucking capital.
We do draw from several outlying areas as a shopping hub but the offerings are slim
Joplin is a community of strong-willed people many of whom experienced the tragedy of the Joplin tornado and had to come together to rebuild this town. We have a thriving manufacturing and trucking industry.
Location center of the 48 States. It's mining history. It's industrial base and work force talent.
The central location and multiple highways that run through to make us a hub.
It's people
the crack heads
Small town feel
The local restaurants, beautiful downtown, and that unifying strength of the close community.
Hometown
The amazing people!
I moved here only for employment. Joplin is a small town, but is the largest city in an hour and a half so it draws in many people from outside. It's geographic location and being "the only option" around is its primary driver of commerce.
The way the community comes together in a crisis.
Proximity to beautiful natural areas
The cost of living is low. The weather is almost perfect. It's a nice-sized city, not too big, not too small.
Not too large but still having excellent choices of services - except grocery stores.
Medical couldn't be better - excellent. No traffic problems, good roads.
Small enough to know everyone, big enough to have everything you need, close enough to everything else you want.
Leaving more sonics per capita than any other city in America.
Unique places like Joplin greenhouse, hubbas hideout, pineapple bliss. I like events too!
The very few old buildings that we have left, for one. This town has an acute vacuum problem when it comes to anything resembling historic preservation.
Survived a large tornado.

The location...
The people and the small town feel
The people. Although politically conservative, Joplinites have spoken out against racism and bigotry. They have supported each other in times of difficulty.
It's bigger than Pittsburg
Shopping for the 4 states
Small city feel with lots of different types of business
It's small land and population size: it's just big enough to have every amenity needed but small enough to give you a cozy feeling type of city. It's absolutely beautiful. Very little to know graffity and the city does a great job at keeping the streets clean.
"Great place to raise a family's

Very economical"
At one point, I would have said the people. Now, I would say the small town views, which sadly, is a double edged sword.
Being not republican controlled
Low cost of living
Friendly people.....a wonderful place to raise your children. A great sense of community since the 2011 tornado.
I don't have to travel very far to shop because Joplin has most of the stores I like to shop at.
Spirit of community
"I love the low cost of living compared to the high quality of life you can make here. That is harder for young families to realize.

I have put into the business community and love those relationships, but honestly without a business journal we really can't seem to get that community thriving in communication. The chamber under Tobi is doing the best job I've seen in a long time and I think that needs more support. "
The community
Just the right size city for raising a family.
Nothing
The people and community events. Joplin parks and third thursday
I can't think of anything
Meth and republicans
The abundance of trump and rebel flags and other racist memorabilia flown all over our city.
Nothing yet.
The Christian alliances.
Our resilience and ability to come together through tough times. (Unless we're talking about wearing masks during a pandemic)

Close Community
It's small but not too small. It has culture and a hometown feel at the same time.
The people
Its between 2 great city's KC and NWA we need to be just as great!
"The people who live here.

The people.
Small town feeling
Its toughness with heart
History
The people, the history, the small town aspect
The people and their resilience.
Joplin has history. The people come together for each other when needed.
I've lived here my whole life it's my home.
Yeek.... that's a tough one.
Small intimate town. Friendly people.
Nothing
Location alone
It is the only metro area in what we call the four states. It has Almost anything you need (except a nice grocery store) yet it is still very quaint.
The friendly people and small hometown atmosphere.
It's location
Its a home like no other
Small town feel with big town amenities
natural beauty
It's history and culture it was built on originally
Small town atmosphere
Friendly people
I used to think it was because of the people, but too much has changed.
How the people are caring during a tragedy.
And recover quick.
Not too much
The blend of Ozarks in the four state region.
Rural and urban development.
The people and the town itself! People are craving for different store
Joplin is an unique area with both rural and suburban areas.
Our dedication to making the city a better place
Not a whole lot
The people
It's people, it's strength and resilience. It is a great place to raise a family.
Not to big of a city. Easy to get around.
The people.
Variety
Downtown scene. It's beautiful
Good people.....

That it's a hub for all the surrounding cities
Neighborhood
The amazing people. The awesome array of Shopping and restaurants. Joplin is clean!
It's my home town and I want that feeling like I had years ago growing up. Safe, fun, happy place.
The coming together after the tornado The feel of community in times of need.
The strong community and the way people show their love for one another.
The right size of town. Excellent walking trails and parks.
Joplin takes pride in its public places. It has wonderful parks and most people are friendly and kind to each other.
the people
Community service
People
central location
The people
It was my Birthplace, my Wife's, and my 5 Children.
Freedom of expression and the liberty to make one's own decisions---that is, until this idiotic and unconstitutional mask mandate was shoved down the citizens' throats
"friendly, helpful responses you receive from people working in business and government

willingness to help neighbors"
Great hometown
nice safe town
Its people! We have the kind of people who will drive to your home after a devastating tornado and offer to take all injured to the nearest ambulance. Then, people will stop at your house and offer to help you salvage your belongings for weeks after. And then, they'll bring you lunches and dinners and cold water on hot days, all while you're still trying to find your photos and mementos. Joplin has the kind of people who, after your car accidentally hits a deer on the highway, will have at least three different cars stopping to check to see if you're alright. And the kind of people who, while sitting behind you at a stop light, won't honk at you if you're a few seconds slow to take off when it turns green. Whether you're highly educated, or not, you'll have no trouble making friends here. Joplin is a smiling and safe town. The kind of town where neighbors are invited to elementary school carnivals, whether their kids ever attended or not. And Joplin has big businesses and small - work for everyone. People in Joplin are the best!!
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"Joplin's size is the most important factor for me. It is small enough to be friendly, easily navigated, and yet it has many benefits of larger cities.

Also, I am getting tired of all the attention the downtown district receives. Someone should realize that the businesses in other parts of the city provide many more benefits and services that the downtown area ever has or will. The whole city should be recognized and promoted."
The people
People here are resilient and passionate about taking care of each other. Individuals can have a real impact on how the city is shaped by actively participating and investing in the community.
Tornado grit, culture of honesty
Restaurant diversity and it's safe
Affordability is a huge plus! Also, for a small city, there are a surprising number of things to do for shopping and recreation. There is also a growing arts community that is quite marketable if strongly supported. It is also a city with a strong community spirit with many volunteers and dedicated non-profit support.
can't think of a thing off the top of my thoughts and that right there, is a probem.
Right now, not much.
Community that comes together in a tragedy and major response when a crisis of family members.
The tenacity of the people
Economical, close to larger cities, friendly people, awesome police/fire/EMT, interesting history.
Grand falls. Friendly people. Trees. Good traffic flow. Mostly smart traffic lights.
Joplin is full of creative people who want to make this city a better and more beautiful place to live.
My family is here
Original Bars and Restaurants.
Certainly not the low water bridge on murphy in north joplin
People, art, schools, clubs, library
The people.
Good shopping, excellent library, parks, senior services
Friendly people, good stores to shop in.
The feel of a small town with the amenities of a larger city. Good people. Near enough to big cities for special events or special needs but far enough that one does not feel like we live in a metropolis (except for Rangeline).
Bigger city with small town vibe
Joplin has economic opportunities similar to Springfield or any city, while maintaining a town "vibe" that gives us a sense of a more close knit community.
Downtown
The size and the great community. The downtown is area is amazing!
The city has good history, a nice downtown, and has potential.
Our downtown community and our resilience.
Its people....very tight community most of the time... very divided on this mask issue...
The size of Joplin and the people.
Small town feel.
It's the only city in the surrounding area that has any serious dining or shopping options.
Small town feel. I have raised a family here and Joplin is big enough to have things to do, but small enough to feel connected.
The small-town friendliness with the attractions that come with most larger towns.
The people. For the most part we're welcoming friendly and inviting.
Only the accident of circumstance which led to its current status as a trucking, dining, and retail hub for a surprisingly large number of surrounding people.
Small town with larger city services; our service area size
History
Joplin is the epitome of alt-right extremism.
Independent-can do Spirit in the people
The people
It's location and cost of living
Main Street
Not you
The people and great places to work
The local businesses
Location and community
Low cost of living. Ability to travel to big city's easily to take part in large events.
Joplin has residents who were born and raised here and who's families have strong roots. They have an unwavering love for Joplin. If you truly seek to improve this area, utilizing these people are imperative.
Not much anymore
Like li ving here its a nice place to have kids
Joplin has a lot of capital for a city its size.

The investments in education and technology prime Joplin for future growth.
The people. They are Friendly and it's easy to get involved here.
The history here. The community that came together before help arrived after the tornado. The small town life with big town daily influx. The loyalty to the city from those born and raised. The commitment to be better..get better..do more.
People are friendly
Joplin's history, its resilience (both after the end of mining and, of course, the tornado), and its central role as a hub of the Tri-State area. Joplin should act as a confident city that leads a region, not just a larger version of Webb City or Neosho. A vibrant downtown should be a priority. It makes Joplin a city, not just a town.
The fact that the community survived a terrible natural disaster. It's where everyone comes to.shop which provides tax revenue
Community
I like that Joplin "feels" big without all the big city problems.
It's history and residents.
There is an energy among the next gen of Leadership that has me hopeful about Joplin's future.
The blatant hypocrisy of city officials
The community drive to collaborate and accomplish task big or small.
Opportunities here for work
"Nothing but the Tornado make it stand out. It's an old person city. Nothing to do for kids but and outdated mini golf course, movie theater and bowling ally. You can't send your kids to the parks because of all the drug issues and not

Enough police to patrol them "
The many stores and restaurants available.
Easy to find addresses...the street grids are predictable snd logical.
It used to be the people but the virus is changing that.
Joplin has been an affordable place for all walks of life, including a burgeoning artist population, in the past.
Its special because when we had the tornado everyone was there for everyone esle .
Supposedly that's its conservative
The unique architecture
Small enough to commute across town with plenty of restaurants pre covid to choose from
Average size town with the small town feel.
bigger population but still home town feeling
I'm the 5th Generation of a family that has lived here. I have a strong family connection.
Many good people, decent values and small businesses.
Street festival Third Thursday events
It's affordable cost of living. Hospitality but that is changing
I really don't know. I moved here for college and have only recently started to see the actual community after dropping out. I remember how strong everyone here was after the tornado. I came with a group of people to help with cleanup and distribution, and I remember seeing how willing everyone was to help their fellow towns people, but I look around now and I don't see that anymore. I honestly think that the city might be losing what made it special because everything is being put in negative lighting at the moment. I think that something really good needs to be shown to remind everyone that we are a community and that working together isn't a bad thing. So, I guess that the community that Joplin had made it special, but now people are too divided in political views and lack of education on current events.
The people and businesses who look out for each other. The police, the fire dept and the first responders
It's location, diversity of business
No traffic.
Local sense of pride and community.
Meth/homeless population
We enjoy to eat out a lot my kids love the area parks
Meth and cars being stolen
good place to live
It's potential for growth.
Not much
Its history.
"To be honest, nothing!

The one thing I will say is Joplin's community stand together in time of need. "
It's history and location
It is a historical site for the civil war and for Route 66. It is also a nice area to view natural wildlife between the Great Plains and the Ozark Mountains.
Nothing now that I am forced to wear a mask everywhere. Webb City and Neosho seem pretty special now though. Sorry Joplin businesses. The mayor is an idiot.
Right now, nothing....the mask ordinance is hurting your businesses,
At the moment I can not think of one thing that is making Joplin special. I wish I could I moved back here 20 years ago and am kind of disappointed in the way Joplin is becoming.
It's a city filled with untapped potential, beautiful architecture, and truly lovely people (even though some rampantly screaming voices may make it seem otherwise).
quit
Historic rt 66, MSSU, great restaurants, library
Empty buildings!!!! Nothing goes in them because rents to high!!!
The people & familiarity. When you're born here, you don't see Joplin through the same lense as those visiting or newly residing here. I can see where it could be a bit aesthetically depressing.
Commerce, the way it draws so many people in everyday for employment and for shopping, etc
Some nice bigger city amenities, but small town vibe.
It's history and resilience
The people, hometown feel
It's people
Crossroads of America
Its the town I grew up w I have seen it at its worst and best a couple times over its my home
We have one of the best economic opportunities in Missouri we have hard working people and cheap land relative low taxes and beautiful scenery
The people
Its home
It's on Route 66.
Small Community Feel
We have a pretty cool music and art scene for such a small city
Not much
It is still quaint without a big city feel
Good mix of feeling like a city vs a small town.
The people that put in the effort to revitalize downtown and the arts.
Small town feeling
The smells.
It's a mesh of city and country living.
Size
The good people of the city
Nothing
Relaxed atmosphere
Absolutely nothing
The people! Also local economy--so many local businesses being supported by people which is incredible.
Nothing since we have had the mask ordinance

forced on us
How we can all come together.
Increasing diversity
Its freedon
I was born and raised here. I love it here and feel as though it's a great place to raise a family.
It is my home. It is where I raised my kids, worked, shopped and probably where I will retire.
Not a whole lot...? My small family is new to the area, struggling to understand why we moved here. Yikes!
"Right now nothing it is full of crime and meth and the people have no voice the council should not have been able to put a mask mandate in place the people should have got to vote on that. This political covid-19 has a 99.9% survival rate unlike the high fatality rate of SARS Mars swine flu Ebola to name a few in which we never wore masks and never closed anything down. It needs to become a conservative City and thanks need to be opened back up.I know we don't have to wear masks all we have to do is say we have a medical problem or it's against our religion but it's the idea that the city could mandate that you wear masks. There has been several people admitted for fungal infections in lungs which has been produced by wearing masks that are breeding grounds for bacteria and mold.

Set to make Joplin better the liberal councilman members need to be replaced"
Community
Healthcare enterprises, resiliency, and values
People coming together as one. Because God is watching everywhere.
It's my home and we have some great people.
The people
The people
Sadly, nothing comes to mind.
To me, the diversity, on many levels such as sports, hobbies, city organizations, businesses....
Nothing at all at the moment. Other cities do everything Joplin could offer but better.
Small town, nice people
The people
Central location in the US.
It used to be because of how united the town was after the tornado. Now, the city is divided.
Restaurants, shopping, activities.
People are so friendly

Nothing
The people, police, businesses, and prices.
The way people feel at home here and the way that we typically take care of each other and just do what needs doing like we did after the tornado.
It USED to be the way it had a family feel
Citizens
Sense of community among most people.
Our strong community ties. We care so much about our town and our fellow citizens. We came together so strongly after 5/22/11
Middle of the Country
It's developing a more unique integrated culture over time with murals, biking and walking trails, and more interest in art!
"It's home.

Joplin has so much potential. "
The number of restaurants located here, something for everyone!
Several private school options
Nothing
Small but thriving area...it's the center of several smaller communities.
Small town, friendly people, conservative values, clean.
In John Irving's novel "A Prayer for Owen Meany," the narrator said, "Small towns are places where you grow up with the peculiar — you live next to the strange and unlikely for so long that everything and everyone become commonplace." Joplin is so like this.
Alot of my family is here and we have background tied into the making of Joplin
Having a pro mask ordinance
"It's location

Diverse economic base

Better than average restaurants "
It's a small little town
Big enough for all our needs
Decent parks.
Honestly, not that much. Many of the places that were kid friendly, family friendly have closed over the past 5 years.
The location of the city. So much opportunity, if you would capitalize on it.
Nothing
Arts and history, including historical buildings/homes.
Local businesses, Empire Market, Third Thursday's.
Small hometown feell .Great prices on shopping and dining.
The great community of people...who have literally triumphed over a huge tragedy together
Not much anymore
Diverse political population, small town feel and perceived freedom of worship
Nothing
It's unique location and rich history.
For the most part I think we all try to work together businesses and residences With city and state and federal government.
It's my hometown
Historic Joplin
Judeo Christian values and friendly hard working people
The creative talent in the community that's surrounded by the backbone of a strong manufacturing and production economy.
Its is a hub for shopping and medical carre
The connection between citizens
Joplin is such a unique, small town! The friendliness of its citizens and their devotion to their local establishments it great!
People and the arts
I was born at Freeman hospital in Joplin. My parents were also born in Joplin. I worked in Joplin until my growth in the Pharmacology field directed me to another state to commute. My entire family buy all our groceries from Joplin and plan to continue with the upstanding direction to protect the public.
Hometown for 72 years
Hometown feel
Used to be a city that was United now all I see is a community forced into division by city council that cares little for the people and cares more about pushing whatever narrative makes them the most money the city be damned.
It's resilience. If you work hard and treat others well, you will find yourself welcomed with open arms. If you try to force everyone else to conform to your personal opinion, you will run into a brick wall.
"Small town feel at times. Loyal Eagle supporters.

Historic Main Street that has been beautified.

Attracts shoppers from surrounding communities."
Nothing now because they have taken away civil and constitutional rights

It's a small town with many educational, shopping, eating, etc. options like in larger cities but without the travel/traffic
Nothing at this time!
It's my hometown and has always been a great place to live.
The people.
It's people. Most are giving and friendly.
It's a small town with a big city feel
Nothing
"Great place to live

Reasonable Housing Prices

Great place to raise children

Excited about Joplin Arts District

Low Crime

Public Transportation

Great Hospitals for the region

Great job on city parks"
Size, can never forget how everyone pulled together after the tornado
Access to services and features found in big cities without having the big city traffic and crowds.
Not much
Joplin uses actual science an facts before imposing unreasonable and legally questionable restrictions on their (former) constituents. Oh wait! No they don't.
Neighbors who help neighbors.
Proximity to north/south and East/west interstate highways.
Low cost of living, small tight knit community. Somewhat decent infrastructure.
small town vibes
Big and small while progressive. Whatever you need is here.
The people
I believe what makes Joplin special it it's history and cultural landmarks. I think these should be emphasized and preserved/restored.
It's the right size. Big enough to have everything I want. Small enough to still feel friendly and safe.
Because it is a small town with big city dreams and the opportunity to advance into a big city feel. People, from around the 4-states, come to Joplin because it is viewed as the central hub for all areas. The growth potential is there. It just needs to be nurtured.
Home for several generations. Centrally located in the country
Great possibilities for the future!
That's a good question
Its historical districts and homes are a treasure.
"A majority of people are helping when someone is in need.

So many of us call this home and will defend it."
Culture
At the moment, nothing. There's nothing currently notable to bring people to this city. The only thing notable is it's history. History buffs would be entertained but really only that niche group
Sense of community
Nothing.
location, work ethic, friendly community
Joplin has incredible potential to be a major hub in the US. We are centrally located, have plenty of water and relatively low crime. We could attract companies like Tesla, but the thing we have to work on is catching up to the 21st century.
Easy to get to. Centrally located in the US.
Constitutionalism, fact and law based decisions
Main street
It's small enough to have your own space, but big enough to do cool things with your friends and family.
Heart
The people
Resilience. The strength in rebuilding after the tornado, and community spirit. We're the biggest city in this area, and set a tone regarding leadership among small communities.
"We are a friendly town...

The cost of living here is in a good range compared to some cities the size of Joplin. "
"Joplin is a cultural hub for many surrounding areas. There is a real responsibility here to lead progress for citizens that don't have access to larger cities and what they offer in ways of jobs, tech advancement, and arts.

It's a perfect blend of small town and living in the 21st century."
Kind people and the desire of some to continue to make it a better place
Inclusion, Community, Service
Nothing
We have the small town hospitality and feel but with many industries and options here locally.
Local businesses here are pretty great
Community
Caring place
The cultural diversity, local businesses and wilderness conservation.
The history. Events that bring people together for the GREATER GOOD not for MONEY FLOW. Such as art walks, pride festivals etc
Nothing. Joplins local government is making residents and people want to move. The local news is not helping by spreading fear and reporting false reports when they know good and well the covid counts nare not accurate. If it's not that they focus on all bad news. Rent in Joplin is ridiculous. We are considering moving and we just moved here last year.
Currently, the negative impact your JACC leader has made on Joplin, through his comments, across the country.
The community is a special one in that we have the ability to adapt to whatever is thrown at us. We seem to make the most out of a very negative situation.
It's a transportation Hub
The friendly tone of the city and multitude of renovated parks. It has a small town vibe but big town amenities, retail, shopping, etc.
Joplin special I that we have an amazing ability to make big waves for such a small town.
Small businesses.
Hometown atmosphere
The mining history, the else
The people and history
We are a small town, that loves our small town values, and we do not want it to become anything like a bigger city.
Nothing really, sorry.
Our grit and determination – we are capable of dramatic transformation when we unite behind a common goal.
Friendly people small town
I like the size of Joplin. It to big but still provide the medical care and shopping that we need.
The people
The small town feel
Nothing
Nothing
That it's not to big of a city & people around the town seem to genuinely care about one another.
History and size of population
"Traditions

Sense of Community *Until Recently "
...
Wildcat glades
Normally, I would say "the people" and "our ability to come together as a team to help those in need", but I have been disappointed in their selfishness of late.
Route 66 and the traffic of travelers that bring revenue.
I have always loved being down town and knowing the history behind Joplin.
Joplin is full of entrepreneurs looking for ways to better the community.
The friendly atmosphere,,,,before COVID...and BEFORE the city councils over reach of power
It is were my family is
Easy access to I44 and not much else
You can do just about anything with in joplin.
I mean get any type of food or health nessary meant
History and community
The location, close to large cities and the Ozarks.
Small town friendly community nestled in nature
Nothing anymore stands out.
Its history
Good question. The potential. The location. The cost of living.
As a community we can pull together as one and get things done
The citizens, our history, and location.
"Access to large municipalities without living in one. Low cost of living.

Centrally located "
Joplin is usually an inclusive community that is united and pulls together to love our neighbor as ourselves. Please don't let current racial focuses divide and ruin our compassionate neighborly culture. All ethnicities and races should get to feel included and appreciated, and Joplin should continue to focus on being welcoming all while holding everyone accountable to maintain and improve our city.
After the tornado I would've said ability to come together as a community, but not anymore
Location. People from a large area should want to come here for possible shopping and entertainment...
Not much crime.
Such a wide variety of businesses.
Joplin is home to a large, working-class population. So many take pride in what they do, and how it provides for them and their families. It is generally welcoming, and progressive ideals are beginning to be more widely accepted and discussed.
Several things. What stands out the most for me is the opportunity for people seeking to change their lives. Joplin has some amazing resources.
Its history with the deadly tornado and how they still are recovering
Our strong and rebellious spirit and the people who want to see our city grow and progress.
Hometown pride
It's my home town
Community
Nothing
It's Socialism and Dictatorship authorities
Everyone's ability to completely disregard others safety.
Nothing
Still small town camaraderie in a larger town
The locally owned businesses.
The Community
Literally nothing! Joplin has nothing to offer for families, teenagers or children
The fact that we had a tornado, and we used to be the meth capital of the world.
It is my hometown.
"Low cost of living .

Educational opportunities"
I think its the water
Our small businesses. Our historic buildings.
Center of the USA
It is small enough to not get too big if you know what I mean, I grew up in DFW area of Texas. Too many things and people doing different things. The community after we had the tornado was amazing
Great location near interstates and natural beauty
Diversity
Small town feel with the benefits of living in a city
Our history
It's resilience after the tornado
small town
My hometown.
Location
What used to make them special was allowing individuals to make decisions for themselves. They are hurting our economy with this mask ordinance. Just because the majority of patrons are wearing masks doesn't mean many others aren't going to other cities to make purchases.
A good mix of small town and big city together.
It's resilience.
As community we help one another. The 2011 made us come together as one.
The people know how and when to help others. No other town could have recovered after the 2011 disaster as fast as Joplin. And the reason is its people!
It's diversity. Local restaurants. Artists.
Freedom to live
Not much anymore
Right now nothing it used to be how neighbors helped neighbors.
The fact that the people will come together to overcome adversity.
My family and friends
I agree that the people of Joplin make the town special. It has that home-town feel. Friday night lights, the whole deal. I do think we are friendly to new people.
We are a small town nothing like Springfield or KC. Yet we have lots of fun things to do from arcades to bowling to mini golfing. We are a interesting mix of big and small town life
Joplin is small but close to other larger cities. It is nice being in a quiet town but have options to quickly get to a bigger city
Size of city & knowing lot of people.
The nonprofits. the up-n-coming art and small business scene.
It's not. It is the commercial hub for the area and thus by default draws local businesses.
"It's a small, easily navigable town that is also the metro center of the 4-State Area. Residents enjoy neighborhoods that feel like small town while enjoying enjoying several benefits of a larger population area.

It's low cost of living makes it an ideal retirement city, as well as a "step up" for those looking to leave surrounding rural areas but still aren't ready for a more overwhelming larger city feel. "
Shopping and restaurants
The downtown community
The locally-owned, locally-run businesses and the efforts to make Downtown a walkable destination with a lot going on.
Our biggest advantage is also our weakest point. It is cheap to live here and also a horrid environment to find a job to sustain

a family.
I believe that Joplin has the potential to be a more community based place. There are great walking trails and parks. I think the community, as a whole, would like to expand activists that would bring people together. That's what makes Joplin special.
Low cost of living, friendly people, nearby outdoor activities
No comments
Small town vibes but with liberal and welcoming ideas. A forward thinking, diverse, and inclusive community.
The small town feel, but with lots of stuff to do. The history is also rich, filled with good and bad parts of the past.
Small town people
The fact that it's so resilient
The good citizens of Joplin in my opinion.
Use to be all the beautiful parks in Joplin to me. But the past few years the pay that the police officers of Joplin actually deserve has been the farthest from important to the city of Joplin along with the unselfish acts of all the fire department witch for me has created havioc in Joplin to the point I no longer feel safe to even take my family in public in Joplin. Start by putting All your Police officer's fire and parmitics first and give them the raises they so desperately deserve than you will see Joplin start to turn around for the best. Just my honest whole hearted opion.
Unique restaurants and shops as well as outdoor destinations like Wildcat Glades.
Its character
Route 66
We think things through and use a lot of common sense along with valid research.
It used to be the feeling of community, of togetherness. Now...I don't know.
Great gastronomy and a good location as the cross-roads of the U.S.
Nice location, it has potential
Nothing
I would have said when it matters the community comes together as one, but that hasn't been the case lately.
That in times of great need we have found hope
Freedom of speech
The people
Nothing
There are a lot of activities and businesses.
The citizens want for improvement and community.
The multi culture. A active LBGT and a place of worship on every corner. Both support the other.
I've been all over the country, recently i seen New Orleans still looks like katrina just hit them, Baltimore recently looked like it had been having riots for years. California has tent cities, joplin stepped up after our tornado, our community is pretty tight to have 59k people and over 250k people driving through it daily. Ive always loved that we have allowed business owners to make their own decisions on how they run their business, until this last vote.
The community.
Joplin is eager to improve itself. That makes Joplin special. Along with the neighborly communities.
That it happens to be in the middle of better places with more culture and less stupidity
History. And unique cultural mix.
that's a good question
It's location near so many other destinations.
I moved to Joplin a year ago, and the main thing that people like about it is that it's close to other cities (Tulsa, Fayetteville, Springfield, and Kansas City).
It is my hometown as a life long resident. It is great size in population and things to do. Also lots of hidden treasures only locals are familiar with.
The people. Since of community overall
It's a pretty typical midwestern town
Joplin is just big enough that not everyone knows your business but small enough that you're not lost in the crowd.
The people
How we come together in times of need. We r centrally located in the country as well.
It's super close to the casinos
The uncommon things we have for a community of our size. We have a medical school, a historic downtown, two large hospitals, soon a new performing arts center. With these, we have big city amenities but we don't feel like a big city.
The tenacity of our people.
Location, history
Close knit community, willingness to ban together in time of need.
There are things that are needed provided basically anywhere and that's convenient.
The people. I've lived here all my life and while I know we have those out there who aren't perfect, I've never felt at danger in this city. We take pride in our community and it's future and I think that's why I've seen our population go up by about 10,000 people since I was a kid.
The people and the very little things Joplin has to offer
Its location in the very heart of the country and the fact that anyone traveling East or West is sure to come through our beautiful little city; as well as all the beauty of nature that surrounds it.
All of the community events make Joplin very special.
East Town
Nothing
Main street
Mostly safe environment
At this point nothing.
It's the people.
Welcoming
The people
Falls. Old world charm downtown. Caring neighbors. Family values. Fountains. Parks. Open and televised city council. College.
Small community that treats visitors with such respect. Everyone says how nice we all are.
Nothing, we have nothing that sets us apart from any other small midwest town.
It's our home. Friendly people. Excellent support for lower income and homeless. Great churches and parks. Convenient shopping. Lots of variety of restaurants.
Small town vibe with big city amenities
Used to be small-town conservative values. Those are being lost to the progressives.
Not much besides quaintly being on Route 66 and having an annual marathon.
It is a pretty city besides the panhandlers on every corner
Determination to overcome great difficulty and work together to rebuild post tornado.
Ease of getting around
How the council so easily chooses to take away our Liberties inch by inch with the masks that have been proven to be unnecessary.
Thats why I'll shop out of town.
Absolutely nothing
The trails and historic buildings / bridges
The way the community comes together
No masks
I enjoy the urban feel and diversity that has expanded in Joplin. Especially in the past 5 years.
Historic areas near downtown, route 66
The people and there hospitality.
Joplin is located in the middle of the 4 state region. People from all over come to Joplin.
Joplin used to have that small town feel, every-

one was friendly and cared for each other
The people! And downtown. I love our local businesses and the owners. They truly care about our community.
Used to be the hometown feeling but now it seems everyone has lost their ever loving minds.
Conservative values.
Ease of commuting, Affordable real estate, Christian ethics,
Location
It's affordable and the people are friendly. The town is also esthetically nice.
I feel that my family can grow in a safe place.
Has a lot of shopping, eatery options for a small town. It nice to see that the town is looking better and always improving.
Nothing really anymore.
Large city with the small hometown feel.
The community
Nothingg
na
Small businesses
Lots of good history
A sense of community is present here. This definitely came to light after the tornado.
The people and businesses.
It's a smaller city.
It is a Central Location for the 4 state area...
Shopping and activities ...
It's history
An ever increasing desire for growth.
It's my hometown
Unity during national disaster, specifically 2011 tornado.
Nothing
Crossroads location. North, south, east, west
Proximity to 44 and 249.
It used to be the people. Seems like Joplin has really went downhill. I have lived here my whole life and it seems like it's just gone downhill the past few years.
The Pride that the residents have about our city.
Nothing anymore. It used to be a town where you could walk anywhere and feel safe. The area was beautiful and not destroyed. The historical buildings that are now falling to ruin.
Joplin used to be special and now it is dying.
Nothing anymore the meth heads took over the cops mess with people who are not doing wrong 24/7
The sense of community, post tornado. Before then, we were best known for meth. We overcame devastation, only to ha e our school district's name run into the ground, and now we're completely falling apart. There's so much history here that we're not utilizing.
We're just Joplin, what more can you say.
The people, who are willing to come to the aid of one another, as they did after the tornado.
Big enough city but still small town feel!
We have the ability to have the ability to offer the same options as a big city while maintaining small community status.
Opportunities to grow
The people in this town makes it special.
People
Nothing since mask mandate
Nothing
It's my home town and where my kids are raising their kids
It's not too big, but not too small.
The perseverance, sense of community and compassion with its residents.
ART, art.. Food, Annnd ART!
Joplin
Hospital
Nothing stands out to me
Nothing
Nothing, it's run down and dirty
NOTHING ANYMORE OUR RIGHTS ARE TAKEN AWAY
A safe place to raise your family
The people and once upon a time was self-sufficient town- now I find myself going to other places for shopping, dinning and events/movies.
Shopping
Sense of community, central location for shopping and dining from near-by towns.
Most people are very friendly.
"History. Rt. 66

strong community"
There are some good people
Lived here all my life a good community!
Yes
Small town atmosphere
During this pandemic the community can still come together to help eachother.
Community
Currently, not a whole lot
Small town
It's size. It's small enough for a hometown feel yet large enough for all essential goods and recreational activities. Also, the fine work and leadership portrayed by JPD.
Mask ordinance
Northpark mall and movie theater. Many nice play yards.(parks) Lovely trails.
The amount of restaurants that we have and all of the parks
Tucked into a beautiful area. The small town feel is good most of the time. People stay long term so it is obvious they love their city.
Resilience and kindness
All of the stores that most surrounding cities don't have
Community
The schools
I'd like to think it's the citizens.
The Community and supporters.
Scenery, downtown, Route 66
History
The strength of the community atmosphere. Lots of things to do.
Friendly people
Our resiliency. We came back even stronger after the 2011 tornado.
The people
Until the recent outbreak of hate regarding masks and racism, I would have said 'the people'. I guess that is still my answer-we have a prosperous community made up of generous folks who take on big projects and get them done.
Hometown
The Beauty of the town and parks
Stuff to do
The sense of community
We are a community, we take care of our own
Neighborhoods
A smaller community is more close knit and can often lead to more involvement within itself. Over the last 20 or so years it has lost that sense of community. We come together in the case of disaster but it used to be on a daily basis.
Our community is much like a family.
History. People.
The character and community feel of neighborhoods like North Heights and Ronoake.
Most of the people
Unfortunately a number of residents would not live here of it were not "home". The only thing that makes Joplin special is the people who live here.
Family, other than that, not much. There are hundreds of cities just like joplin, and we need something more to create a better community.
The art community.
It's where everyone goes to in the area.
it's history of jazz, bootlegging, Bonnie and

Clyde, surviving a crazy tornado
Right now, nothing, I want it to be known for togetherness, but the city has to show willingness to do things the community rallies behind, such as the requested change of the city flag a few years back.
Nothing
I used to think it was the people and the way they all came together . This virus and mask issue has proved me wrong .
The way we handled the 2011 tornado.
Community
The community bands together to help each other.
Joplin has a lot of hardworking creative and resilient people. They are generous and helpful. As a place, Joplin has a great walkable historical downtown , and some nice parks.
Tradition and community.
We have 6 council members who like to lord it over the people of Joplin.
Honestly, not much. There is potential but the culture here can be quite toxic overall. I'm from Springfield originally and it is a nicer friendlier place than Joplin. I have been here 12 years now and it is improving but veryyy slowly.
people
Nestled in the Ozarks, the beautiful forested area surrounding the city makes it a great place to raise children and enjoy nature.
After the tornado, I would have said community.
The Tornado
Community togetherness and willingness to help others
Shopping, dining, and recreational activities.
Forcing people to wear masks
Freedom
How after a horrible thing happening like the Joplin tornado plus floods the people build things up better than before. They all have a strong belief in God.
small local businesses, like all our wonderful restaurants!
The old homes and great local restaurants
Joplin is a quirky artsy kind of town with a huge heart built in part by the hardships it has faced. There are many mom & pop restaurants that are amazing. The people are warm and friendly. Many diverse opinions create some clashes at times.
A long history of close social security gained by a sense of closeness you can usually only find in a smaller town
The people
The small town feel yet large commercial/retail presence because of its location / 4-state area surrounding Joplin.
Good people, good location
The people and the little local businesses (bakeries, breweries)
Community
Conservative values
Spirit
The mostly peaceful nature of the people that live in or around the area.
I think you're likely to see many responses say "the people" but I think too many people have a pervasive sense that everywhere else is better. We need visionary leadership to overcome that. Our strategic location is a huge advantage, all we need to do is try a little harder to make this the better place.
OUR ELECTED CITY COUNCIL DOESN'T LISTEN TO ITS MAJORITY OF CITIZENS WHO VOTED THEM IN TO REPRESENT US, NOT THEIR OPINIONS!!!!!!!!!! HINT: MASK ORDINANCE= BIG LOSS IN TAX REVENUE FOR THE CITY SINCE THE MAJORITY OF CITIZENS AND BUSINESSES DID NOT WANT THIS AND WILL SHOP OUTSIDE CITY OF JOPLIN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
The community
It's people
The friendliness & helpfulness of the people, the low cost of living, its location.
Its friendly people and overwhelming desire to help not only Joplin's own citizens but also folks in other areas, both near and far.
I love that Joplin has possibilities. I come from a large city, where it would be hard to start a business or be a part of the local government. In Joplin you can do this and more.
Friendly welcoming place. The people are special in Joplin
Nothing
The tight knit community. A community that is always willing to put their lives on hold to help others out. We saw this after the Joplin Tornado. The aftermath from that Tornado showed just how incredible Joplin can be when faced with a problem. And as much as I love Joplin (where I was born and raised), Joplin is still facing problems as we speak, and they badly need addressed if the city wants to become a place where people passionately want to raise their families.
Happy medium. It offers many amenities of larger towns, but still has small town appeal. Variety of things to do, but no traffic and for the most part safe.
The way a majority of people work together during a crisis.
I think how people come together when any need is there, whether tornado, sick child, art centers etc
Unfortunately nothing specifi
It's people
PEOPLE except the left wing radicals like Teeter and other s that have insulted an entire town and the mayor ..both at the national level Wash Post disgusting display of narcissism and bigotry
The size
The citizens
It's the area's main dining and shopping district.
Nothing
The jobs, it's clean, decent streets, the size and convenient to highways
Small town feel—great place to live—wouldn't want to visit here
Nothing at the moment
For a Midwest place it has a lot of parks and bike spaces
The people..
A rich cultural and industrial flavor that reflects a blend of Southern Hospitality, Northern tenacity, Eastern Classical heritage and western innovation. Also an educational and medical community that draws people from a large area. Lastly, a relatively more congenial and welcoming population.
The ability to come together as a community in tough times.
Larger city with small-town feel
Nothing.
I am fourth generation in my family from Joplin. I moved my own family back to Joplin because it is a good area, with good people; many of whom share the same political beliefs. Cost of living is low, and it is a beautiful area.
Mostly made up of hard-working folks
The ability to come together in a crisis
Not much anymore
Not much. Our City Council has given our city a bad rap.
I've lived in joblin my entire life, I am now 30 years old. I have my business located within the city limits. This community has always been amazing and keeps me very busy in the construction industry.
Apparently the city council is 'special'. End the illegal ordinance.
Low cost of living, friendly caring people ,low crime, located in the center of this U S,

shopping, good schools, acres of public parks & access to many lakes surrounding.
Friendly people. Small town-feel with city amenities. Great parks!
Small town
Nothing as far as I see
The resilience it's citizens
Community spirit
It's the ability to bounce back. We are strong and nothing takes us down.
People who love their city and are involved with making her a better place to live. A strong community of people who serve because they want to be good neighbors, like Jesus told us to be.
The people come together when times are rough.
The people, and their ability to work together to accomplish things. Also, small town feel but many amenities of a larger city.
mid western friendliness.
It's history, conservative values and faith community
The People-- Joplin's story of overcoming tragedy and rising with resilience.
When there is a disaster, Joplin mobilizes.
Joplin carries more than its fair share of Jasper County's unemployed, working poor, substance abuse recovering, and disabled because we're willing to host the programs, provide the housing, and accept struggling purple as they are. Applied Christianity is hard at work here, and lives are changed as a result.
Living in Joplin my whole life I have not always felt Joplin was special, but now that I have kids and they are growing up here I feel our schools make Joplin special. Although Joplins academics are not the highest I feel we have teachers, staff, and coaches who absolutely love the students and will always do what is right for the students. They listen to them. I feel that our schools have set what it takes for our community to actually come together and every year I see it with my own eyes even come together more and more. I look at smaller towns around us and feel that one thing our community lacks is that our community doesn't do anything for the kids on the community. The kids are the future and what will continue to grow the community. Our youth in this town are amazing and can be a huge positive if we actually take interest in them.
Our people.
Small town charm in a larger city package
The people in it.
Born and raised in Joplin. Left for 30 years and returned home in 2008. Joplin is special because I learned my values here and enjoyed growing up here. It is home to me.
Small town feel with big town amenities
Joplin and the Joplin area is one of the lowest cost of living areas in the country which can be very attractive to citizens and businesses. There is a rich history that surrounds Joplin and the resilience of this community is incredible in times of hardship.
It's the shopping center for all the 4 state's
Small town feel with capabilities of a larger city.
The people, the cost of living, the community that is built.
It's unique location along two major interstates.
Sense of community, our tenacity
The generosity and caring of the people here.
The willingness to extend a helping hand.
We attempt to provide a nice place for folks to live while dealing with "bigger city" issues.
We have some nice parks and sidewalks.
Retail center for the area. There are some wonderful people here trying to do good things
The people make Joplin special. People in this area are kind, caring, and very much willing to help others.
Less crime. Nice place to live
Location and quality of life
Doordash, uber, and fleet delivery
It is centrally located in the nation and it has a rich history that began with mining. Its growth has been limited to be manageable.
Part of the Bible Belt. People tend to be more conservative. Joplin is a hub for business for all the surrounding cities.
It's my Hometown
Joplin is looked at as the "go to" for most of everything in the four-state area. Whether it be shopping, dining, entertainment, industry/jobs, Joplin is where it is at. Which would explain why our daytime population explodes. But we have to keep up if we want to maintain that status. NW Arkansas, Springfield, KC, Tulsa and other areas are adding new experiences which draw people from Joplin (or four state area) to those places. Joplin needs to make sure we stay on pace so we don't fall behind.
"History for rebuilding city after tornado.

Biggest city in the area which provides an opportunity to set an example to surrounding areas."
good school district, small town feel, sense of community togetherness because of tornado, trail system is great for walking and biking
With improved educational standards & higher wages, this town has the "chance" to become an important cultural hub.
The community spirit.
Not a large city but large enough to have services and a variety of stores and events.
Retail hub of a four state region. It's recovery from the 2011 tornado.
Working for a organization who cares about me as a person and employee.
Joplin has a large faith based community that supports education and works to meet the needs of groups and individuals who lack the resources needed to thrive.
The area provides feelings of relative safety, employment opportunities, reasonable prices, and good hospitals.
The People
It would be very special if we could get a hand on the homeless population, dilapidated structures and the drug problems
I've lived here all my life, its home. It's a community of faith with good people.
Strong sense of community
we are a central hub of commerce, healthcare and culture. We are a small-town community with a big-city feel (access to resources).
It's a hub for thousands to come eat and shop and do sports
Small town feel
I was born and raised here. Decided to return after military service as there was no better place to call home.
Small town feel in a midsize city
Joplin is seen as the location of the EF-5 tornado, but I also think that it has shown how it can overcome obstacles and bounce back from tragedy. We are also the center of the United States along the famous Route 66. I think that showing history for the city is a key point.
Our location is what makes this town special. We are hub for lots of travel through our town. We also have lots of services for the surrounding communities.
The people
"The willingness to help out a neighbor in time of great need

"

No answer. It is where I spent most of the years in my life. I do appreciate the low crime rate, the size (appropriate for my family), the hospital systems, and the many trails and parks to explore nearby.
Joplin is a gateway to several adjoining states and the protentional to be so much more. Joplin is "changing" their mind set... more is needed.
"Lcation of I-44 andI-44.

Good people, shared common values."
Joplin has a small town feel while not being so small that there aren't places to go and things to do. There is a sense of community that you don't find in other towns/cities.
"location and weather, amenities and job opportunities

"
How caring the citizens are, in wanting to help each other.
your right it's the people. The willingness to come together to overcome any disaster.
And the location small enough yet close enough to larger cities to have all the advantages .
I'm new here and everyone seems so kind.
I like how there are many opportunities to get involved with the community.
Joplin has an interesting history and due to its location is a popular place for people from the 4 states
Small town friendly atmosphere with reasonable cost of living.
The mining and Rt 66 history are unique attractions. We also have unique artistic people as seen by the murals and music in the area
At the moment, absolutely nothing. But we made national news for our incompetency during COVID. The deaths are on your hands, the cases and hospital issues are on your hands.
The small town feel but diverse offering.
Friendly people, convenience
Small town feel with bigger city amenities.
The people of Jolpin are honest hard-working and friendly which is the backbone of the city.
The location
4 seasons of weather, good place to raise kids, quiet, peaceful, respectful people.
Good amount of things to do, but not crowded.
It's difficult to categorize as anything but "American." It's not quite "Southern." It's not quite "Midwestern". It's not quite "Western," or even "Great Plains." It's what happens when you subtract Midwest from South, West from East, Red from Blue. It's the remainder. I hope that makes sense.
History and location between prairie & ozark mtns.
Joplin is special because the people are friendly and care about one another. It is in a prime location to enjoy our surrounding states as well. It isn't too big, but still offers great options.
"It is close to other cities that have things to do.

The only thing Joplin is known for is the tornado. "
Mostly all of my friends and family live here. Some moved away and returned.
Small town feel
The people, the churches, community spirit. The history here. Ties to family. Resilience of the people.
Affordable housing and small town charm along historic route 66.
We're near the center of the country and are hard working neighbor caring individuals.
Trees and greenery
Community. After the tornado, everyone worked together like a family.

"What is something Joplin could do better?" | Raw Survey Data

variety in restaurants / access to concerts or shows
Enforce city codes: Sidewalks are in disrepair and in some instances missing all together. The city has failed to enforce city code and in doing so should assume responsibility of repair throughout the city. Also, actively seek a higher-end grocer to the city.
Bring a hyvee to the area. Walmart is not customer friendly at all
Take better care of their first responders and respect the voices of its citizens
More diversity
"Much better food markets especially large and quality ones, More unique restaurant venues and less chain restaurants. More emphasis on public golfing venues.

"
better grocery shopping. I for one want a Hy-Vee or something like it. After living in Jeff City for 30 yrs and having 3 major grocery stores I miss the choices.
have more focus on the downtown feel and having more businesses on main street.
Improve understanding of different cultures.
I would say that the biggest area would be road damage, especially the behind the road alleys.
More diverse dining options. Especially vegan and vegetarian friendly.
"1. Healthier and better food options. Less greasy fast food Chains more salad/health food options. A Chopt salad would be great.

2. more high end/modern places - restaurants, bars, entertainment places.

3. Bike lanes and or sidewalks

4. Higher end clothing stores

5. GROCERY STORES. not Walmart. "
"Another dog park!!!! Marketing for its healthcare systems. I feel like I drove into Joplin in the 90s.
A lot of homes do not have fences, garages, or both. Missed real estate opportunities. "
I really really wish Joplin had real grocery stores, not just Walmart!
Communication, understanding why residents are so averse to wearing masks so that we can meet residents where they are and new members of the community can adapt and learn the great things joplin has to offer
Be more inclusive of diverse populations.
Better grocery stores (as in, more than just walmart), better/longer hours for businesses.
More grocery stores and more food options, a movie theater
Ease of access, road quality
The could use money to develop parks, side walks, and walking trails
Joplin could insert more entertainment into the community.
Not many options for things to do. And outdoor opportunities are very limited so difficult to take advantage of good weather we have most of the year
Connect and celebrate all cultures
Recycle
Could improve on options of restaurants and retail services.
Better encourage adult interaction through sports
Better restaurants and bars for young adults.
"More activities for young adults/college students such as bars, restaurants, etc. that target a younger audience where we can hang out and have fun.

More outdoor spaces to exercise and relax."
Make side walks
"Educating on Public health initiatives, Seems like the citizens don't understand why these things are important. Discuss with public leaders (ie churches, business so that public health does not become a bipartisan or religious side)

Lots of littering/trash along roadways
RECYCLING would be fabulous to be encouraged

Encourage more fresh, local foods and markets

More street lighting in neighborhoods

Water quality is rather poor"
Offer more sit down restaurants that are not chains
"Better nightlife and shopping

Increase sidewalks, trails, and parks"
Better running trails and night activities
Have more local restaurants. Not have MAGA and white supremacy sales tents be operational.
more local shops! more downtown feel in downtown area
Joplin could have more community events that are focused on kids!
Rebuild the city or at least Main Street and make it nice and more welcoming and with things to do like restuarant s and shops etc.
More smoke-free places would be greatly appreciated :)
I would like to see more community promotion of community organizations/groups that we as students and our families can be a part of.
Be more open minded toward non-religious people. Less Christian default/neutrality type of thinking.
Promote small businesses and be more inclusive to all its residents.
Have more healthy food options. More outdoor parks and activities. Have other food options that aren't just fast food
"Joplin pride! We need a way to show how much we love this place.

"PLEASE get some vegan restaurants in here. A lot of us are vegan and there is no where for us to eat!
More exercise options/workout studios
Make the town for "young" people friendly. its nice that it caters to seniors but I feel like

if you cater to people in 20 -30s you would see more development in its "city" life
More restaurants of different ethnic backgrounds
Get people to clean up there yards and houses better. Tired of seeing trash everywhere, depreciates our home value. Yards and yard trash everywhere. Cars everywhere on the street, in the front and back yards. People running mechanic shops out if their house. Trash and oil spills in the street.
There's nothing to do here in free time.
The arts and events culture is minimal and those that exist are rarely communicated about. Besides the mall and coffee shops and a couple of decent parks, there's not much to do.
Code enforcement, clean up downtown and old buildings. Move souls harbor, better enforcement on homeless.
"Make Main St only 2 lanes, stop trucks from going downtown, and extend the restaurants to outdoor spaces that people can walk thru. Like outdoor shopping and dining.

Move watered gardens and shelter to across from airport where there is already easy access to electric, water, etc.... create a parking lot so people could explore the new downtown area and shops "
Clean up rough housing neighborhoods; clean up abandoned buildings/stores;
More entertainment; more revitalization of downtown shops, bars, restaurants; more restaurants (not on rangeline); a nice Italian restaurant; splash pad
Prioritize items that do good for the community as a whole and not for specific groups or people.
More entertainment options.
I feel like Joplin could do more to maintain and incentivize citizens, entrepreneurs and existing business to want to here and open us shop knowing they have every opportunity to thrive not fail.
Educate citizens on more "progressive" ideals. They tend to hear the word and panic when in reality updating infrastructure for more bike trails, Smart City technology and abilities, etc, is a progression for the city, no one is out to change their conservative ideologies. I would like to see improved amenities such as parks and trails. More downtown businesses with outdoor seating or more pet friendly.
create a better place to house the detoxes getting he same people at the hospital over and over again
Correct its flooding issues on major roadways
Stop wasteful spending. Start listening to it's citizens.
Respect our citizens health regarding not letting the state override our authority on electromagnetic damage coming from smart grid in particular save our yellow bulb street lights why damage our eyes with LED blue/white light that will give off vision impairing damage Also stop all small cell and 5G towers and black boxes hidden on our light poles lastly ban smart meters
Joplin has a major homeless population. There are plenty of facilities for homeless; however, they do not want help. They want to beg for money and use the money for drugs and alcohol.
"The City needs a fresh vision, branding, and streamlined processes. We need to be represented better to the residents and surrounding area. Currently, it feels dated and stuck in the 1990's and our paperwork, web presence, and overall image reflects a non-modern approach. Frankly, we appear dated and out-of-touch due to our processes and overall presence.

There needs to be a Community Relations/Marketing division created to manage the online presence of the City. There is so much distrust in the government by residents here. Some of it comes from the national voice of the country and distrust in media and government in general. But, I believe a big part of it comes from a lack of communication explaining the "why" to residents and pulling back the curtain, so to speak. It's strategizing, educating the trolls (so to speak), and changing the conversation into a positive, proactive one, rather than a reactionary tone.

I envision this division creating open dialog showing what is going on day-to-day at City Hall, publishing a modern guide/newsletter, shooting videos educating what the City does, publishing pictures and stories about what is going on, representing the City positively on social media (aka educate the trolls), having an interactive website that people view as a resource, publishing weekly eNews, and providing marketing and graphic support for Departments. It's more than one person can do. It needs a team of people.

The image of the City is tied to so much. The tasks this division will not directly create revenue. It would be investing in the City. I would argue, changing the City's voice/branding/representation will cause a ripple effect in economic development and overall pride in the community. "
Change the practice of selecting a mayor to electing the mayor
"Communication. What is happening in town.

Example: We need to know what we need to know.

The pandemic has been especially hard on Joplin. I don't really blame Joplin government because there were mixed messages from the federal & state governments. So the city council had to make decisions in a vacuum. There was a lot of pushback but the council voted to pass a mask mandate and said they would educate us why it needed to be done. I think it could have started right there with the vote. Honestly, I didn't get the feel that the city did much education. follow local stations & the Joplin Globe and while those sources did their best, I didn't feel like the city was communicating enough with us directly.

Sit down and talk in person as opposed to tweet tweet.
"Invest in minority communities, rather than bludgeoning them with batons and pointing guns at their children.

Stop funneling public funds into your own pockets while preaching about Jesus Christ and the morals she stood for which you couldn't begin to wrap your slimy heads around.

Bringing back a mask ordinance that is enforced with a massive fine, as per the rest of the first world, at every Medical Professional in the country.

Put a mandatory curfew in effect, drastically reduce the number of businesses allowed to stay open. Actually treat the pandemic that is killing hundreds of thousands of Americans like a pandemic that is killing hundreds of thousands of Americans, rather than sitting in

your Ivory Towers and demanding that lives be thrown into the grinder for the economy"
Reduce the number of parks and entertainment facilities, like the golf course, being paid for and maintained by the city. Instead concentrate city funds on infrastructure, and leave entertainment to the private sector.
Take care of terrible sme g.j ll
Bigger vision for growth.
Sidewalks along major streets such as 4th, Florida, St. Louis that actually get you somewhere.
REHAB DRUG ABUSERS AND HOMELESS PERSONS. I WISH THERE WAS LESS LITTER AND MORE LANDSCAPING, TRAILS, SIDEWALKS, MODERN PLAYGROUNDS
Stop wasting money on frivolous projects like overpasses that could have been done cheaper....and the compleat joke of a m8nor league ball club
We could do better by encouraging small business to stay and stay open.
Weed out the homeless and transient population. You can't walk downtown without being accosted by panhandlers. We also need HiVe to build here. Joplin has few choices for grocery shopping and they would be wonderful. Desperately needed in the North end of town.
"We have to many billboards along Rangeline. Very distracting! Lets don't give way to all the political destruction going on across the nation. BLM is creeping into our town.

We also have way to many beggers on the streets. When they come up to our windows and stare us in the face when we are stopped at the traffic light, it is way to much. Please keep us safe."
Promote more community functions like maybe a self defense class. Ask our local professors if they'll do lectures on art, history, cultures.. UNBIASEDLY!
Preserve and build on its history
"NO MORE TIFFS!

Leave some green areas. Trees have been torn out for roads and non-existent buildings.

Work to fill the empty buildings instead of building new ones that will soon be empty.

Encourage grocery businesses other than Walmart."
Fewer bars and nightclubs. Entertainment for the younger generation.
Bring HyVee and Menards as well as other chains to Joplin. Stop making it so hard for chain stores to come here
Continue to fix infrastructure (sidewalks, roads, etc.); continue to grow but don't "outgrow" Joplin's charm.
Spend money the RIGHT way. Stop the little pet projects for the council members and work on bringing in big business and work on the HWY 44 corridor. Such as things that passing people would see and actually get off the highway to come into the city to do.
If we are going to do something lets do it 110% and keep it that way. Not 90% and then gradually let it go less and less
Better landscaping
Provide better online presence on city website. It's old and provides no appeal to people wanting to know more about our community
MANAGING THE HOMELESS(IT'S SCARY OUT THERE). I AND OTHERS WOULD LOVE TO USE WALKING TRAILS BUT DON'T BECAUSE UNINVITED PEOPLE CONFRONT YOU ASKING FOR MONEY, RIDES, CIGARETTES, ETC.
More things to do- concert venue, arts is going great but could use more; growth mindset has improved but could still be better; could use more unity, and a unified identity. Needs more diversity in leadership and as our identity. Need more extracurricular educational resources for lower income.
Help homeless people & more rehabilitation centers
Re-invest in itself. There are a lot of empty buildings, decaying roads and bad smells that turn people away. There is a pollution problem that spans beyond 2nd and Main to 7th and Main. The chamber needs to do a better job at supporting Joplin businesses. The people who lead Joplin need to invest in Joplin businesses.
control the homeless population and keep them from begging at every corner. control the smell on the south end of town
Rehab older parts of the town
"Focus more on the local atmosphere than the industry atmosphere

Create more outdoor adventure spaces"
be more financially conscious. As an example we sell land to Joplin schools and MSSU for $1 but build a library and Public safety training center on leased land. Just one example of poor financial decisions but at a large cost.
"Take better care of the first responders. Be transparent to the public.

Improve the community relationship with the City."
Joplin is a very dirty city. Homeless are on every corner begging for money approaching vehicles making people very uncomfortable. By not encouraging homeless to be in the city ie. free handouts the homeless would move on To another city and make Joplin a better place to live. By having less homeless in the city this also helps the business by having less theft.
Joplin government can be more efficient in providing services to citizens by adopting and using technology.
It seems Joplin has a big issue with homeless.
Clean up properties and look more appealing to people coming in to Joplin.
Get the 'homeless' and pan handlers off the streets. Not let them beg for money at EVERY corner.
Add more police officer positions.
More diversity in entertainment and food be more fiscally conservative. ex decorative sidewalks are nice but there are higher priority items that can and should be accomplished first.
"Support our schools without whining or complaining. Appreciate how much our schools have improved and how wonderful they are for our community.

Work on preventing homelessness and more ways to help those who are without a home."
Bring in businesses
Right now I think Joplin could support its local businesses by empowering them to operate in a more rational manner without instilling fear and panic in our community.
have a free dog park not everyone with dogs can afford the dog park
Better policing, fewer dumb@$$ decisions (like dropping the mask ordinance in the middle of a COVID spike, hiring known scammers to rebuild after a tornado, etc.)
Reduce crime, clean up the downtown area/make improvements (model downtown area after northwest Arkansas's downtown areas), improve parks and trails.
Tone down the negativity.... not publicize the bashing of our council and chamber... we voted for them
Bring in more and better quality grocery stores like Hy-Vee, Dillons, and Price

Chopper
Not have panhandlers at every main intersections. They leave trash it doesn't look good.
Keep our sidewalks weed free and have more police patrolling during peak times.
Better parking for main street stores or more parking lots behind the buildings.
More options for entertainment. Aside from an overpriced movie theatre, smoke-ridden bowling alley, mini golf, and a couple of bars/drinking scenes, there is not a whole lot for young people to do for fun. Young professionals are constantly moving out of Joplin to places like Northwest Arkansas, Springfield, Tulsa, and Kansas City. There's just nothing for them to do her.
To think before we act! The Blasters is a good example. We need to update our sports venues and use year round. We can have more tournaments, concerts, movie nights and activities that encourage people to come stay in Joplin (increase motel/dining/shopping money) and for local residents. Of course after the pandemic lol
Code enforcement
Preserve mining history. Avoid developing those areas. Take an example from Hawaii, preserve unique nature of our area. If you want to exploit the mining history, establish a museum in the mining lands.
The crime seems to be increasing. There needs to be more money put into law enforcement. Another thing is beautification of other areas in the city other than just Main Street. This should be the "theme" of Joplin and carried out to all parts of town. The wage structure should also be worked on in the area. It is very low.
A better sense of community. I believe Third Thursday and events like this have started building on this.
I have lived in California, Florida, Oklahoma, and several cities in Missouri. Missouri is my hometown and I came home 21 years ago to raise my children. We do a lot that is good. What we could do better and we are striving to do is to help the homeless population. We do have great resources and maybe the homeless aren't doing it but the panhandling is not good for the town.
"1. Create more green spaces.

2. Better regulate landlords who don't keep up their properties. By the way, I am not a renter.

3. Take better care of the parks. It looks like the city is trying to find a reason to get rid of Ewert Pool. That would only leave Schifferdecker pool, which is way out on the west side of Joplin, or Cunningham pool on the south end. They have already gotten rid of Landreth pool and Leonard pool, Ewert pool is the only one left in the eastern part of Joplin.

The city could focus on infrastructure improvement, specifically empty houses and buildings. These degrade the whole quality of the community. This problem could solved with specific city ordinances.
Not build a reservoir and destroy farmland and Newton County homes.
Safety, roads and our leadership not putting political interests ahead of the health and well-being of our community.
Let people take care of their property without interference from city leaders
More things to do, but not the same old thing. Draw different businesses.
Have better city government, people who actually listen to the public
Infrastructure in Joplin is awful! The road and bridges are falling apart. The police are low IQ thugs and there are too many of them. Police need better training to help instead of only punish. We need more tech jobs, make Joplin a haven for IT companies! City wide Internet fiber ran by the city for the people, would be nice.
Drop the dumb mask mandate
Businesses support. Mask mandates really hurt small businesses.
Be a little more frugal with its cash. There are some non-essential projects that have been performed over the last few years or that are in works that do not serve any essential purpose other than spending money for spending money's sake
FOCUS ON THE FUTURE OF JOPLIN SINCE WE WILL HAVE 2 MEDICAL/DENTAL SCHOOLS. GET RID OF THE OLD THINKING . WE NEED TO EXPAND BUSINESSES SOUTH AND WEST. WE HAVE TOO MUCH ON RANGELINE NOW. WHEN YOU HAVE NEW APARTMENTS AND MEDICAL SCHOOL ON SOUTHWEST SIDE OF TOWN. BRING THINGS IN THAT WILL DRAW PEOPLE IN TO STAY HERE. REALLY WHAT A WASTE OF MONEY WITH MEMORIAL HALL, WHEN NO ONE FOCUS ON THE ARTS HERE.
Stop feeding the covidphobia hysteria and allow those who feel they need to wear masks wear them and those who don't not. We are in no more danger of getting a community acquired infection this year than we were 5 years ago.
Manage the homeless population. I guess its a good thing that we have good homeless services, but that also comes with a new set of problems because we are known for our good services and more and more homeless come here looking for help. They don't have anywhere to go during the day and just wander around town, panhandle and hang out in the parks. I understand that the parks are open to all, but it doesn't make you want to take your kids to the park.
No entertainment venue/ exhibition hall/ convention center/concert. We need a college level trade school not a high school grade tech school. Camping space for tourist passing through. Convert FEMA trailer park @ Highway 171 and Prairie Flower Rd. to Camp Ground . Utilities and streets are in place. Campers spend money while in town Keep them here longer.
Support downtown businesses and endorse attractions downtown, Instead if rangeline. Also more walking/bike trails (think greenway trail in nwa). And be some more eco friendly , that encourages recycling and lessening out carbon footprint
Expanded recycling center
More bicycle lanes
Less car wrecks, and less violence
"listening to what the people have to say

Attractions
manufacturing jobs greatly needed
Please fix 7th St. road, it is horrible.. also the lighting on that street is dismal. The north side of town is becoming more and more effected with crimes. I feel fixing that street and lighting can reduce some of the criminal activity.
Become far more active in promoting diversity. I heard there were racist City Administration hiring policies, if not written, they were certainly practiced. Not proven of course, but the City can do more to message diversity and be pro-actively anti-racist.
Seek out homeless people and pan handlers to lift them up from their dire living conditions.
"better Commercial development/planning/... new development is very sporadic throughout city. NO high end retailers or restaurants.

increase cleanliness of city(beautification committees)

Increase cultural and arts offering"
Support police and firemen fully in a way where I do not have to worry about if someone will be available to me in emergency. Improve loitering on street corners in some areas of town.
Fund the Fire and Police MUCH better, which could cut down on crime in this town
Joplin has a horrible problem with poverty, drugs, and rough side of town especially to the west north.
A theater that can provide music entertainment, or professional plays to the area. Like Rogers, Ark.
Too much Meth in Joplin, unsightly yards, cheaper healthcare for workers . more policemen patrolling
make the inmates clean up the trash
Encourage truthfulness from everyone
Support it's police and fire department's better.
Continue to insure that our city is clean and picked up including yards
We need more industries to attract and support.
Promotion of activities to do in Joplin. There is a lot to do, but many people complain. I just think they are either unaware or too lazy to explore the many good things Joplin has.
"More cross town routes other than rangeline.

Get rid of that silly on off system at I44 and rangline."
update Main street for a more family friendly shopping experience.
community events, a real chamber that promotes our city and supports all businesses
Increase feelings of safety in natural areas where there is a growing presence of vandalism and drug use.
Have more places for kids to have fun and less drugs
They need a large collesium to bring in talent for entertainment
Quit allowing large retailers to leave facilities vacant and run down for long periods of time.
Listen to the taxpayers (home owners / business owners / property owners).
Redo sidewalks in old neighborhoods.
Outside activities for the WHOLE family
help the homeless population. support more local businesses. more pet friendly.
Strive for better income amongst the community. I know you are working that way now with city staff.
Work to maximize incentives for small business opportunities, secondary only to keeping Joplin THE place established leaders in employment want to be.
"Get rid of the consistent, career pan-handling going on in the city.

Bring in better entertainment venues. Example: concerts, more fun family activities like bumper cars, discovery zone type activities, climbing walls, activity gyms.

Bring in different grocery stores other than Food For Less and Wal-Mart.

Open an indoor shooting / and or archery range.

Open a Dave and Busters

Quit digging up the streets for work that is done after a new road has been laid down.

Better planning on work requests.

Street signs to be fixed.

Fix sidewalks and roads that are torn up.

Clean up old properties and junk cars setting around. I think we could do more with activities for youth. Fix the pot holes.
Clean up its down town area.
support the school system better
"Attract more business and manufacturing

Fix the roads

Get Internet sales approved

pay city workers competitive wages "
To lower the cost of utilities for the average family as well as improve access of entertainment, commercial shopping and entertainment district for quality of life/enjoyment.
To have more things to do in Joplin.... There is absolutely nothing to do in Joplin.
Having visually appealing scenery. Our main thoroughfares are an ugly spattering of power lines and parking lots. Rangeline and 7th have sidewalks but walking on them feels exposed and unappealing. Main Street and 20th are more walkable but only have appealing scenery at small segments. We could much better develop the main streets to look nice driving through and feel nice to walk along. I know there are other priorities for funding but I can't say anyone drives along Rangeline or 7th and thinks, "this would be a nice place to live" or "oh I'd love to spend a day here."
After Covid is over, need better stores for shopping, and things for people of all ages to do, physically and fun.
A better transportation system. I do not have any suggestions but there has to be a way to improve the current system. other places have a better system. Maybe look at expanding the area that the trolley goes. Some people cannot afford to use the trolley so maybe something to help this group.
"Cleanliness of the city!

The city has become very dirty... I know that sounds simplistic... but look around... parking lots, city owned or business owned, roadsides in residential and business districts have trash aplenty. I do not know the purpose of the black straw filled tubes that are left after road work / construction but they really need picked up after the job is done!"
add more to downtown; get community involved
Gatherings
More Jobs/ Better Shopping experiences/
Definitely Fix the roads as quickly as possible and keep them repaired
Clean up the streets. Having pan handlers at every intersection looks bad on the town.
lift mask regulations like Sweden.
Family Organized Outings...With NO MASK!!!
Help cut down on the homeless that are standing on every corner
Attract safe activities for families and individuals to do in town to prevent citizens from spending entertainment dollars in other towns.
I would like to see a stronger emphasis on outdoor recreation including biking / hiking / walking trails, parks, disc golf, etc.
Joplin could bring more businesses, especially grocery, to Joplin. There is a Facebook page to bring a Hy-Vee to Joplin. It would bring jobs to Joplin and it would give Joplin and surrounding area residents a choice. People on the Facebook page say they go to Springfield Hy-Vee to do their grocery shopping which causes Joplin to lose revenue.
Joplin lacks nightlife attractions, theme

parks, and more high end clothing stores. Most people travel to another cities in order to go have fun and shop at their favorite stores. In Joplin, it is more about the working life.
When starting a project, have a plan for maintenance and longevity. A good example would be the Main Street planters. They are wonderful and flowers were planted in them but only maintained up to about 13th Street. The remainder South end has dried up, died and grown weeds.
Not block off so many streets at one time.
Bring entertainment to the city in different forms. Have things all can enjoy, a water park, utilize your parks for city events.
More entertainment
Be progressive
Clean up all the drug/homeless issues. We have beautiful trails and outdoor outings that are underutilized because of the drug/homeless situations that lead to criminal activities.
Enforce the home lots be cleaned up and not a yard full of junk. That only decreases the value of other property's(lots or homes) around the same site
Fix roads that actually need to be fixed instead of constantly repaving roads that don't have any problems.
better services for the homeless
We need to make yard maintence the Landlords responsablity. Putting it off on the tenants does not cut it one 1 in 10 have a clue on doing it right. I'm a homeowner who lives in a neighborhood with many rentals 90% trashy!
I wish that Joplin would allow more business to join our town. it feels like we only have a few places to shop or buy goods.
NOTHING
staying out of people's personal health decisions.
More single-track dirt trails for mountain biking and trail running.
Joplin could really use a better indoor sports venue. We go to lots of traveling team events for volleyball I know a lot of people do it for basketball soccer etc. and we really don't have a great venue for that experience a reasonable convention center which could host up to 1000 people would also be a huge plus as I think we could host a variety of trade religious and other events
Joplin could work on developing more shopping centers and grocery stores. Walmart is almost the only grocery option.
Splash Pads!
bring in more STEM type companies to increase the pool of professional jobs
Hiking trails, low income housing, large concert venue
"Right now the focus is probably on the virus and protecting the citizens as it should be.

Down the road, something that could be better is more green space: each new business coming in should be required to plant trees, shrubs, or flowers and beautify their space.
Add to our parks – they are beautiful and many people use them. We are now losing a big portion of our park to the new elementary school. Another thing that we could be better at is neighborhood blight. Addressing run down houses and outbuildings. Increasing affordable housing. "
More family friendly events
Keep developing trails for running, biking and walking. More sidewalks though we have come a ways! Partner more with area towns like WC, CJ and Pittsburg on business and retail collaborations.
Continuing to move forward with Spiva expansion.
LISTENING TO EACH OTHER. RESPECTING ONES VIEW ON THINGS.
CRIME, WHEN I MOVED HERE FROM CHARLOTEE NC IN 82 IT WAS NICE TO NOT HAVE MUCH CRIME, NOW EVERY NIGHT THERE IS SOMEONE BEING SHOT, STABBED OR MUGGED
Stop worrying about all of the sidewalk upgrades and repair the streets. Also make the repair persons accountable if they do not fix them correctly to fix and the City not be charged again. Take better care of the Police and Firefighters. Administration sits and draws an extremely large salary while imposing unrealistic policies that may look good for them on paper but is indeed penalizing P & F when they are forced to work overtime, sick days etc. While boasting of "giving them raises" instead anything that has been done has been taxed or penalized where they are still not able to earn fair wages. Only administration benefits each time.
not so much road construction going on at the same time.
Streets and roads. More major side streets.
Better shopping. Dillards, Barnes and Noble, ect.
I feel like we try to hard to appear "big time." For example after the tornado we acted like the experts on tornadoes and showed up, uninvited, in Moore OK several days after their (common) tornadoes to tell them how to manage. They didn't need it. And, on top of that, I feel the city managed the tornado (Wallace Bajali etc) SO poorly and yet acted like experts. I felt embarrassed for the little town trying to act big time
Have family activity places.
Provide incentives for law enforcement officers to stay, increase pay. Also regular updates (which Ryan has been very good about doing) about what is going on within the city.
Better pay for law enforcement, More officers cleaning up abandoned houses.
More arts and craft promotions.
Leave Rangeline alone. How much more stuff can we cram into that area? Don't answer that... The new shopping whatever place East of 32nd and Rangeline. I bet the land is primo but it is a half a mile away from a disgusting plant that burps out the most atrocious smells. Who is going to what to shop smelling that?!
Bring it downtown!!
"ENFORCE TRAFFIC LAWS.

My god, you're sitting on a goldmine on money if you would just enforce speed limits.

The amount of people making terrible driving decisions, speeding (40+mph downtown in the 20mph zone), almost hitting pedestrians and cyclists...

I'm from KC, moved a year ago, and I've never seen such horrible driving."
Stop letting police turn off their body cams
"Catch up with the times. I've lived in several other cities over the last 20 years before I came back home and we're so far behind other cities. Every time a new restaurant opens, I love it.
It's been kind of stagnate here.

Clean up the drug issue. I know it's easier said than done, but being known as one of the meth capitals hurts, a lot. "
road construction is ridiculous. Make the schedule of repairs and reroutes available to the public where it can be easily found.
Fill empty retail spaces, better communication with residents for services available
"CLEAN IT UP!! WHERE ARE THE SALES TAX DOLLARS BEING SPENT?

MAKE IT A BIKE FRIENDLY TOWN. IT NEEDS

DISIGNATED BIKE LANES BECAUSE THERE ARE VERY FEW. PLANT MORE TREES! GRAND FALLS PUBLIC AREA IS FULL OF TRASH EVERY TIME I VISIT. IT MAKE ME SICK TO MY STOMACH HOW FILTHY IT IS. THE CITY NEEDS TO ENFORCE LITTERING AND KEEP IT CLEAN. "
Promoting physical activity in the city. Hanging on to a pro team. Improving the school district.
Community health care workers to work with vulnerable populations that are high-utilizers of costly care such as underinsured/uninsured, Hispanic, and Micronesian populations.
One thing that I've noticed that has always really bothered me in any town or city is hypocrisy in law enforcement. I see them speeding all the time and going about lanes and turning without blinkers. It's so annoying that I have to fear doing all of those things when the cop next to me can fly by and not get in trouble. I have always respected police officers, but they need to know that they are not above the law and they need to comply with the same laws that we do.
homeless on the streets and in parks
"Help to eliminate so much traffic and congestion on Rangeline, 32nd Street, Main street and 7th Street.

Have another exit off the Freeway between Main and Rangeline."
not mandate people
Not enforcing an unconstitutional lockdown and mandate face coverings that have no evidence of working. Also, quit instilling fear into the public.
Improve road conditions and update stoplights to adapt to changes in traffic patterns.
Joplin could do better in entertainment. There is nothing to do for an adult with no kids, besides going to a bar or the movies. I think it would do Joplin a great deal to have a music event center, a theme park, or even an adult jungle gym. It would attract more people and also give more reason for people to move to Joplin.
There are some street issues, and I do not see many police around town
As someone who is in my mid-thirties, Joplin rarely has any experiences or social opportunities that fit my needs. My family income is around 200k, I have my doctorate degree and our needs are fairly liberal. We moved to Joplin for it's career opportunities, but we aren't met with a welcoming atmosphere for our social and cultural needs.

Raise the mask ordiance
entice another grocery chain to locate here--Schnucks, HyVee, anyone to give Walmart some competition (Food4Less is good, but not great)
Joplin could definitely do better in helping connect homeless citizens with resources, such as mental health and substance use counseling and treatment.
I think we need a better and confidential way to inform police of drug distributing going on in our neighborhoods. I hate to say it, but I don't think all on the force are on the right side. We need an outside source to contact.
Have fresh cutting edge things to do to give a reason to come to Joplin. Top Golf, Non Smoky bowling alleys, etc.
More Police
offer more choices in grocery stores,
"have more family attractions, one of each is not suitable for the population and the surrounding cities.

Joplin could fix the sidewalks in down town Joplin
I think that the $ spent on the masks was $ wasted and could have been put towards something else. Joplin needs to manage $ better like the police department for training or better equipment.
It seems that Joplin lacks consistency in many areas and does not have consistent plan for development. It also seems that Joplin has suffered more than its fair share of corruption.
Improve drug activity and homelessness, in addition to having less chain restaurants and stores.
Better bike lanes, walking trails sidewalk systems to encourage less vehicle travel and more bike/pedestrian
the roads need a facelift
Increase activites for the you....ie a Discovery Center, more shopping ie small shopping centers with things like Home Goods; Marshalls. Unique specialty shops
A lot of trash around Joplin. Dirty parking lots and empty lots. More school buses for our kids so that small children are not walking to school alone.
Lift the mask mandate
More local restaurants and better roads
"Build a happy, healthy city for our well-being. Better ease of walking throughout the city, add sidewalks, trails, and greenery.
Better/apply aesthetics to the city, specifically the path of the tornado. More lighting at current parks. I like the idea of walking or biking to a park from my home, instead of having to get the family in the car to go to a bike/walking path or do an outdoor activity. We have no sidewalks in my neighborhood so this is not achievable currently.

Encourage positivism towards public school system. JHS specifically. The cycle needs to be broken where people move to CJ or Webb for sports. "
The city could encourage entrepreneurial efforts within the city to increase new jobs.
The city is also polluted with trash fairly bad in some areas. Joplin also has terrible traffic congestion, taking much longer than it should to travel through.
I think if we could have more of a theater scene and a district downtown where adult professionals can unwind for the weekend.
I do not live in Joplin but I shop here in JOPLIN . And I work here in JOPLIN. The one problem is traffic on Rangeline.
Pay the first responders better. I have no one that is a first responder but value their need in this community.
Invest in a bigger, better entertainment venue. The old Memorial hall is outdated and undersized for events that Joplin could attract.
"Encourage more retailers to come to Joplin. Have you seen our mall lately? It's dying inside-large chain stores are leaving, and small shops are coming and going. Our options for shopping are minimal-I prefer to go to Arkansas to shop.

Encourage growth for middle class jobs for people with trade skills/factory skills not neccessarily those with college degrees. Maybe improve on the technical trade schools-more options for trade skills. Our economy is shifting, we need more trade workers. The middle class is what builds up the majority of America.

And clean up the streets- I am seeing more and more pan handlers at every busy intersection. I'm sorry, I don't want to come to a town that reminds me of a dirty city-and that's what I think of every time I see a pan handler. I think of Houston, TX- the dirt, the filth, and how unsafe I felt when visiting there."
Wish more downtown shopping, I love one of a kind shops and tea rooms.
Not waste money. A small faction of people

want this performing arts center. We need something that all people can and want to attend. Like an aquarium or ice rink sporting events. Or a museum other than the mineral museum. The Train depot is such an awesome building and nothing is being done. We need to embrace what our rich history has to offer.
Get more entertainment to come to Joplin. People go to Kansas City, Tulsa and Springfield to do stuff. I do like that Joplin is the center of all those areas but it would be nice to have more entertainment come here.
We could pay our police and fireman more. We could also bring in entertainment. Joplin is large enough with the surrounding area to support bigger name entertainers.
TRAFFIC ON RANGELINE ON WEEKENDS IS TERRIBLE. HAVE BETTER ALTERNATE ROUTES AND PARKING LOTS THAT CONNECT
Maintain streets, side walks, street lights and signs in the entire city. I have seen an improvement in certain areas, while other areas aren't growing old so gracefully
Plant more trees.
Bring in concerts and other special events. Bring in new companies, Have food truck days. Stop building new shopping centers that don't already have something going in them
"More trails. More sidewalks. More industry.

More custom housing in the 250,000-375,000 range (less pop-up neighborhoods that seem to look good but are poorly built).

Somehow make Rangeline less busy..."
Better side walks and or bike trails/pathways.
Stop thinking about their money and start helping people. Stop making people feel like they are worthless. Help the community and people who need help stop denying them over bad credit, how they look etc..
"Provide structures and foot traffic venue for small businesses (i.e. boutique clothing, arts & crafts, books, sweet treats)

Law enforcement needs better financial support to be fully equipped for all situations they encounter.
I lived here back in the 1970s. Joplin is basically the same as that time period only larger now. As long as it is a safe place to live and the streets are maintained along with other infrastructure, I think the city managers past and present have served the city well. My only wish would be to cut through the barriers to having the trolley add the Ozark Center Hope Spring to its routes. With so many people needing mental health options (especially now with COVID-19 repercussions) that are low income, that should be a given.
Have more activities for families, children or youth and adults. Bring more activities of a cultural nature to Joplin (concerts, art shows, plays, speaker, etc.)
Get the panhandlers off the streets. Period. There are plenty of jobs to be had in town. None of us like to pay taxes, but this makes Joplin look bad.
Repair damaged curbing along streets in tornado zone that were not repaired from tornado more, specifically 26th street
"More Shopping the mall will eventually close due to increasing rent costs

More entertainment"
Clean up downtown areas
Assist the homeless with placement options
Support their police officers and first responders. Pay them more and have more officers staffed!
Drug control
We need more big/different businesses. I am really hoping that we are able to get a Hy-Vee. We need something different. Our culture is truly lacking here but we are a community that has different cultures. We also need better shopping. Our mall is truly suffering.
Transparent financials, basic civil services, and direct Mayoral elections.
More activities to get people together, although with Covid-19, not right now. For examples-concerts, plays, a zoo?
Manage traffic flow (given that the surrounding towns come here to work, so traffic population swells to 300k+ every business day), better schedule train stoppages, do something about the water so it doesn't taste like a pool full of minerals, coordinate road construction so ALL THE STREETS aren't blocked at the same time, etc.
"Invite more manufacturing to set up shop here. For the current younger generation and future generations, this area needs more solid jobs. Not talking service job, talking skilled trade jobs.

Also, support in area high schools educational programs to supports the skilled trades. Need more of this instead of herding kids into colleges, spending tons of money and coming out not finding decent jobs."
Be more mindful of what the public can do for recreation besides bars, diners, etc. No more Tennis Courts. Maybe MTB park, Pump Track, Multipurpose trails system completion
Added more family friendly business to draw in more businesses and have people want to shop in joplin instead of going to springfield, tulsa, bentonville and kansas city
bring in attractions that would want people here. reach out to business that have a name and bring them to the Joplin area. (A small theme park)
Realtors that live in Joplin could stop selling everywhere but Joplin as the place to be (CJ, Webb, Carthage, Neosho, etc). Parks should be connected by trail system. Side walks. Incubator growth and promotion. Outdoor, healthy activity/living
Provide better paying jobs and jobs that aren't mostly fast food. Listen to the citizens and respond accordingly. We've had way too much shoved down our throats...it seems like since the 2011 tornado...where they hired a firm and spent big $$$ and lost it to a con artist. Then recently spending $60k on masks! That was ridiculous. It sounds like that order was placed before they mask ordinance even went in to effect.
I think we need to do a better job of supporting our local businesses and not give so much to the larger corporations.
"1. Provide more family centered activities.

2. Provide more safe, activity centers for our youth.

3. Stop spending money on frivolous items, like cobblestone intersections.

4. Start investing in long-term economic return items and our youth.

5. Be a better supporter of constitutional and individuals' rights."
more resources for homeless
Purposeful inclusion of minority groups. Including persons of color and people with

disabilities.
Offer more things to do in Joplin so people aren't always traveling out of town.
More support for small businesses that make our city unique and fun. More recreational opportunities outside of shopping, eating and sports.
Fix the drug problem
have more asst. to help with the homeless, low income families
Policing neighborhoods (particularly during after school hours)
Fixing the homeless issues/problems
Better communication and collaborating between local business and the medical/helping professionals in the area. Increase public transportation routes and frequencies. Provide more housing for homeless people in good neighborhoods where they can be more successful. Improve relationship between Ozark Center, Law Enforcement, and Housing developements.
Offer more events that have further outreach than just Joplin and surrounding communities. We need to bring in events that make Joplin a destination.
Controlling the drugs within the city. Before I moved here I heard there was a huge meth problem, now that I'm here I'm scared to take my kids out to public places.
Clean up the homeless population and write a city ordinance banning pan handling on city streets.
Bring in more industry
Things for kids/teens
Joplin could do a lot better at finding placement for people on the streets. The last couple of years the streets seem to be more homeless people. We need to stop spending money on shopping malls etc. and open more programs to help people get off the streets and get a job and housing. We need more Inpatient and outpatient drug facilities and mental health facilities.
Faith and pride in what it is. There have been many efforts to rebrand and resell Joplin as if it isn't good enough. Marketing its good qualities without acting like it needs big changes.
tearing down of condemned housing, weed control, extending the main street clean up and revitalization farther south.
We need more entertainment for our area. Zoo, amusement park, go cart track. Something family friendly. Even an ice skating rink!
Not sure, but it would be nice if the utility companies and workers were nicer and more flexible to the citizens. RE: They don't take respect for the citizens or let us know when they are changing things until the last minuet, whether it be blocking off a road or changing a meter.
Help its poor, low and middle class citizens become more financially independent by raising minimum wage restrictions.
Do something about the ever growing citizens with a meth problem...i.e. drug houses. Also we need to do something about the smell on 32nd street by General Mills. Some days it's so bad you almost can't drive through that area. Not a good way to welcome people to our community.
the mantadory mask decision was wrong, encouraging hand hygiene and social distancing was enough to hurt the small businesses, the mandatory mask was ridiculous, and it is viewed being about compliance instead of health and safety
More youth sports opportunties, camps, clinics, better communication of youth/athletic competitions, camps, etc
Let people decide for themselves about mask use
Clean up some of the neighbor hoods from 7th street to C street
entertainment for youth and adults
Train it's Police Department better. There are few officer's that don't need to be in law enforcement. Personality tests reveal a lot about a person.
Increase cultural entertainment venues
"Have concerts, rodeo's, family entertainment.

Joplin needs to enforce drugs too many crack heads roaming our streets and sitting in our fast food restaurants.

look for ways to increase outdoor activities and better take care of trails
Planning of road construction. Start many projects so it takes twice as long for anything to get finished.
Never require people to wear masks! If someone is sick, stay home. People have the ability to make their own decisions about that. Never close the economy down for any reason.
More things to do. A Event center for concerts. Outdoor bars that you can bring pets. Have more to do for every body. That is one thing I always hear from people is there is nothing to do in Joplin.
Support their police departments and hire more. Be selective about what roads they are working on so that you are not blocked from areas
"Better traffic control

On rangeline"
"Better outdoor activities, safer

Accepting people of color. Accepting LGBTQ community
"As a City, I think customer service can be greatly improved. From paying utility bills, to requesting a business license, to welcoming developers.....we make it hard to be a part of Joplin.

Addressing homelessness, drug addiction and mental health. Although there is a new facility opening in September to speed up the process of addressing mental health issues, there is still a long road ahead.
Joplin as a community needs to build pride. For far too long people have been "stuck" here rather than wanting to be here. As far as the city as an organization, our tax dollars should be spent in ways that truly improve our city and quality of life rather than just making roads larger and larger. Road building is an outdated mode of economic development and creates expensive maintenance costs without resources. It also creates faster, louder traffic and endangers people walking and biking. We also need to enforce our codes. The state of properties throughout the city is unacceptable and creates ongoing negative perceptions.
Open the Route 66 speedway again.
Light our residential streets
"Bring in some entertainment. A nice movie theater. A nice concert / theater venue. Etc.

"
listen
Increase family friendly events or activities around the city. There is not enough to do!
Provide for better employee pay. For example, we have Sanitation Workers make 3 to 4 dollars an hour below the market value.
Clean up the streets. Stop the asking for money on street corners, put new sidewalks in residential areas that are in dire need. More street lights in residential areas. I live in North Hieghts. Sidewalks and lighting are terrible in that area. Also, get rid of the god forsaken mask mandate. Enough is enough we need are freedom back!

We need to look for what we don't have. Downtown residents need a green space for their dogs. Using Spiva park and accidents on city sidewalks does not meet the need, and Spiva Park should not be known as doggie park or homeless haven as often heard by members of downtown. Homelessness is not to be overlooked, the empty storefronts have become the bedrooms of homeless on many a night, so there still is a need for more shelters for them, but seeing them sleeping in storefronts does not make downtown attractive to shoppers. To help get tourists downtown we must put our best foot forward. Make ourselves shine! Clean up blighted neighborhood areas, address the dangers that these areas cause. Joplin needs more high paying jobs in the area. In the city statistics we are listed below the Missouri average income. This is due to several factors that could be addressed through smart development and marketing.

reverse the mask mandate

Use money wisely

Increase the policing of the tweakers and drug users. Genuinely recruit new businesses to the area. In the past we have lost manufacturing and employment opportunities–Menards, Hy-Vee, etc.

Traffic flow planning and sidewalks. We should be a more environmentally friendly city and sidewalks should be on both sides of main thoroughfare roads. There are too many city streets (most of 4th Street, E 28th, much of Range Line, W 32nd Street, Rex Street behind Walmart) without sidewalks and there are often pedestrians, or (even worse) people in wheelchairs or scooters walking or riding in the traffic lane. This is such a dangerous situation. Poor planning when the city allowed developments on the south and north sides of 32nd just west of Schifferdecker back in the 1990s to build houses up to the ditches of 32nd street now means there is no way to make 32nd street a 4 or 5 lane street out to Wildwood. The city should require wider easements along mile section or other major roads and certainly on all new development.

Helping our neighbors who need more affordable and better housing. Working to alleviate homelessness and hunger. I'd like to see more independent senior housing… smaller homes affordably priced.

Make more places for family's to hand out

like race track or something like that

Street layout downtown, making it easier for small businesses to open

Work with the current owners and future owners to bring back the Pizza by Stout's and other businesses lost that were unique to Joplin.

"A few things Joplin could capitalize on more:

- It's history and location along Route 66.

- Central location within the country. Could be more of a hub for shipping and warehouse for businesses like Amazon etc.

- Outdoor Amenities: Trails, rivers, lakes."

manage public works/road repairs more reasonably. For example, it is not economical to pave and then come in a month after to repair waterlines.

Joplin does not uphold truth and traditions well, e.g. neglecting the museum for decades, still no plan. After all of these years just now has committee to maybe get organized.

People stop complaining and try to work as a whole for a solution

Building inspection department coordination. One inspectors tells you one thing and the next inspector tells you something different.

Bring in better paying jobs. Bring more factory work.

market to and actively pursue bringing businesses and additional employment opportunities to Joplin, attempting to attract small businesses and large corporations alike

Reopen without restrictions or government mandates....we know we must destroy the economy to help the democrats, but it's getting hard on local businesses

Respect each person's right to choose and stop promoting mandates that promote discord. Prior to mask mandate/social media propoganda, people got to choose whether or not to wear a mask and were respectful to other's choice.

Joplin has to attract and retain educated residents. Just a personal observation, everyone I knew from college has moved away to more progressive larger areas.

Fix the smell of this town. 1/2 of Joplin smells like raw sewage and rancid meat. Combine the stench with the alarming number of uneducated bigots, plus years of endless and pointless road work and you've got the answer to why this town has just steadily gone downhill since the 2011 tornado.

I think what brings a town together is youth sports. Really youth anything. Last years Joplin football team did more for the town than any thing you could do in city government. No offense Nick. The city supporting youth sports and hosting youth tournaments problem does as much for local business as any thing you could do. Unless you guys give another run at Tesla (ha, ha) or any other company. Getting good paying jobs in here actually keeps taxes down for all of us. No one wants to pay more in taxes. Focus on getting manufacturing job in here. They pay well and stay.

"The Building City Codes are enforced. It is a disgrace and embarrassing to drive thru our town and see how not only homes but, businesses have been allowed to be maintained. (Or should, I say not maintained.)

The Panhandler situation needs to be addressed. We have plenty of organizations willing to help the homeless, addicted and hungry."

Have more things for the younger generation

Once COVID is over, I think there should be more community events. I remember things like Slide the City and Zerkapalooza.

After Covid more community wide events with live music

Attract more well paying union jobs

better infrastructure. North Joplin is always neglected. Need to finish the 5 lanes on Zora at Main street and also Zora east of Rangeline. And east Newman Road.

City could think for themselves a little. Forget all this tax giveaways that create commercial retail in the farthestost inconvenient locations. Looks like we will have another one out in the swamp south of 32.nd.

Attract large events. Convention center, sports complex, Indoor deluxe competition pool... we could attract major stuff due to our location and available hotel space.

Invest in itself a lot of the drive right now comes from privates sector finds: medical school, arts center. City suffers from low tax attitude. Good bang for bucks it has but needs more.

Support youth athletics and special needs children of the coMmunity.

Stop spreading hate and division

it's stinky smell

Eliminate conflicts of interest between Chamber and City, more accountability, more

opportunities for the citizens to meet and talk with their zone representative and other council members, listen to the needs of the citizens regardless of their status in the community, more public oversight.
"When surveys like this are taken, listen to people. Staff usually asks opinions and then does whatever they had already decided to do. There are smug staff in many departments and on city council.

Help the local museum get a better building. It's an over looked treasure."
"1. More parks in neighborhoods

2. Downtown parking garage- I still cont figure out where to park when the art center is built

Respect our constitutional rights.
More efficient road work, and not being racist (Confederate flags, etc)
Traffic violations. People are out of control on the roads.
Get rid of the meth addicts
Offer affordable housing and incentives to the younger generations as they begin there live journey as an adult. We can...
Pull business from Range Line
Enforce property maintenance codes, landlord regulations, occupancy inspections for rentals
"We need to let go of the importance of our low cost of living, as that directly translates into a lower standard of living.

We need a more walkable downtown, more public art, and a city government that doesn't kowtow to the loudest voices in the room. Higher taxes can help us gather the resources necessary to achieve many goals."
Be more open to expanding sidewalks downtown, not make it so hard for small businesses to be successful downtown, and communicate more with the community (in conjunction with the Chamber and Downtown Joplin Alliance)
the ease of parking, shopping, eating, and living downtown. Also, it would be wonderful to see an event center and hotel downtown.
quit trying to take over more land area fix what you already have
We need city sales tax to apply to all online purchases. We need to seriously consider a City Property Tax to be a designated fund for Fire and Police protection. This will help the general fund and allow the property tax to serve only Joplin residents.
to support growth and higher level employment, there are several concerns. improve support for lifestyle- invite greater diversity in grocery shopping, clothing, home improvement. support the airport services to 2 or 3 regional hubs (dallas, chicago, denver?) encourage the developing industrial park. encourage social functions such as third thursday, private car shows, art displays, etc.
Make Yard waste removal Easier
Work with companies looking for a place to locate, more in tune with what the people want!
More Walk, Bike, Hike areas in already established streets. 15th Street is wide enough to be an interstate and most of the street travels through our central part system. It should be more park like an less 4 lane highway. The rush hour traffic is not high enough to warrant the amount of asphalt you are paying for.
Help bring in competition for Walmart.
Keep wear masks all the time when peoples must wear masks to keep the business up and running... No flying fist then if it's call police for fine not wear a mask and never return to business.
More mountain bike and hiking trails that keep out the homeless. Stop the begging at 15th st walmart intersection , 4th street, and 32nd!
Preserve our historic buildings instead of just tearing them down
"The parks and Rec. has been a joke compared to towns even smaller.

Don't need more soccer fields

Should have a good softball complex with 6-8 fields, and concessions and seating in the center of 4 fields.

A flipping indoor competition swim complex, Look around- Gladstone,MO. Or Monett. Include all area H.S. Into the facility. Has to be 100meters by 25 yards. That will cover both long course and short course seasons and events for both USA club and High School and summer leagues. "
Joplin needs more affordable housing for lower income families that cannot afford the higher priced buildings that are here now after the tornado.
Keeping middle of town upkept instead of expanding out. Downtown area has a lot of vacant buildings with a lot of great potential
Get new council members on your board
More places for family activities
You don't want to know what I think
Monopolized by Walmart and subsidiaries
Better grocery store. No need to have to depend only Wal-Mart. We should be able to maintain one with our surrounding population.
Opportunity for. new businesses like better variety of restaurants and grocery stores.
We need a HyVee!
Get rid of mask mandate
Get a music venue. Build a large manufacturing plant.
different grocery store than Walmart
Bring more industry to town with good paying jobs. Clean up some of the blighted parts of town. Do something about the meth issue.
Attract quality grocery stores so there are options other than Walmart.
Add more things to do for a date night or anytime. There's not a lot
Control the panhandlers and vagrants better. It's not a good look to see people sleeping on sidewalks and door steps.
Help each other in needs
Open a Hy-Vee..open more restaurants and hotels on Main Street
We need better grocery stores, like a HYVEE
Give us something more that is fun and affordable!
Support public schools
Improve parks, extend waking trails through city, NO MORE chain restaurants, encourage local pubs and cafes
Parks & Rec maintenance & landscaping at all parks (not just mercy/cunningham). More shaded areas at parks, whether natural, pavilion, or canopies over play areas. **Look at Bentonville parks!**
Improving old rundown buildings and providing things for the youth to do.
More sidewalks!!
"City council can, on occasion, make bad decisions when it domes to sports, sport venues and the arts.

Getting rid of parking downtown at memorial hall is silly when you should fix memorial hall and make it a great s0ports and concert venue."
"No tiffs (they hurt the schools) and try to include all citizens when thinking about changes, not just those with money.

Downtown doesn't need to be such a focus. What are you going to do with the mall?

I think we need to let small businesses grow and not make large chains the big interest.

I want to see empty buildings and such be the focus of cleaning up.

Something needs to be done about the homeless begging on corners and the drugs. The western side of town is horrid.

Please don't cut down any more trees."
Fund public programs.
More investment in the outdoors! More trails, kayak park, and rock climbing.
"Have an overall better feel and understanding of WHAT joplin is, has to offer and WHY folks should not only stay but COME to.

We have no solid sense of our self as a community and therefor no one knows what to think about Joplin over all, brand wise."
Traffic safety. Too many uncontrolled intersections in residential areas. Everyone thinks they have the right of way, and no two officers will find the same fault, as it's too open to interpretation of the law.
For a city of 50,000 individuals, this isn't a good reflection on our city. Smaller towns have all their intersections with some type of traffic sign. Either stop or yield. This is unfair and unsafe for our citizens.
Encourage diversity, the arts, and ferment an open minded community.
More focus on music and arts. More focus on outdoor spaces.
Listen to all the residents not just Toby Teeter
The appearance of a small group of "powerful" elites who run the town. Nepotism is rampant, but I suspect that is the way of the world.
Anything
Assume a stand against beggers on the corners
More resident friendly areas, parks, open areas.
Work with jasper county and do a county wide lockdown
More arts, quality hands on museums.
clean up the city so that not every block you go down looks run down and meth infested.

I think pushing more towards integrated ways of living with nature and living sustainably need to be a focus. How do we instead recycling participation? How do we encourage community river clean ups?
Get a handle on the meth problem, derelict houses and slum lords.
Education, focus less on sports and actually teach. And drop the dress code and out of school suspensions. Work on making the outside areas more appealing- trails, rivers. We have a fairly easy to kayak river but we dont keep it cleaned of fallen trees and trash.
Get more diverse restaurants- we have 1 indian, 2 actual thai, and 3 or 4 actual mexican places, meaning they are authentic food and ran by respective ethnic parties. Or just more businesses in general. Stop repaving the same three roads and focus on updating neighborhoods and providing education scholarships and other help to people who make less than a living wage. Raise minimum wage so people could actually live alone if they wish instead of being forced to enter relationships at a young age or make deals with roommates.
Not work on the same roads repeatedly when other roads suffer so much. 32nd Street past Schifferdecker is driven by hundreds of people living in houses that are taxed A LOT. We would like our beautiful homes to have a road that is comparable. Joplin has passed up many opportunities for growth in my opinion. I think we should rethink this status quo attitude.
Promote Diversity. Listen to people who come from diverse backgrounds.
Get rid of the mask mandate. Stupid
Not be socialist nazis
"Improve separation of church/state, remove religion from any government function/document, etc.

Transparency in law enforcement – better training. Social support systems for mental health, addiction/recovery.

More sidewalks, expanded trail system. "
Remind the community how it came together before
Rally behind our school sports teams
Stop the tyrannical mask mandate!
More masks
Bring in more entertainment stuff for the kids to do
"Diversity. More empathetic to minorities and willingness to listen and enact change when minorities share their troubles with local issues.

Recycling- we need to push harder and do more for recycling and more eco-friendly practices in this city. "
The cultural offerings referenced in question 1.
Upkeep, mowing, dog out clogged ditches, get rid of invasive Bradford trees downtown before sidewalks crack
Entertainment and Events that would be of interest to a diverse crowd.
offer more than restaurants and bars. Safe bike trails, comedy and improv clubs, concerts
I'd love to see new businesses. Entertainment, night life, things for toddlers/families to do. Joplin is actually incredibly lacking when it comes to family needs.
Be more diverse & inclusive. Attract more better known businesses to the area. Springfield is way ahead of us. They are getting a Costco.
Joplin needs more activities for people. There isn't much to do. Joplin could use a cool theater like the Alamo in Springfield or a comedy club, etc...
Civic responsibility, education
Come together. We need more school spirit whithin the community. The homecoming parade this past year was a hit. We need more things to do for kids/teens. Especially on the cheaper side. A bigger splash pad like the on Grove, Ok or Seneca has would be nice. Continue the tree lightening ceremony at Christmas downtown but make it bigger and better. Bring some stuff to town that would draw people here. And get the crack heads out of here as well as doing something better about the homeless community.
Abolish the mask ordinance
More things for kids. More things for people to do sober. More things to do without being in a restaurant. More things to do on the west side of town. No we don't need more parks.
I feel like the city council on the whole does listen to the people, but bias and personal opinion play too much of a role still.
Quell the voices of hysterics and conspiracists.
Be more welcoming to people and ideas that are non-traditional for the area. More pedestrian-friendly, and more of a culture of walking, cycling and entrepreneurship. As well as more of a culture of diversity.
Cleaning up downtown. Enforcing some standards for residential areas.

Focus on recreational ideas and college student life
Deal with pan handlers
Traffic on range line and 32nd street is almost just too much
Tougher on crime, especially the smaller items. It may not seem like much when someone is stealing lower ticket items from your property but it adds up and its frustrating.
We have a lot of very run down homes that could be adorable if they were fixed up. I love North Town, and really wanted to buy in the area, but neighboring streets are horrifying. We also have a big drug and alcohol problem. We need good, affordable rehab and mental health centers, and more good housing for the poor.
Bring in some competition for these existing business. No more catering to Walmart.
"Not let businesses open across the street from existing businesses that will hurt them ie: Casey's.

"More public transportation at an affordable price.

Enforce a vagrant policy that does not allow people to stand at stop signs and beg"
Draw more recreation to the area to sustain small and local businesses. It could be concerts, vendor shows, sports team, etc. Anything to help spark the economy for sustainable growth in the future.
Keep the streets/sidewalks clean and well maintained. Get beggars off the streets. Make downtown safe to walk around. Slow down the speed limits on range line and Main Street.
Help small businesses stay afloat.
More local vegan restaurants. Continue to clean up down town. Make Joplin a destination with museums and place for large concerts.
More safe walking/bike trails in town.
Make sure the schools open and keep the business open. Don't say you will "allow" it's not entirely up to you.
"Listen to the people!

Sidewalk system two MSSU from 7th st and From Rangeline Road, Sidewalks going east down Newman Road with Bike lanes. Repair and upgrade sidewalks throughout the city and more biking lanes
Community participation. Making life for our homeless community easier. Every office they need to get established is on a different bus line than another. Cindy Andrews at economic security desk her best but he program only allows for so many participants.
Better support from the citizens where our leadership is concerned. Our leaders are doing the best they can given the circumstances.
Open parks and avoid biased media.
Other places to shop other than walmart
Stay out of politics!
Recognize that not everyone is a staunch conservative. Other view points, races, religions do exist.
For me it's a pedestrian answer. In some busy areas such as Rangeline Rd there aren't sidewalks.
Be more diverse and inclusive and willing to pay more for unique/local produce and services. The Walmart cheap mentally is the biggest threat for small business in town.
I am discouraged by the number of historic buildings and homes that are sitting and rotting
NOT FORCE THEIR CITIZENS TO WEST MASKS. THE ONES WHO WANT TO CAN, AND THE ONES WHO DON'T SHOULDNT BE FORCED TO CONFORM TO THIS COMMUNIST AGENDA.
Quality of life. Example include interconnecting the city trails, expand the availability of city pools, attracting and encourage economic growth.
Quit doing stupid stuff, like filling in Willow Creek near the Frisco Trail and making us wear Masks.
Attract business. To make Joplin stand out, we need to offer opportunities that set us apart to encourage tourists to stay over instead of driving through.
Bring in a better selection of grocery stores!
Infrastructure PLEASE. We have condemned houses, horrible roads, unusable sidewalks. Clean it up.
public transportation, environmental stewardship
Drop the dumb mask policy.
Downtown is DARK at night. Brighter street lights, remove some trees. Can't see people walking across the street. Large cities have bright downtown lights.
The stop lights down town are horrible. They have long wait times, its ridiculous. If you are not on Main St you have to wait too long for the light to change. Some of the left turn lanes don't even last long enough for 2 cars to turn.
Let people choose whether they wear a mask or not. It is dividing the masses. I also think more people will wear one if not forced.
Have more town spirit and support our local teams like the surrounding towns do. Also support local businesses more.
Be more progressive, be a prettier town that doesn't just embrace big box stores and chains
Support culture in our community.
Bring in more industry
Everything Bentonville/Rogers is doing. We go down there a couple times a month to do things we can't do here. And it just looks new and clean, while Joplin has so many run down areas.
Make accommodations for larger selection of retail.
Get homeless off streets
Better paying jobs than just restaurants and Walmarts
Joplin needs to grow. We need more competition in this city.
Not spend millions on board walks and baseball fields that have not improved our town what so ever.
Better communications between lower income family's and city management.
Better enforcement of housing and rental ordinances.
high end grocery store. Stop catering to Wal-mart!!!
More things to do
Stop the mask mandate. Get other grocery stores to come into town, like HyVee, Walmart is getting stupid anymore. help people who have hit and run accidents and can't get any information on the people who hit them. Listen to the people of Joplin. We don't want to wear masks, they are ineffective.
Offering choices in grocery shopping, family entertainment.
Provide and market actual secular social resources.
Bring more business to the west side of town. Clean up Main street south of 7th street. Better lighting in the residential areas. Fix streets and sidewalks in other areas besides just where they were already fixed after the tornado.
Joplin needs more choices for groceries and hardware stores off Rangeline. West Joplin and southwest Joplin needs an Ace Hardware store, a Hy-Vee grocery, and more restaurants. Road resurfacing on west 32nd street towards Wildwood Ranch. It is

building up a lot there.
Bring back Boomtown days
get Hy-Vee store
Provide more entertainment options. We have so many restaurants and bars, not much for kids and families.
Streets – No apparent plan and repairs are ineffective
Bringing in small patio type restaurants.
Definitely better grocery store options. Like HyVee
Continue to examine the federal sales to ensure citizens rights are upheld. Civil rights violations are for everyone and being well versed in those laws will protect Joplin government and citizens
Take better care of older neighborhoods. Crime prevention. Watching out for elderly and those in need
Listen to new ideas and old ones from the people of the community, not just the top dogs. You built a great ball park but you did not back the team that was using it.. You shut down schools, you shut down all the kids programs this year... It could have happened and could have been controlled listen to the people.. Ride down town Main and look at all the empty buildings going to waste,, Fill them..
More things for children to do and more arts. Maybe some kind of cultural thing to do.
Bring in Hy-Vee Grocery store or Dillons / Kroger I can spend my money in town instead of going to Springfield or Overland Park.
Cleanliness.
More industries plus a major supermarket.
Finish projects before starting others ie street repairs.
"I would like a new grocery store.

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Encourage businesses, don't create regulations that impede business growth and innovation
Support its local businesses. Joplin, in general, is so sad when it comes to supporting local. Words and actions definitely do not match up, here. It constantly feels like DJA and Loni Smith (& team) at JCC are pushing against the grain. So much of our financial ability is wasted, when it could be poured into the Joplin small businesses to see our local community thrive. We would rather repave our street corners five times to give The Superficial appearance that our town has it all together, then we would to actually put the money into making our local economy thrive. Actions speak louder than words, and our local government is definitely not stepping up to the plate on this.
Restore downtown, bring entertainment business in, stop putting in more and more fast food restaurants
Recycling as ordinary as taking out the trash. The cost would be divided among all residents making it low cost per capita. Each residence would be provided with 2 receptacles – 1 for trash, 1 for recycling. If they were provided, they would be used by many more people than are willing to make the effort to recycle on their own.
City government needs to be better. It has been holding this city back. Joplin city government needs to be free of Joplinites with laissez-faire, backward, closed mindsets. This city needs government officials who are open to change and not afraid to make smart, fair, tough decisions that will allow Joplin to flourish.
Have Joplin offer more than just a ton of eateries. We need more things for our youth to do, we need more family-friendly opportunities. We need more grocery stores than 10 Wal-Mart stores. Please bring in a Hy-Vee and let people have a choice of where they want to shop. Wal-Mart's standard is going down because they have no competitors in town. Please give us more options!
Clean up trash
Develop
Better judicial system; from having more law enforcement officer that have more training to Judges that deliver stricter sentencing. Too many drugs, sex trafficking & pan handlers. We also need something to bring business into Joplin, we have no attractions or reason for tourist other than being a stop on Route 66. In this town going out to eat is the most common form of entertainment. This town is boring which explains the elevated numbers in drug use, young single mothers. & obesity. When I have family come visit we spend our time in Rogers, AR where there is so much to do, we feel safe & there aren't panhandlers on every corner.
Less politics in the city government, more representation.
Add a hyv
Continue to bring more green to our community. Main street is looking so much nicer. 7th street from one end to the other is a giant parking lot. I wish we could add more trees and such around.
Accept new ideas.
Remove corruption from city hall
Bring in new business, such as Menards and HyVee. Currently have to travel to Springfield to shop at these stores.
"Joplin such huge opportunities after the 2011 tornado but totally missed and messed up most all opportunities. Ie; new library on rented land with 2 former libraries sitting empty.

The downtown revitalization is UGLY! The trees on the sidewalk are hideous. The pots are covered in graffiti and filled with weeds.

It seems that all they are spending money on is drainage and sidewalks....AGAIN!

The parks are ugly and overgrown. They weren't even mowed for the 4th of July."
Downtown Joplin has so much potential to be something really great but the infrastructure needs to be improved, particularly the inefficient parking lot situation. New buildings need to be built to accommodate more local business. Our schools are poorly rated and too much of the population here aren't given proper education and end up working for the local call centers or finding themselves struggling financially. Measures need to be taken to reduce the amount of homelessness and drug use in our community.
Clean up the litter. Control speed limits. Attract more travel traffic off the interstates to spend time and money in Joplin. Promote our local industry base and their product mix.
Further economic development, particularly in downtown. Beautification of our more run-down housing areas.
An alternative to Walmart for grocery shopping everything
A better option for groceries..
The homeless situation is a serious problem. As well as the trash that litters the streets of 7th and 4th street. Integrating the beautiful home feel of Main Street to Rangeline would help a lot, whether it's the beautiful street lights and flags or the greenery.
Groceries
more places to eat
Making public areas that people want to be in.
Better development of restaurants and shops downtown.
Bring a HyVee to town, more entertainment for

both children, young adults and mature adults.
Clean up the drug situation. Pay the police & fire dept a fair wage.
Diversity, more restaurants that are not chains, more open minded about different cultures, religions, etc., more public greenspaces and walking trails
I'm not sure.
Bring a full service high quality grocery store like a HyVee.
Cater to a younger more active group of people who would otherwise move somewhere like Bentonville.
Elect Jerrod Hogan as god-emperor
Invest more in parks. I need more nature. More trees, more water, more ways to do things outside.
Downtown. It may not be a great thing to have the homeless shelter on Main Street, for one!
Tourist trade is a no-go in Jo-Mo.
Variety in grocery stores. Have more to do than go out to eat.
Great grocery store
Bring in better grocery options. Tired of Walmart, not the best quality or choices. Hy-Vrr would be an awesome addition to the area.
Joplin could do a better job of long range planning. we need to address our traffic problems.
We need to provide tax incentives to repair or replace deteriorating structures instead of using tifs to build up areas that are probably going to be developed anyway.
Culture (if people will support it)
More grocery stores to shop besides Walmart
Promote small business
1. More code enforcement on houses that are not up to livable standards. 2. More visual /; pre-sense police / volunteer officers patrolling areas known for crime activities. 3. More light posts in areas known for criminal activities.
"Develop activities for young executives

Develop a community of townhouses "
Grocery options!!! Walmart has all but moved everyone out. They need some competition.
Pay the cops better so we have less crime
More career opportunities for professional educated individuals. Joplin doesn't need more call centers.
More activities available.....whether for families or for singles. More cultural events.
Bring in more recreation for older .
Programs to find and help the homeless, there is a large population in N. Joplin. They wander our streets and alleys, go through our trash, and even try to get in cars. They really need help
"We need more of an effort to support entrepreneurial endeavors. It's not just about startups, but about nurturing businesses 5-10 years in who could REALLY scale providing high quality jobs.

I would move my business downtown if it weren't so hard to know what space is available. I don't have time to try to figure out what is open. There seems to be no ""hub"" for finding this out. "
Address poverty and improve entertainment options
Expand Duquesne Road to 4 or 5 lanes, make a better intersection especially for trucks at Zora and Duquesne Roads, more grocery store options and policing North Rangeline in the late evenings. Also build a large venue for concerts to bring in big names.
Have more things to do
More grocery options. More toddler friendly options
Have more to do. It is overwhelmingly restaurants and fast food with little else to do.
Be more walkable,ore NEW business, not another big franchise that we have 10 of already.. also stop catering to walmart
Fight racism
Better internet infrastructure, bring in more remote-jobs, more taxes revenue.
Take care of the poor elderly
"Joplin does not have a unique public gathering space where people like to hang out. Something like Springfield's Jordan Valley Park might work in Joplin in the area of the old depot.

Focus more on downtown and less on developing more of the periphery of the city.

Also trails - Joplin has recognized the need for more trails and spent money on this however many of the newer trails miss the mark in my opinion. They are either very short, or parallel roadways... so not particularly useful or enjoyable for recreational biking.

Along those lines, there are no (official) mountain bike trails anywhere in the Joplin area. "
Bring in more businesses. Have more options to shop at businesses. North Park Mall has got to go! Have a outside mall Like Rogers.
Have a bigger variety of grocery stores.
Keep an eye on regular pothole areas so they are taken care of in a timely manner.
Have more options for restaurants and grocery stores
More stores and coffee places like a dunkin donuts on 32nd and main by the hospitals it would get so much revenue there!
We want better nursing homes, clean ones, safe ones, good staff
Public Safety.
Bring in more stores and shopping so we don't have to drive an hour to stores like Hy vee.
Entrances to the city could use an upgrade and expansion in landscaping. Add more sidewalks.
Clean up
Bring in other grocery stores - tired of Wal Mart. More parks and recreation. Free internet like KC
We need more public transportation.
"Be proactive in taking care of what we have instead of letting buildings (Memorial Hall-viaduct between 5th&7th streets on Pennsylvania)

deteriorate. Also, addressing control of stench we have from some plants. That's a problem for SE Joplin area."
Have more entertainment fun things for families to do together.
Business wise, we need something more for entertainment, specifically teenagers.
We also need more then Walmart.
Welcoming new businesses to Joplin with open arms.
Grocery stores
Add entertainment value, get its own convention center or convert unused mall space for this. Our business expo isn't even in our state.
Bring a hyvee grocery store to town. Make more of the roads four lane.
Bring more entertainment and more things kids could do with families.
Entertainment / Grocery stores. I miss Dillons.
work together as a community
I would love a Hy-Vee.
bring in a Hy-Vee....went to one in Iowa, while attending a conference.....blew me away.....Joplin needs more than walmart to shop.....variety.....
Save more historical buildings and obtain grant funding for them. Clean up 7th Street

and make it less dirty and an eye sore. Back the fire and police departments.
Provide more ways for outdoor activities.
Enforce ordinances to make our city look more inviting. Most people that come to Joplin think it's a depressing town
Getting hy vee & other grocery stores. Joplin needs more options
Offer something to the community besides the arts. Not everyone is wealthy and can afford the events, nor want those type of events. Create family friendly events. Offer shopping east of Rangeline. Bring us Hyvee or Schnucks Grocery, something other than Walmart.
Not smell like a dogs fart.
Listen to the voices of it citizens.
Provide outside festivals/activities when there's not a pandemic.
Bring in a HyVe
Have a decent full-service grocery store such as Hy-Vee
Not sure
More grocery stores, not Walmart. More better paying jobs
Quit building a city for the elite and think about what the middle class needs.
Bring a Hy-Vee store to town. More bike lanes and bike trails.
Bring in a Chicken Express. Need another chicken restaurant. Maybe Churchs
Be more open minded and acceptant of difference
more choices for groceries. Hyvee
Listen to the people's concerns
Development....the city really needs a first class grocery store. Walmart lacks any selection and Food for Less is more of a warehouse style store HyVee or Schnucks would be a welcome addition.
Get the crime down. - get gangs out of the town.
Get more grocery stores like HyVee so we don't have to shop at Walmart all the time
Hmmm. A grocery store that's NOT a Walmart!
Get more businesses here, like other towns.
More things for teens to do
Shopping variety and business retention
Do things for the good of the people, not as a political move. i.e. the mask order, I'm not necessarily opposed to it, but it's frustrating that the council made a decision one week and turned around and changed their minds. It's highly doubtful that there was new evidence or that the city council members actually changed their minds. It really feels like they did it for as a political move and to cover their own butts, which makes me concerned that they're not actually respecting our rights as citizens or doing what is going truly in our best interests.
Have a better grocery store such as Hy-ve.
Since we lost Price Cutter, I go to Pittsburg, Ks or Bentonville, Ark. for a lot of my grocery shopping.
They could keep a larger police force on staff.
Stop repairing the same stress I've ad over.
Stat fixing need ones
Hy-vee store
Better quality grocery stores like Hy-Vee
focus more on community social and economic (lower income) problems instead of trying to boost the city's image with expensive money pit projects like sports teams.
More sbo opportunities
Respect the citizens and remove the idiotic and unconstitutional mask mandate.
Fire Toby Teeter!!!
Support local shops and restaurants rather than chain stores.
"Look for ways to improve blighted areas, especially within a few blocks of downtown

sidewalks repairs and the roads could use resurfacing also
I would LOVE to see Joplin build sidewalks on the roads around Missouri Southern State University. I live near the beautiful campus, and I always see college students walking down the shoulders of both Newman Road, and Duquesne Road. It's dangerous, and not very welcoming. There are also apartment complexes nearby with lots of people who have to walk on the shoulders. These students and the neighbors deserve to have safe well-lit sidewalks.
press charges against the cop who killed an unarmed mentally ill guy
"I believe it would be beneficial for Joplin and/or the Chamber of Commerce to publish a ""complete listing"" of all businesses located in the city together with a description of what they make/do.

Have more diversity
Pedestrian friendly infrastructure including connected trail system, protected bike lanes, slower traffic, and wider sidewalks. Also reliable public transportation.
We are racist. We absolutely need to be less racist and homophobic.
Support minority business and be more openly accepting versus ignorant to people of color and open to all sexual preferences.
Needs a convention center badly. Needs to attract more diversity. Its biggest handicap is 1950s era conservatism, racism and bigotry. Joplin is slavish to its "traditions" and the "we have always done it this way" arrogance, and resistance to change.
"add more non walmart grocery stores, stop voting against bringing in more competitive stores, city council has voted down too many that would have created more jobs. Places where people would like to shop not where they have no choice.

Bring in better businesses that pay more. Stop thinking old, bring something that would make younger people want to be here.
Need a place for kids not just parks we need more to offer our kids in the area
Increase the job opportunities, get rid of the drugs and "gang" activity, stop pulling every car over after dark assuming they are drunk (said a license plate light was out - it was not and I wasn't drinking - I was lost), build relationships with between the police and citizens (currently a you vs me mentality).
Control drugs and crime
More smart traffic lights and better traffic flow.
The whole city would benefit from better support for Joplin's low-income residents. This may look like focus on more expansive resources and centers for supporting and rehabilitating citizens who are stuck in the cycle of poverty due to substance addiction, homelessness, and unemployment. When these problems are addressed primarily by law enforcement, they exacerbate the cycle of poverty. Looking for ways to address, support, and rehabilitate people who are stuck in these cycles will make improve the safety and beauty of our neighborhoods, put more consumers into our local economy, and make Joplin a more humane city.
Fix problems like sidewalks in and around historic area of downtown and try doing something about the abandoned buildings that need taken down..druggies are always around here staying in these places
Live music venues.
The low water bridge on murphy is regularly barricaded for fear of flooding. The problem is it is dry. The gates stay closed all day long blocking a very busy and populated part of town from getting out of the neighborhood. Very angry citizens have to speed through circuitous

neighborhoods in an alternative route to main street. Rather than fixing this problem, the city solution was to place cement blocks on either side of the gate so that citizens can't drive around when it's dry. This HAS TO CHANGE as somebody who has dealt with this my entire life
Recycling bins that are available 24/7 rather than behind gates with hours!
"Put something family friendly as in, an aquarium, zoo, amusement park, etc.

Joplin has nothing.... you have to drive to other cities an hour away or further. The only entertainment is bars. And frankly that's quite sad."
Downtown has very few shops, post office is needed in east side of the city
More police.
Sidewalks along some busy streets like 26th.
More bike paths. Continue to build up our downtown area, maybe even a pedestrian section of downtown, no cars, trees, benches and tables.
Have a full-service grocery store!!!
Improving the facilities that we currently have. Our parks need upgrades and maintenance done! Promote small businesses as well!
Increased public services
"Sidewalks in North Joplin are terrible. They are not ADA compliant. There has to be grant money out there to fix them.

Also, all the abandoned homes and buildings in Joplin need addressed. The apartments on 2nd and Byers are terrible. No one should have to live in them. There are plenty of apartments and homes in the same condition. There should be ordinances that fine slumlords to prevent these situations from happening. "
"When the COVID-19 challenge is over. Joplin could do a lot more to attract young professionals. This includes attracting more companies with higher paying opportunities.
Improving the social scene for young adults. Most social events are family friendly which is nice but that does not attract college graduates from MSSU. There are lots of things to take young children to but not much for adults without children. Maybe there could be adult sports through the park system?

I have seen another town that on certain days shut down there main street where there is several restaurants and allowed those restaurants setup up tables in the street to allow for social distancing and give the restaurants an opportunity to attract more customers."
Incorporate the university within the community more, especially the downtown area. The Broadway and downtown communities have a strong foundation, but the Range Line and west side areas feel entirely disconnected.
Better city government....the mayor should be elected by the people...and should govern by the will of the majority of the people...
Downtown maintenance/clean up/attention
Caring for each other without making human issues a political issue.
Provide incentives for companies to build in Joplin, creating better paying jobs.
Yes. We need to have a plan for quality of life improvements and create a 5-10 year plan and stick to it. Not rob the funding for other special interests.
More reliance on experts instead of "what the people want"
Have a vision and comprehensive plan that we don't just talk about, but actually execute on.
Commit to an idea that will define the city in the regional and national consciousness. For example, Bentonville and its biking trails, or New Orleans for food, New York for its assholes, etc.
Support businesses, specifically repair the alley behind my building so it is not a hazard to walk across.
Update parks with better sporting
1) Diversify the economy - unless you're a teacher or a doctor, it's impossible to find work outside of a factory. 2) Stop watching Fox News.
Be more willing to look to the future and embrace innovation.
Roads
More diversity and public spaces
Modern movie theater.
Get rid of you
Nothing I love it
Add an amusement park
A grocery store that's not Walmart.
"Better internet access. More work between the school board and council. Better roads.
Better enforcement of ordinance

Be realistic in the issues we face. We will never be NW Arkansas because we're not NW Arkansas. Building biking trails but not controlling the vagrant population does not benefit the City. Control homeless and vagrant population, do not side with those who insult or verbally damage the reputation of this town, pay police officers wage that reflects the danger they face daily, talk to the clerks who work for you because they will tell you the truth of what really goes on in your city more so than your department heads will. Seek new ways the health department can assist in improving the cleanliness and health of the City and provide them the tools necessary for them to succeed.
Crack down on thefts and crime and make it safe so people would want to come.
Concerts and movies in the park and more things for families!
Get .move things to do
The economic advantages of Joplin are top-heavy, meaning the resources are controlled by a relatively small portion of the community. Joplin's homeless and criminal rates are too high. Aggressive policing policies have not reduced crime or homelessness. We need more food, clothing, and shelter for our most vulnerable people.
More outdoor trails and activities.
Offer more solutions for the homeless but enforcing panhandling regulations. Lowering the crime. Increasing social gatherings after the pandemic.
Infrastructure
Joplin needs to become less car-centric and become more of a "walkable city" (in the spirit of Jeff Speck's book). The central core of the city (downtown plus the older neighborhoods) needs to be the focus of investment, not the periphery. Would love to see a cost/benefit analysis to see if the new roads and developments are sustainable investments.
Not have racist Bullies like Joplin for Justice. They preach kindness but simply bully anyone who does not align themselves with their narrative.
Legalize marijuana
Build a decent event center preferably near I-44 and I-49. There are lots of opportunities to encourage national acts to stop on their way to someplace else.
Plan with the future in mind. Choose quality over quantity. Hire staff that want to serve the public, and don't do it just for the money
Attract higher wage jobs, make health and wellness a part of every policy, have a zero tolerance policy for racism and violence, introduce universal preK.
maybe actually listen to their constituents

and stop wasting money on projects geared toward tourism and start throwing it into community outreach geared towards ending the meth problem that the city council loves to ignore.
We could work better with promoting ventures and partnerships with people/businesses from out of town. I think often we have a small-town mindset about contractors from outside the area taking work in our community even though bringing in bids from all sectors can really make sure we have the best work done for the best price out there, and create a financial accountability to our community. Also working with people who do invest in our community for what could be great opportunities such as when we had the Blasters baseball team here. I often feel like people have a mentality that people who come here to invest or do projects from outside of town are doing it solely capitalize on our community, but for those partnerships to be successful we need community buy-in to have something that will last and enhance Joplin as a city.
Listen to the people
"Bring in better businesses to provide entertainment. We seriously spend all of our money on entertainment outside of Joplin. How about a concert venue? How about anything at all geared to middle aged children. Kids at least had a mall to go too.. now that's dying as well.

How about making liberty utilities lower their rates.. we will be selling our home soon and moving to get away from Liberty. "

Take away the face mask policy. I will not be going to Joplin to shop until it's lifted.
Improve traffic flow on Rangeline
Have better shelters for your homeless. The current ones run off of greed and force people to work just to get help.
Joplin build and rental codes, tenant rights need to be addressed. There are too many slum-lords permitted to profit from unsuitable and unsafe homes, often rented or leased at unreasonable cost, often to desperate families AND SINGLE PEOPLE. Families of marriage and with children aren't the only people who matter in this community. Single people also struggle with income, as do many without children.
Panhandlers on every corner .
Stop the stupid mask rule
Fix some roads

"Landscape ! Our city has no BEAUTY . Campbell parkway looks awful , Landreth park could be so much better . Low

Water bridge on Murphy Blvd is a disgrace; flooding , trash no appeal to an entrance to a charming Roanoke neighborhood!"
Fair justice for all & quicker response.
"1 -stop wasteful spending hoping to get reimbursed.

2- crime is on a rise due to homeless population and drugs in the area.

3- pay your employees what they are worth, if the city keeps cutting budget every year and not fixing the pay all together , I feel there is going to be more of a mass exit. "
Condemn and remove the old Freeman Hospital at 2008 S Sergeant.
Listen to some of the city workers. We can help find ways of being more cost effective, while serving the citizens fairly.
Quit creating false narratives and ordinances
Be more tolerant of different people. Have higher paying jobs and more activities
Try to remind everyone that we are a community that have core agreements. Help the kids of Joplin in this crazy time. Make sure they will have food, access to health care (for physical and mental health), and make sure that the parents are able to support them. I think that would be a big project that could bring the community back together.
Get a new city council who actually listens to the people
Cleanliness, develop pride in community by highlighting positives. Many communities have activities or festivals ie an iris planting to highlight city flower , a jazz/ragtime festival, develop the train station in to a transportation museum, While I support the new elementary school I really wish they had chosen a site that would have rehabilitated a depressed area within the city
Embrace growth stop trying to be a "small town", we have a university.
Provide bicycle trails around the city for ease of safely commuting. Link greenways to singletrack offroad bicycle trails. We have one of the premiere trail bike park businesses (Progressive Bike Ramps) in our own city yet we do not have any City sponsored parks or trails. That is a shame.
Less parks, better homeless services, prosecute those who don't want to help themselves . We have too many run down homes that are just used as flop houses
Could have some cheaper entertainment options
have less homelessness
Control and police naborhoods on a regular basis. Control nose legal car with boom boxes. Limited amount of time fireworks can be shot off people half to work and people half to spend money on there dogs to medicate them a week is to long to hear fireworks .
Focus on the general welfare of all of its citizens, which includes equitable housing and secular spaces for community gathering.
Get a handle on all the drugs and bullying
Remove or improve dilapidated structures. It's depressing driving through town. Also, try to bring in business unrelated to retail, hotels and fast food. We also need a viable alternative to Walmart. Rid our city of transients. I know that's difficult but we really need it.
"Entertainment for all types of cultural.

Stores to shop (a lot of stores closed before the pandemic started)

Jobs with better wages! Joplin is no longer an affordable place to live. Starting wages too low. Check what rental houses are priced at vs the average job wages. "
Panhandlers, drug control, keep businesses... too many empty buildings
Joplin could definitely use more resources, support, and shelter for homeless and vulnerable lives. We could also demonstrate civil solidarity between white people and people of color by discouraging hoisting Confederate flags. We can also support our Indigenous citizens more.
Remove the mask mandate. Why should the people who don't want to wear one be FORCED to wear one? They think the people who don't want to or can't wear one should stay home. WHY? WHY can't the people with compromised immune systems, or the people who want to force everyone else to wear a mask because they're too scared STAY HOME? Wear a mask if you're sick and absolutely have to leave the house. There is ABSOLUTELY NO REASON FOR A HEALTHY PERSON TO BE FORCED TO WEAR A MASK WHEN THEY ARE JUST BREATHING
Get rid of the mask ordinance, realize this is NOT about the virus...actually NEVER was.... it's about fearmongering and literally destroying the American way of life and getting rid of our President

Listen to the voters, have a better resource for recycling. Have the people at recycling be polite and not rude, work to have paying city utilites a little more user friendly and easier to find on the city pages. A mayor that listens and is not rude and listens when "we the people" speak. Not be afraid to take the next step. To choose its path. To not let the shape of the past and past thinking define it.
clean roads
Raise its school scores
Have more industry besides modern day slavery from companies that dont even know they own the company in joplin!!! B.S.
Bring a Trader Joe's to town! Keep up downtown better & put up beautiful lights at Christmas!
Traffic control!! Install u turn lanes in high traffic areas along rangeline and main street, especially for all those places where you've made it impossible to access without using side roads or private parking lots. Widen 7th Street to 4 lanes with a turning lane ALL THE WAY across town. Pave Connecticut Street!
Grounds keeping. Our sidewalks look terrible.
The road through landreth park has a weed problem that looks trashy.
Preserve that history by encouraging neighborhood groups, grants for old buildings and houses
Communication with the public and leaders that actually listen to and support the people... unlike the mayor and Mr. Teeter
Reverse the mask mandate
Revitalize downtown neighborhoods. It is sad to see a city allow homes to deteriorate into disrepair. Better enforcement of city codes and possibly grants for home improvement.
Stop mandate mask and clean ur streets they are disgusting and make the empty building on main into something bec main st looks pathetic and do more family friendly events
We could defiantly get more restaurants and more amenities and also rebuild the old part of town that is falling apart invite bigger companies
Cleaning up the homeless population and panhandling. Backing the police department and its law abiding citizens.
No more panhandlers
Protect the citizens. Race relations, fair policing and economic development.
Being more proactive towards issues facing us, for example the mask mandate needed to be implemented LONG ago.
Educate people on the history of this town to help them see why we need to do better as citizens
Better wages, more opportunities, entertainment & becoming a bicycle friendly city like Rogers Arkansas.
Address the homeless and help our small business owners thrive
Support bringing in businesses that will continue to add jobs and improve the community. (I'm thinking of the Menards we almost had)
More art-driven events and more effort into making downtown even better. Also, keep safety measures (masks) for coronavirus.
Remove the mask ordinance and quit taking away people's civil rights.
Be less bigoted and racist. Stop letting ignorant people make decisions that affect all.
Multi use bike/walking trails that connect the city to the neighborhoods encouraging alternative modes of transportation.
Communication with the public
Pay their cops and firefighters better!! They work harder and put up with more for some of the lowest pay in the REGION!!
Listen to the residence of citizens of Because ur not
"Need to have sidewalks over bridge on main st so the college kids from OBC can walk to town for 3rd thur & general shopping

Also need a sidewalk over the rangeline bridge in front & south of Lowes....so many people who work in the business' south of there walk or ride bikes & go under the bridge & cross the railroad tracks...

Another bridge on rangeline up by the university needs help also."
Getting rid of the meth instead of mask requirements...that money spent on masks could of got quite a bit of meth off the street but since meth is revenue its ok that it kills more than covid
More entertainment/attractions
Listen to citizens and try to help small businesses instead of killing them
Get rid of the pan handlers
Increase the cultural experiences
Listening to the majority of the people of joplin like you are doing now
Bridge the gap between police and our citizens. Be transparent with their actions. We want equality for everyone!
Joplin does not embrace diversity or change. It's afraid to look at the things it could do better.
Improve the low water crossing on Murphy blvd, this is close to my neighborhood and doesn't have properly working signals or an automated gate to signify high water.
Get rid of masked men get rid of liberal leaders open businesses back up and advertise so people know that this is got a 99.9% survival rate and that a common cold is coronavirus so the people will be quit being so scared of it and living in fear living in fear and wearing a mask around is no quality of life and especially doing it for no reason stop doing thousands of tests and putting covid-19 death certificates in which the person did not die from covid
Small business opportunities
Modernize and clean up our city and image.
Shut down because people are not taking this virus seriously. Talking about sending kids to school. Kids dont know how not to social. They have friends they want to hug on. High school kids dont listen and play a lot. So I have a child that wont be going until the Governor Parson do something better seems to me all he want is to please Trump
Trash cleanup. Our town is looking trashy, especially in the areas where the homeless are camping out. Around Joplin Creek running down Murphy Boulevard.
Work more towards unity within the city.
More strip clubs
Shut down Protein Solutions. The stench during the weekend nights makes Joplin unlivable.
The only thing that comes to mind is the sorry job done by our Police Force, I'm not jumping on a "bandwagon", I have thought for the last 25 years that policing the streets as far as traffic violations going unnoticed even though pulling people of all ages, races and not telling why just looking through a person's belongings and saying have a good day. This topic needs serious discussion between the public, business, and government sectors.
A central hub or sorts that is easily accessible for residents.
"Trash! So much littering. The open drainage ditches pull trash through town, polite the water ways. Landreth Park to the train bridge in Murphy is terrible.

The gate on Murphy at the train bridge is in desperate need of being automated.

Panhandlers are getting much worse as well. "
Support our community
Fix the traffic situation on Rangeline, and stop trying to micromanage businesses. Let small business owners do our thing.
Have a city council that would work for the citizens. I voted for them thinking they were going to represent me but, they do not.
Also, something needs to be done about the homelessness.
Calm down about covid 19.
More entertainment!
Educate people on science and put human life over greed.
Have more things to do for kids. Splash parks, go carts, amusement type parks.
Have more and post more family community events when Covid is over.
Create a system of education and counseling by partnering with Watered Gardens and other relevant organizations to combat crime before it starts, to put the tools to bring health not just justice into the city's tool box.
Clean up.
Protecting community
More publicity of cultural events so more people can attend.
"Less road construction and stop taking away citizens rights to choose when it comes

To masks. "
Draw in more business. Give factories, corporations tax bresks and incentives to move here.
Bring in better business. Such as a outlet mall Manards etc.
Better road planning for walking/biking.
More arts and artist promotion. Including something more than third Thursday. Third Thursday is a model that doesn't work right now and we need a good resolution for the future.
Provide more activities and "things to do".
"Trash company choices, internet company choices. We used to be able to choose who we wanted to use for trash service and internet. Now we have to use trash service through the city which is now $50 more per month than when we chose our own. Sam with internet. We moved and came back to Joplin and were only able to get Cable One and every other company said it was no longer available in our area. We went from paying $20 per month for AT&T to $90 With Cable One for the same service. All the other companies said Cable One was able to get around it being a monopoly because we could get a phone line with other providers.
Less meth houses would be better too. There is one in almost every neighborhood now."
Stop letting one person bully the city council
Attract businesses to keep our young people employed.
"Host more sporting events

Also, we have such a beautiful tennis complex but no access to rest rooms when they are closed inside. Would love to see them add a small outdoor facility to use after hours."
DEPAVE. Working under the banner "free your soil," the Portland, Oregon–based group Depave has been kicking asphalt for a decades, turning unused parking and abandoned lots into community gardens and parks. There are many opportunities to literally reclaim our streets, the group has a guide on its website to help get started.
Lower costs of living.springfield is cheaper for costs of living charging 700 for a 2 bedroom dump is ridiculous. Revamp judicial and city workers. Get people who care about cases n invest time in a case. New police department period. It's so corrupt in Joplin. Not just saying this but I have a relative who works for Jasco n said they'd never work for Joplin because it is so crooked. Fix streets ex. Pennsylvania by 10th where tracks are.
Legitimately fix up bad or ran down places if town main street and west side of town.
Street lights make sure all work everywhere. I pay taxes an see dark streets everywhere or everyother one lit. These are just some examples
Make everyone wear a mask
"Better grocery store

Better bike lanes and sidewalks/walking trails

Better support for disadvantaged esidents"
open up at 100% and stop infringing on our rights as citizens and stop regulating people to wear mask
Not mandate mask wearing, protecting people's rights more these masks are not doing anything I don't see the need to wear them
Reviving downtown. There's so many empty buildings that could be renovated to help with student housing. Bring in more local small businesses (old movie theatre could be turned into a drinking movie theatre, bring in a dispensary, etc) and start making it easier to park in downtown.
Variety in restaurants (ethnic variety), more family friendly activities like bringing back the nature center, reopening pools, make the science center happen, etc.
"Crack down on the homeless. Move souls harbor off of Main Street. Stop catering to the "homeless". Don't offer so many city programs and funds that make it appealing for more to come in to this city. Many just want the free handouts.

Allow more business that want to come in, do so. This city isn't full of just the elderly anymore. Young adults need fun stuff to do.

Better judges, help in community,
More renovations or restorations of historical buildings. Properties like the train depot, the Olivia Apts., etc. Improve roads, bridges, and vaiducts for travel and safety.
Get rid off 2 / 3 of the Walmart / Neighborhood Market Stores!!!! Get a real grocery store to come to Joplin.
Better building codes.or clean up of old or abandoned property.
Work together again like they did after the tornado
Repeal the mask ordinance
Continue upgrades of sidewalks and expand bicycle lanes and trails.
have more movie theatres, since the one behind the mall closed. Have more things for people to do,
Communication between the chamber, city government and citizens could be better.
Continue to listen and to be strong
Attract entertainment create a night time comedy show or music shows give residents someplace to go but not be harassed the law to generate revenue, police have been doing some dishonest things that has put fear in the community to be home by 9 pm. at night
Keep the area clean, more strict with homeowners and how they keep their properties.
Not wasting tax payer money on street widening projects. Instead spend it on schools.
Support the local artistic talent and unique restaurant industry that comes through downtown by making sure the area is kept clean,

safe, and fairly incentivized for development.
More cultural activities,more parks
“Work heavily on the judicial system and their “buddy” system

It’s definitely connected to a good ol boys group and it’s obvious “
Consider a plan to restore ALL of downtown, not just from 2nd Street to 7th Street. Building close to Wilder’s need to be revitalized also. I also believe that the older generation of Joplin doesn’t really care about our City. We need to focus on recruiting young professionals into our government and City representation.
Outdoor bike and walking trails. Parks
Update the mask education to the leaders of Joplin. The masks that should be given out to the public and more accessible to buy are KN95 masks. We should work on changing the law for N95 masks to help protect our community supporters stay protected. There needs to be a law put in place for those who go in public after testing positive. If tested positive and exposing the local community to this dangerous virus by a careless act should be a felony. One positive person with a rage could ultimately end in a horrific attack to our people.
Listen to it’s citizens
Have a new Chamber Director! Businesses are leaving the chamber!
Start by removing every council member that voted yes on a ordinance that is only going to cause division with its people what kind of council puts that on its city and people.
Better pay for first responders. Because of our location, we are a crossroads for drugs and human trafficking. LEO presence is extremely important to keeping our community safe and prosperous.
“Activities for youth.

Adjust some stoplights.

Attract businesses.

Beautify Main Street between 20th and on down to by the railroad tracks.

Decrease homeless population.

Increase police officers on duty.”
Drop the mask orderience
Embrace minority culture (the mosque has been set on fire in the past, lots of racism in the area, etc) and just in general more kindness. People here can be extremely hateful if you aren’t exactly like them (whether it’s race, religion, politics, etc.)
Rescind the ordinance on wearing masks and open up the city and put a stop to all this nonsense! Turn back to God and stop putting your faith in what some man says! We won’t be spending any money in Joplin until you do!
“Maybe recruit more industry besides restaurants and fast food. Business that pays a more sustainable wage.

Police Department: Maybe they could spend some time promoting Neighborhood Watch Programs throughout the city. I believe it would help the department and the city as a whole if every neighborhood participated. “
Spending taxpayer funds.
Communicate needs, plans, keep residents informed.
Listen to the people. We the people are the government and we voted on the mask ordinance last month. Just because you didn’t like what we had to say doesn’t give you the right to vote behind our backs and enforce what we didn’t want. I have the power to vote you out. And I promise I will do just that!
Be cleaner, enforce code for yards, neglected houses,
“Continue to bring Minor League Baseball to the community

Continue to improve Downtown Joplin

Continue to improve roads

Assist low income residential areas – have more days of certain areas of the Joplin City limits time haul always trash

Street repair planning
Work on keeping the city a place people want to live, so young families and others don’t always automatically want to move to surrounding towns like Webb City and Carl Junction.
Quit bowing to the media. Learn to run the city and make it a fun place to live.
Use actual science and facts before imposing unreasonable and legally questionable restrictions on their (former) constituents.
Property maintenance code enforcement especially of rental properties and businesses.
“1. Code enforcement.

2. Clean up the trash and start a keep Joplin beautiful campaign.

3. Do something about the meth addicts. Get tough on enforcement, get them treatment or run them out of town.

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Upgrade infrastructure. Examples: Sidewalks where they are needed and will be used--20th and schifferdecker to the west has ALOT of joggers, walkers, foot traffic, and even people in motorised wheelchairs on a road with no shoulders or sidewalks and large semi trucks, emergency vehicals and heavy traffic. An accident waiting to happen. Joe beccer stadium: Joplin spent a ton of taxpayer money on this place and then did not promote (almost seemed like they actively tried tu o run them off) the pro baseball team that played there. It takes a community-city effort to build and keep a fan base. How does the city ever expect to get its investment back on an empty (and beautiful) stadium. Attract a pro team and try promoting it. It will pay off big in the future/expansion of Joplin.
Care more about their neighbors. Monitor parks.
Transit
Trails and bike friendly lanes
Host more community events, especially in the off-season (though that’ll be difficult considering recent events).
Pass an ordinance to stop people from selling tickets to drinking parties online. The parties are held in my nice quiet residential neighborhood. Look for Coda Concert House online.
Provide bigger city items like a theme park, or large venues that include current entertainment/pop culture/bands/singers/etc. We need to stop being afraid to spend a little more to bring in the bigger rewards. I’d rather pay more to attend a concert, festival, etc. here in Joplin instead of driving to Springfield or Kansas City. Let’s provide more current events here and truly keep it local. That way people from Springfield and Kansas City are choosing to come to Joplin. Then our restaurants, hotels, local business and so much more can be a part of moving forward into the benefits of a bigger city, but still enjoy the smaller town feel.
“Serve 18-30 year-olds with concerts, festivals and night life that includes things other than bars.

Street maintenance
Better traffic control
Work harder at the rough areas in the community that have issues with drugs. Help the homeless more. Give better tax breaks for these mom and pop shops. Do away with property tax. Home owners and vehicle owners should have to keep paying for things we already own. Look at changing some of the city codes. Example: fencing in your property. Make bigger incentives for homes and businesses to go solar. Bring other business other than restaurants to town, More family oriented.
I would like to see more landscaping and quaint areas that would be inviting for tourism and families. Joplin looks very run down in many areas.
Protecting the vulnerable population from infection, entertainment beyond bars and restaurants, opportunities for the poor in work and recreation, health care reform-the hospitals here are terrible especially freeman and there are no specialists for rare disorders. Health care is so bad here that my specialist in Dallas doesn't want me seeing Joplin doctors because they've missed every significant health issue I've ever had. Every. Single. One. And he hesitates to try new, more effective treatments with me because "if something goes wrong, Joplin hospitals and doctors won't know what to do," Dental care for the poor is non-existent. Housing needs dealt with. There's too many slum lords and no decent housing for low income. Blighted buildings are a problem. Historical buildings are rotting and falling apart. Save memorial hall. Save the union depot. Save the Olivia hotel. Finish road work and don't leave neighborhoods unfinished for months. Kansas Ave off of 26th St is a perfect example. Unfinished since March. Food banks and support for the poor who have food needs. Homelessness is a big issue that needs addressed. The crime rate is astounding for a city this small. It needs addressed. Mental health services are non existent for those with no or substandard insurance. Illegal drugs are rampant. The principals at elementary schools are not taking precautions for covid and we are sending our children back in a matter of days. It is totally irresponsible and unacceptable. Stop putting the enforcement of mask ordinances on businesses and have law enforcement do their damn job! Employees should not be threatened with guns for asking someone to wear a mask.
"Add more culture

Get rid of panhandlers!
Let people have the freedom of choice when it comes to his/her body
Downtown. Close off main street from 3rd or 4th to 7th. pedestrian zone only. Make parking available nearby. Encourage outside dining, walking,
If we want young people and more tech oriented companies, which is the future, we must upgrade our internet capabilities and make our community more attractive t the demographic of modern America. The people who work for modern tech employers want good shopping, (Joplin is horrible for this), better mass transit, or a bike trail system. (Fewer and fewer younger people are buying cars). And for crying out loud, lets figure out how to get rid of the confederate flags! That is a huge turn off for anyone looking to relocate here. Also, and I am a minister, we need t tone down the christian zealots. Evangelism has destroyed any desire of people under 30 to be a part of a community that does not accept everyone. It is possible to be religious without being obnoxious.
Entice young professionals.
Be 100% transparent with every single tax dollar spent including salaries of any elected official.
Promote main street.
Turning Memorial Hall into a venue for musicals, concerts, etc.
Get a Hyvee grocery store like Springfield!
Please get rid of the mask ordinance
More reaching out like this.
Listen more to what the people really want... Don't make it mandatory where it sends people to shop else where because of the mask.. let the people vote, not city council...
"It's dirty and there are a lot of abandoned and neglected properties.

Personally, I think everything ugly and not reserved as Historical (no changes) should be covered in murals. That's of course only one all eye sore solution, but it's also incredibly marketable.

The only difference between a town like Eureka Springs and Joplin, is the allowance of creativity which pulls tourism. From parades, to conferences, to grafitti ally all of these should be viewed as marketable and community building events/locations.

Bentonville is another example of a town blossoming in its artistic offerings. Joplin has all the talent and tools to do the same."
Continue to invest in public spaces, activities, and transportation and diversify the types of jobs available
Better management of the budget to include such items that would help Joplin to grow. Such as affordable housing, community events (farmers market, fairs, etc), Street beautification (remolding, demolishing, building homes to help property values and neighborhood growth).
Bring in new Grocery stores.
Transparency with finances. We have a right to know how our tax money is being used.
Supporting those local businesses. Giving tax breaks to those who purchase old inhabited buildings. More round a bouts.
Social distance.
use of old buildings
Assisting new/potential business owners- specifically POC and younger business owners.
Worry more about making the community beautiful inside and out. Not everything needs to be about the revenue
Focus on positives. Remove current mayor and all the council that were belligerent while voting in the mask mandate. There is enough of residents that know for a fact that all 14 covid deaths were from Spring River Village and the cause of death was not covid but doctors have been mandated that if they test positive they have to list it as a covid death. We are not stupid. Besides I do not appreciate being called an uneducated Fox News watching Trump loving Redneck by members of council. They are lying if they say they did not do it. Quit trying to pad pockets by raising taxes. We are poor enough.
Tell the local news to report positive things or shut up
Improve community relations through communication and inclusiveness. Shutting residents out by taking polls, then ignoring their voices will never bridge the gap between City Hall and the Citizens of Joplin. This type of behavior has been ongoing for years and only caused tension and distrust between the two.
I would say that Joplin needs to have more attractions and fun things for a family to go do, but with Covid looming, that is not an improve-

ment that would make much difference.
Cleaner website & ease of accessing important info
Adult recreation is sorely lacking. We have lots of city pools, baseball fields, and a good parks & recs program, but there needs to be "fun things" for the adults to do too. We need to improve outdoor paved trails for running and cycling more like northwest Arkansas, and invest in access to rivers, creeks, hiking, and other 'draws' to the area.
Transportation system needs to be bigger, covering more stops at a wider range of hours so more people can access areas of healthcare and industrial areas so population can get to work. This area is too dependent on private transportation, and not everyone can afford a vehicle nor a daily Uber fare
Listen to their community.
Civic center for events. Memorial Hall is too old and small.
Clean the trash off the streets, and I'm not talking about criminals. Clean up the actual trash all over the place
Less homeless and drugs , city needs cleaned up that means busting the dealers that I see working at places like steak n shake , drug deals going on at Casey's on main street.
Get rid of the mask ordinance, learn that we are not a town of racists, and get rid of the meth heads that plague our town.
Make people wear mask so we don't all get sick and die
Take individual pride in our city and each do our part to make Joplin better.
More locally owned restaurants- GET RID OF HORRIBLE ODORS from Dog Plant and Rendering plant!! Council says will make them comply but no improvements. Not a good first impression of Joplin for out of town people! Can not be good to breathe. Do something about run down buildings,Sunrise motel and rental housing
I think we need to clean up some neighborhood. The city knows where they are. Most of these people don't have a way to take things to the dump so I recommend that we rotate placing the roll out dumpsters in those places with notices to clean up yards and allies or they will be fined. Perhaps there would be some groups that would be willing to help. As an older women I sure can't haul things out to the curb. Just an idea.
Build a new Memorial Hall
Stop spending mega money redesigning Main Street over and over it's wasteful. Stop the mask initiative, those in danger can decide if they want to wear masks. People feel like their rights are being eaten away at.
Get more infusion and jobs
Better jobs
Reach out to the public more
Although we have 2 large hospitals, I'd like to see more availability in more immediate health care issues like Access gives us, they truly contribute to this community. Schools do need improvement with helping minority children's issues that they face about racism & injustice while attending school. My child has faced her own issues at the high school which forced me to remove her from the school & the principal was not any help to understanding the fears & issues she was experiencing. I also think teachers need more resources available to them.
Fire council members that voted to mandate masks. Break ties to city council.
Continue developing open park spaces & trails along Joplin Creek. Maybe even dig a large pond out between 15th & 20th with picnic tables & playground equipment?
Actually fine people for littering, this place looks awful especially when the season changes and there's no green to hide the trash
When people want to go out and do fun things, they go to out of Joplin: Springfield, Fayetteville, Bentonville, Rogers, etc.. There is not enough fun (family) things to do here. We need more walking trails, parks, Amazeum-type places, water parks (not funky splash pads) and things that beautify our city. We can definitely start by making sure the potted plants put on south main street are better maintained and taken care of. We also need better sidewalk so that people who are walking can get safely to and from locations.
Joplin could do better by bringing for culture to the area and I know about the art walk but I am talking about more then just white culture. We need to celebrate the diversity that helps make Joplin great.
Crack down on the meth. The amount of meth and homeless in this community is appalling. It's mainly the homeless tweakers that cause problems. I understand homelessness and understand how hard it is to get out of but there has to be more resources that will help the VETS and single mothers out there o give them a hope of wanting more.
Sheesh. There's a lot. I'm not sure if it can be accomplished by officials though. There's a lot of division in current situations. If we could find a way to all meet in the middle and care about each other rather than just ourselves, that would make a huge difference. I don't like to reference the tornado often, but there was a deeper sense of community after that disaster. We just wanted to help.
Pay firefighters and police a fair wage
Need more cultural events. Also more businesses with outdoor patios with misters
Fire the mayor and his cronies who don't listen to the will of the people.
parking, traffic
Improve the city side streets, sidewalks and some of the alley ways.
Make the older neighborhood better, don't know how!
Keeping it clean
Become a community that cares, get the crack head's off the street corners, clean up where they all obviously live, put ordinances on the way people should keep there appearance of there yard and FOLLOW THROUGH.
City leaders listening to the desires of the citizens and historical preservation
Recruit tech jobs and also have better faculties towards kids sports.
Appreciate our town more keep clean and beautiful all the time not just for certain events
Stop expanding outward/sprawling. This causes increased infrastructure costs and expands the territory for our emergency services.
" Better utilization of resources. Staff and revenue.

Having worked at the city before the expectation or quality of work is average at best.

There are a few that do most of the work and those few are driven off to find places of employment that offer more gratification and higher wages. "
Having grown up here and now returning, I have been distracted and extremely disappointed by the overwhelming amount of panhandlers at seemingly EVERY traffic light, especially on Rangeline which gives a horrible impression to visitors and tourists. Additionally, those wanderers become all too comfortable roaming throughout nicer

neighborhoods near Rangeline, lowering property values and scaring away home-owners. It gives Joplin the feel of being an entirely hopeless, homeless camp throughout the whole city. Perhaps ordinances or something to prevent begging at every corner, and continue to put more support into the community organizations that provide a hand up with accountability, not more hand outs for no work. Those who only want hand outs may decide to migrate on down the interstate if they can't hang at the library, Walmart, or sit on their corner here all day.
Better training for police. City and street reconstruction besides the same strip of Main street or brick sidewalks.
Joplin needs family entertainment. There is bars galore. Main street could be a part of that if it were cleaned up and ridded of the shelters. Drugs and crime should be addressed by judges who pose more and stiffer sentencing for the convicted.
Attract more busness
Remove mask mandate
I think Joplin (govt and civilians) are comfortable. We are not the best at challenging systems that exist and have existed for many years. This hinders progress and contributes to the stereotypes that plague the South/Midwest
Stop speeders and taje better care of homeless, as small as Joplin is y'all shouldn't have as many as you do
Better lighting in neighborhoods with high crime rates
Provide training or resources for small businesses to be as successful as possible. Many business open and close for completely avoidable reasons like poor marketing or networking. Also, supporting our neighbors in long-ignored key areas of the city like East Town.
Pay city employees better
Making areas more bicycle and walking friendly..... opening up areas to be safer .....
Have more then just placed to eat.
Everything
Get rid of the Mask mandate and only use it in medical and high risk areas
Follow the law and wear the mask without throwing a baby tantrum.
listen too the public
Listen to its people
Taking care of Downtown. Preserving heritage rather than letting it decay. (Memorial Hall is only one example.)
More Entertainment
Elect officials that like to see change by bringing more family friendly activities
"Community events that would actually bring us all together, despite differences (black/white, Republican/Democrat, gay/straight, religious/non religious, etc). I know this is a bigger issue within the entire country, but changes like this start local.

It would also be nice to have a new grocery store with prices that could actually compete with Walmart. "
Have more parks that arent "run of the mill". Wrnt to st louis and they had some really nice and different style parks
Everything
Clean up neighborhoods. Enforce property codes. Make absentee landlords responsible for maintaining their properties.
Placemaking! This would really bring life and something special to our city.
Establish fiscal trust. Stop wasting money on momentary ideas such as baseball turf, developers, and things the private sector should be doing instead
Continue cleaning up Main Street and making it more attractive.
Allow all sides of an issue or demonstrate the same way.
"Listen to the left less. Leave Toby Teeter out of everything.

"
SMART CITY STUFF: free WiFi in public places, automatic street lights which turn on when waking (everywhere not just richer neighborhoods), expand sidewalks in downtown to make more downtown friendly like most cities have done around the world -on main from 1st through 7th, among other issues.
Fill up vacant buildings, especially since new ones are being built and not are not filled before more are built. Ask the community for help with things like putting out flags at cemetery,
Promote education as a pathway that needs specific effort and focus.
diversity
Revoke the ridiculous mask requirement.
Make people clean up their yards. Right now I have a neighbor with 2 cars in his front yard and porch cover2d.on junk.. Not very welcoming to.see.
Have more entertainment, we have to travel out of town and spend our money elsewhere for too much entertainment.
Allow people to decide if they want to weat a mask and if businesses want to allow people to shop without a mask. This is government overstepping into the private business sector.
You could help those in need. Find a way to help the homeless, not just "deal" with them. You could extend Medicaid.
Get something fun in Joplin that we can do instead having to travel to do fun things. Better mall.
City government has been corrupt for a long time. Don't let Jim Flannagan anywhere near a leadership role and you should be ok.
Not have dumb mask ordinance and or threats of closing the economy down again. We get the virus is real but so is the serious implications to more lives than 14 from loss of business, isolation of vets and mental health issues leading to suicide. Child and domestic violence. But 14 people that are very ill from a last place to stay before passing shouldn't matter more than those lives. The long term implications must be thought of.
Handle pressing issues with medical professionals, or mental health specialists when dealing with racism and this pandemic. Instead of considering it "politically motivated". Deal with each issue separate and with the appropriate people.
Spend funds more wisely. listen to the people
Stop being bullied in actually listened to the people.
Quit feeding the media frenzy and caving in to liberalism
"I think Joplin should work on creating a sense of hometown. I look at Pella, IA as an example. The city has a running theme of holland. All new building that are built must be built in the cities style to keep the niche it has worked so hard to achieve.

I am going to ask you to look at the new art center. This could have been a perfect opportunity to keep with the aesthetic of Joplin. But no, it is a modern building in a city that strives to keep out connections to our roots. I would love to see Joplin embrace it's small business and focus on our downtown more than expanding our industrial centers. Joplin could bring in tourism more by focusing on small businesses that help with Joplin's aesthetic. "
"Joplin needs to grow. Our chamber, city government, business and people have to work

together.

Unfortunately, the past few weeks have been difficult and extremely political. It is sad, and it will take some time to repair the damage done. "
Diversity. Joplin seems to lack diversity. With different races and ethnicities the town could build more homes or create more innovation from outside perspectives.
Cleanliness. The city looks old. Even with some of the newer buildings it always looks dirty, under construction or old. Traffic is awful with constant road closings.
Get rid of the puppets & start moving forward.
There is nothing to do here.
More walkable/bikeable. Our paths are rather disjointed. Good areas for exercise but difficult to utilize for commutes.
There are people begging on every corner down Range Line. It's ridiculous. The town feels more like a transient camp than a community. Drug use is rampant and property crimes such as petty thefts are out of control.
More trails and bike lanes to encourage non-traditional transport, wider-spread and more practical public transportation, a strong public health initiative in respect to battling our meth/opioid problems, more established social services to attract both employers and employees, make it easier to open and operate a small business (seems like large corporate entities get preferable treatment and local businesses are out through the ringer), more incentives to attract minority owned businesses (Joplin has literally 2 and it's an absolute embarrassment), more small business incentives in general, and the city should sell the money pit that is the golf course.
Not enforce masks
More progressive policies, less police presence
More bike lanes that are wide and connected to other bike lanes.
Increase wages and opportunities which will decrease poverty and crime. Create better educational and career opportunities.
Joplin could be better at shopping locally and giving the downtown area a facelift.
Community pride, neighborhood building and landscape maintenance, walkability/bikeablity, chamber partnership, generate excitement to draw neighboring communities and highway traffic, route 66 pride, make use of large scale events like the memorial run (combine a concert event with this?), 3rd Thursdays prove the demand. Let's get our community out and involved. Christmas downtown could be a major shopping event but the half hearted lights and lack of spirit let it fall flat.
Light our neighborhoods. This is the darkest town I have ever lived in. I believe it would help curb thefts.
Making all feel welcome.
Work on making this a more welcoming place for a diversified community. For example, hosting a large city sponsored event focusing on different cultures that make up the surrounding areas.
Have more entertainment
Get rid of the tyrannical leadership, CoC leadership would be a good place to start
Taking better care of their Police department Fire department and all Paramedics.
Host more family friendly events. I'm not taking my kids to pridefest. 3rd Thursday is a great event.
Get rid of the mask requirements
Better lighting through the city to deter crime and theft. LED lighting is becoming cheaper and is very efficient. Not only that, but it also can be aesthetically pleasing
Be smarter and not emotionally swayed. Realize the true risks.
Pay police. Pay firefighters. Listen to the voices of the people.
Listen to the scientific community and support one another by wearing masks -- right now, nobody has enough compassion to protect others. We are going to be opening schools this fall 5 days a week - some teachers may die, but apparently that is a risk we are okay with.
Need more bike trails !! Update Shoal Creek !!
Make Joplin a place people want to visit and do things there. Look at Springfield and Bentonville. Bike and walking trails everywhere. Shoal Creek could be a awesome place for everyone. You gotta spend money to fix the city up and be more modern. More activities for adults also.
"be more responsive/responsible for needs of citizens.

Implement safe injection areas like xities in ither parts of the us.

Use tax payer money for things that actually matter"
Fix the roads, get sidewalks on all major streets, better bike trails, and clearly marked bike lanes.
Make it a reason to stop and see. We have restaurants out the wazoo. We have little entertainment options to draw in revenue from outside. Personally we travel to nwa and Springfield for this. Frequently.
Don't force people to wear masks
Clean up our streets. Beggars on every coroner. No one feels safe on main because of all the homeless people and drugs that fill our streets.
Bring in more businesses
Supporting north Joplin neighborhoods by cracking down on squatters and the vacant properties that are a difficulty for those in the neighborhoods. Also, providing street lamps within neighborhoods for safety.
Lift the masks ordinance. Remove Ryan Stanley.
Allow the city to vote on big issues like the mask mandate.
Addressing homeless population.
"Get the pan handlers off each corner.
Destroy vacant buildings and upgrade 7th street.

Acceptance of LGBT people.
Provide quality education, fix roads, And ensure better wages
Stop messing with peoples freedoms.
Eliminate mask "mandate". Stop with the gotcha policies of revenue generation and move more towards real community policing.
push more diverse and cultural things like for example, east side joplin like 4th st towards st. louis has african american murals and i think that we should bring that more into joplin rather than it be shoved down to one little street. joplin needs to apply culture and stop being so white and borderline prejudice
Put a strong focus on infrastructure and public transportation. I am shocked Joplin does not have more side walks and bike lanes. I'm also shocked that our public transportations system is so limited, given the population.
Sidewalk and curbing extended from 34th and Oak Ridge all the way to South Main. On the north side of the street. I am home owner at 3346 S. Joplin Ave. Some of ditch is washing away.
Leaders tend to have own political agenda and aspirations. It's like a stepping stone. That needs to be addressed. Of course road conditions
Attract and maintain businesses, deal with

abandoned properties/empty retail space
Help improve neighborhoods of poverty and help the homeless.
Down town commerce. We all want a special downtown area to dine and shop. We will never have the downtown area that we want and have spent millions trying to get until we control the homeless population
Address impoverished areas more. Pay police officers wages that entice them to want to be here
Stop stereotyping by law enforcement just cuz we look poor or rough doesn't mean swarm us and harass us
Infrastructure. I am no expert, but I do think that upgrading our infrastructure (i.e. internet in particular, but also other utilities) will help attract good paying jobs and entice people to want to live and work here.
"1. Traffic Calming! Narrow the traffic lanes, strategically remove traffic lights and replace them with single lane roundabouts, install speed humps and speed bumps. No More Slip Lanes! Make the infrastructure encourage SLOWER driving speeds. Enforcement should be a last resort.

2. Add Protected Bike Lanes.

3. Build more Off-Street Bike/Ped infrastructure.

4. Add more sidewalks and connect our existing sidewalks.

5. More Street Trees Please!

6. Encourage builders and building owners to plant trees and add landscaping to existing and new construction.

7. Return both Joplin and Wall Avenues to two way traffic between 20th and 32nd Streets. This 69 year old experiment has failed.

8. Remove Parking Minimums.

9. Adopt a Form Based Code and/or allow ADUs without obtaining zoning variances.

10. Actually enforce our existing building codes and hold building owners accountable. This could be accomplished by ending the revolving door of ""endless"" appeals, by errant building owners, to the City of Joplin's Building Board of Appeals.

12. Encourage local ownership of our housing stock."
Secular day center and skills workshop for the homeless
Invest in Joplin. There is NOTHING to do here.
Local Small Biz can barely make it because we only allow large chains in
Traffic control. Speeding is a serious issue. And I know we don't have enough officers to patrol 250,000 people during the day. There are ways of programming traffic lights, in downtown for example, that would help limit people getting above the 20 limit. As for the city's arterial roads, while people don't like extra signals, it's one way A. to help access for side streets in areas where there's significant gaps between signals and B. It helps to control speed. Additionally, speed zones along 20th, 15th, 7th, Connecticut south of 15th, and Maiden Lane need to be reevaluated. Times & traffic and even the size of many of these roads have changed, the speed limits really have not.
I'm honestly not quite sure. It's not an awful place
For one we could get rid of the mandatory masks. It's a little to late to make them mandatory now
Joplin needs to have someone that works with employer within our community to advocate for people with disabilities so that they can gain meaningful employment.
The panhandling has got to stop. Maybe start an organization to help them or give current organizations more assistance so they have somewhere to get help. But the panhandling is getting out of control.
Support emancipation Park day celebration. It's the longest run celebration that's in Joplin.
Get rid of panhandlers. It's starting to look like Chicago!
Enforce clean neighborhood
More police officers out at once
Higher bonds for people caught with drugs. And put a stop to people panhandling.
Get the people off every corner begging for money. And get the smell of the city under control.
Make police more accessible
Listen to their citizens
Encourage and support old world charm downtown. Reward citizens and businesses for acts of kindness and beautifying landscaping. Reward business for taking good care of their employees. Acknowledging and praising all of the above Don't have to be rewards.
More pride in our town. Keeping the town clean, more flowers, displays, less people panhandling on street corners, more events and things to do to keep people feom turning to drugs.
Schools, although they are improving already.
Support for the police and fire dept. Recycling options. Bring the ball team back
Joplin needs to do a better job of providing opportunities and activities for kids and teens to get involved. If they are not in sports kids fall to the wayside because there is nothing to do in this town except walk parks or shop.
Have more surveys or open forums to talk with residents
More entertainment. There is nothing to do in Joplin that is family friendly.
Just about everything. Joplin is so small, filled with meth addicts, and money hurting. There isn't much offered in the way of free activities for low income families besides parks, which aren't located near poor neighborhoods, and which public transportation doesn't go to on weekends, and which are BORING without money for activities, because there are only playgrounds and basketball courts which are free. QUIT BUILDING PARKS. Be inclusive of EVERYONE. There are so many old buildings here that completely fail to even remotely follow ADA compliance. Better mental health training for police or a crisis intervention team instead. Quit hiring prejudiced people to work for the city, there are questionnaires that can be taken to gauge this before hire. Better public transportation infrastructure. There are hundreds of ways that Joplin could improve in multiple areas that I'm overwhelmed trying to even list them. This city looks completely different from the perspective of people with money as opposed to those without, and also from the perspective of "new" arrivals (1st generation living here). Lots of cronyism rampant through here.
Clean up the street corners
Be more inclusive and open minded. Embrace and participate in the Arts. Develop an understanding of cultural diversity. Seek higher education and training. Clean up property. more walking trails, obligation of business's and home owner,s to clean what few sidewalks we have to clean sidewalk.
Replace Mayor Ryan Stanley, Mayor Pro Tem

Keenan Cortez, Council Members Christina Williams, Anthony Monteleone, Dr. Diane Reid Adams, and Chuck Copple for their vote.
Stop with the ridiculous mandates. Listen to the people, actually HEAR what we have to say.
Rid the spray paint of those places, like around wildcat and low water bridge. The new bridge had horrible words, not great for family walks.
Better housing with cheaper rent
No masks
Lift the mask mandate. Several small businesses are hurting due to shoppers going to neighboring cities.
Stop feeding in-group favoritism - end back-room deals where city gets stuck looking at a piece of shit design museum on 7th and misses a great opportunity to have a competition and get the best design/solution.
Bring in more family oriented attractions/entertainment.
Get rid of the Mask Mandate!
Clean it up! Sidewalks are a mess, street lights are out, abandoned houses, trees and bushes overgrown and blocking alleys and walkways
I wish we were more accessible. Better sidewalks, more advertising about events.
Yes, stop stealing people's rights by forcing them to do something that takes away their freedoms and rights.
Help all business succeed instead of the chamber president running all business down for being racist.
Unity initiatives through community events, festivals, or fairs. Needs connected safe bike paths, more start up and small business incentives
Increase policing, dealing with the drug problems, bring in more non-restaurant businesses and eliminating the mask ordinance
Getting the homeless off the streets
Would like to see roads like west of 32nd past schifferdecker fixed nicely, not just patched up like it has for over 7 years.
Everything. Especially lifting the mask ordinance because not everyone can breathe in them and it will make crimes go up more than they already are.
Keep up the road fixing in small neighborhoods.
Get a new city council and mayor who actually listen to their citizens, don't blatantly lie to the public and who stop carelessly spending funds on unnecessary things which leaves no funding for the things that are actually important and necessary. Stop redoing the same street resurfacing over and over and over again.
NO MASKS!!! Get the idiots off of the street corners. Move souls harbor to an unseen location.
Enforce the city ordinances against excessive noise. Thumping car stereos degrade the quality of life.
Stop mandating ridiculous stuff, like masks
Quit letting people build business buildings then have them vacate within a year or more. They are building a new plaza that will be vacate probably in 3 years. Too many buildings standing vacate in Joplin. Think they should do like Bentonville, if you have a business in Joplin, one needs to reside in Joplin.
"We need to improve on encouraging growth of our town. I moved here 23 year a ago. This town is slow to accept newcomers. If you can make it through the first year, you can make it, but people here will be friendly to you but not include you in their lives for at least 1 year

Train police better. Hold them more accountable. Listen to the people. Not hysteria of the Democratic left trying to push trump out of office. Help the homeless shelters. More funding for schools.
Keep utilities out of our wallets.
Respect all citizens rights..
I've always found Joplin dirty...trash was circling my legs on the wind while I walked across a parking lot one day. It could embrace creative measures of improvement too. Think of NWA Bentonville for example. Creativity, diversity, educational, recreational...all important elements to improvement.
There is little to do in our city. Most teenagers are in trouble out of sheer boredom. We need to stop relying on Branson and Springfield for family entertainment.
better training and pay for police officers and fire department
Neighbor watches, clean up the meth problem help the homeless more. Find a way to enforce ordinances
More to do
Everything. About every 5 years they redo main street between 1st and 7th. Spread some of that around and quit redoing things already fixed. Sidewalks were just put in on Rangeline and 32 d which were only a few years old. Waste of funds.
"Focus police efforts on home and car break-ins as much as DWI enforcement. Perception is city cares about police enforcement actions that generate money more than protecting our citizens from REPEATED home and car thefts.

Utilizing newer technologies and proper lighting in neighborhoods could help reduce police labor costs and lower cost. People don't want to live in a city when their car is broken into 3 or 4 times a year. Especially when you live in a nice neighborhood. "
Pay our firemen and police officers more money. Panhandling needs to stop. Crime has escalated and I don't feel as safe anymore.
Provide funding to help with addiction. The addicts cycle through addiction to homeless to recovery and then repeat. The cycle is not working.
Get rid of the face mask mandate and open up 100%
Better police training on mental health . the rundown buildings and houses took down
Communities and subdivisions that are inside city limits but on the outskirts are definitely neglected. No sidewalks, street lights, and major potholes, especially on the southwest side of town. Some of our City owned playgrounds are unsafe, and the panhandling problem is definitely hurting our community; as much as I feel like a jerk for saying it. To start, and complete, updates to infrastructure, blocking only as many roads and businesses as absolutely needed at one time.
Listen to there people?....
"Zoning. I live on West 26th Street, and even though there were several homes on this part of west 26th before the tornado, there are currently only 2 houses on the south side of 26th from Jackson to St. Johns Blvd. East of Jackson there are businrsses with homes interspersed. There are several on the North side from Conner to Annie Baxter.

It seems that it should be one or the other. I've noticed this same problem in other areas of the city as well.

Bringing in better grocery stores. Walmart has practically run out all others and you cannot find the same varied selection of items at Walmart or Food 4 Less that you can find at chain stores like Kroger/Dillon's or Hy-Vee."
Keep the tweakers off the street! Better

options for the homeless! To many of them on the downtown streets. More options for entertainment!
We need more than just manufacturing jobs, we need diversity in our business options allowing people to be more move upward financially. We need to STOP trying to attract businesses by incentivizing them with tax breaks and vouchers. This approach does not bring in businesses that have integrity or longevity; it makes us a revolving door for corporations who do not help us improve our infrastructure although they benefit from it.
Take racial discrimination seriously in work fields. I'm a black women and I deal with so many racists comments and stereotypical judgements. For example I've been cursed at chase people think I hate police officers, I don't have a problem with cops but as soon as they look at me they say well you don't care for cops anyways before asking me how I feel, or they think I hate trump. So basically I feel like there really needs to be serious training when it comes to racial issues
Not to mandate a mask order. We the people know the virus isn't as serious as the media says it is. Stop taking our rights away. Why do this survey if you don't listen to us.
reunite the people
Allow grown ass adults to make their own decisions regarding what they wear on their own bodies
Stop letting people out of jail over and over again for committing the same crimes!
Harsher punishments for those involved in criminal activities
No mask ordinance, it should be individuals rights to wear one or not wear one. Clean up the crime and drug problem.
"Do more fore the homeless, so there aren't as many.

The theft and crime level is outrageous. I'm not sure how to fix this but it needs to be dealt with.

Joplin needs more things to do. Maybe a place like the swimming hole was. Or a lake, which would bring in more revenue.

More grocery stores, other than Walmart.

Make more of an effort to be green.

Community gardens

Picnics/fairs/festivals

Better pay for first responders. "
If Soul'a Harbor was relocated, to be off main street, I believe this would greatly improve the buildings around it, encouraging more small businesses to move in and improving the overall look and feeling of that part of main st. Especially with that being so close to the iconic route 66. I don't want that to be the main aspect that route 66 travelers remember about Joplin. -The Joplin History and Mineral Museum is a forgotten treasure that needs more funding and I believe that we need to fight for it to be revived.
Clean up or tear down abandoned buildings and old houses
Get rid of mask
Don't bring Democrat, commie, socialist practices and changes in.
better parking with more venues for events such as concerts. An outdoor amphitheater would be nice as well.
Pull the face mask mandate its against the 14th amendment
clean up the city, force run down businesses to clean up or force eminent domain. Same with homes . Seeing boarded up houses and commercial buildings makes the city look horrible .
NO MASK AND DONT CONTRADICT THE EXCEPTION ON THE ORDINANCE THEN WE GET FINED THOUGH MAYBE IF WE SUE THE CITY FOR 4TH AMENDMENT AND DISABILITY ACT THEN YOU'LL RUN OUT OF $$$
Empowering the arts and entrepreneurs
no mask. We want our freedom back. Webb city is getting all my money. There needs to be more family friendly activities and stuff for the teens to do. A GOOD splash park/pad.
Clean up the town to attract more shopping, events and new ventures that are common in many towns.
"Complete road construction before starting new road construction.

Allow a choice to wear masks."
More things to DO! Nothing to do here, especially the College age kids.
I don't really know
Be more inclusive, tight knit. Accepting.
Sidewalk n road work and help with getting panhandlers off our intersections and getting them jobs.
Care more about its people than politics. But also clean up downtown.
Racial reconciliation
"Not mandate face masks and increase government control. Let adults be adults.

Crack down on the drug epidemic instead. Clean this town back up. "
More support for JPD and JFD
Clean up the streets. Crack down on the druggies, find a solution to the homeless problem, put an end to the panhandling.
More qualify officials. Especially when it comes to well trained Detectives. Not enough. Especially when your daughter has been missing since 2018.
Make a clean sweep of the city council. They're a group of morons using a horrendous liberal agenda.
Adequate homeless shelters and more publicly funded housing projects
An actual swim park would be nice... not like the over crowded itty bitty ones we got. I'm talking lazy river, multiple pools/sections, intertube rides, etc.... *sighs* a girl can dream. Haha. On a more realistic note, something for the youth that's cheap or free. Along the lines of what Victory has but in another location for kids on the other side of town. As a kid/ teen we had things to do. We had The Bridge (now victory), cheap seats (cinema 6 by old sears plaza/dmv), cruising main street, among other things. All that has pretty much been taken away and now the youth dont have much to do in my opinion.
Not force is to wear masks and get road work done faster
Communicating with all residents better. Bring in more industry.
Clean up! Make it more inviting to families.
Make the town more safe. I feel for a town this size we are overrun with crime and I worry about my girls getting out after dark.
Build a raising caines
listen to the people.
Clean up downtown so it's safer
The city council and other leaders could actually listen to the citizens for a change.
Mandate masks, FIX & R-Pave 7th st road!, help fund law Enforcement and schools more, and expand public transport (Trolly) to Webb City area please!!!
Be more progressive. I've lived here most of my life and it's a very limiting place to be.
Positive activities for teens. ALL TEENS

Pay the public safety employees better, it's a shame to see their low pay.
"Dealing with the homeless – the parks are beginning to be overtaken by these people who sleep, eat, and lay out all of their belongings – I understand it's a public setting, but it's not at all clean. The wooded area across from Landreth park is full of garbage because they are living in the foliage, so every fall all of that can be seen and it all just rots until spring. We know drugs are also rampant.

A few other things, senior housing/tiny homes, road repairs (the right turning lane at main and Murphy next to OCC is getting bad), filling in empty business lots,

Stop doing things half way – we try to build things up like Springfield or Arkansas but seem to miss the mark and it's just a cheap version of something that could have really worked.

Please fix the traffic lights "
"How to handle the homeless population. Homeless numbers seem to be going up from what I've observed driving through town. Can we look at other cities that have been successful in managing the homeless population? It makes me worry about my safety as a female when I'm on my own running errands.

Handling the terrible odors coming from the factories/plants on 32nd street. The odors drift all through the city making it stink. Friends from out of town will even comment on this when they visit, wondering how we could live with that stench. Going outside to enjoy our patio should be pleasant, but instead it smells like rotting food or animal feces in the air. "
Have more team spirit perhaps a lion statue to support our university and flags on Main Street. More bike lanes and bike racks along Main Street. More murals and fountains.
We've got to get better options for public transportation. I work in mental health and with low-income clients who have no means to get to their med appointments in a timely manner or utilize available services. I also wish we had evening hours so that people could get to their 12 step meetings, grocery stores, etc.
Make everyone wear masks, and do their job to slow the spread! Never in my life have I seen such selfish people!
Truly listen to the people

Geg rid of masks
Fight the meth problem in our city
The homeless, crackhead population. Cant even go to work without being harrassed.
When I was younger, roughly 30 years ago joplin used to do so much. Concerts from all types of bands at memorial hall as well as Up With People who included singers and dancers from all over the world. Every year we had the Fall Fiesta which drew in crowds from every surrounding community. We used to have Star Trek conventions as well as baseball card and collectible shows. The city council has been pushing the baseball team idea down our throats for so long and it never works. Listen to the wishes of the people. Most of them want an event center, a place for concerts, conventions, etc. I guarantee if you come up with a location and plan it out for such a center, you will get overwhelming support.
Improve safety – petty crime and serious crimes are increasing. I hear sirens almost nightly, which is a change from 15+ years ago.
Cooperation; bring groups and individuals together for the same cause. Invest more in restoring our heritage and creating a vibrant downtown and west side.
Code enforcement Re: condition of structures, yard maintenance. Also need to check to see if people are getting building permits if changing house structures. Would like to have an ordinance prohibiting people from parking in front yards for long periods of time.
Prioritize older areas on the west side of Main St and their infrastructure more. We desperately need help to redo that many sidewalks and lighting issues to bring safety to the neighborhoods. Enforce city code for junky yards and dilapidated buildings. Hold landlord accountable to rentals that are in serious disrepair or who continually rent to tenants who bring drug activity into the neighborhood.
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Joplin could diva number of things better but to cover the mass, Joplin needs to start listening to the residents. Stop overreaching with the mask MANDATE, start investing in more than just businesses, and create a place where families can be proud to show off. When someone asks what there is to do in Joplin, the census is "drugs". How embarrassing for a city that once was the go-to for surrounding areas.

More community events with better advertising. We need more for our families to do, like another movie theater, water park, museum, let the speedway open back up, an amusement park. We don't need more banks, gas station, walmarts.
Stop hiding behind "Christian values," in order to hate and discriminate against others.
Get rid of the mask ordinance and the chamber needs to get Toby Teeter out of there
make people of all genders and ethnicities feel more a part of things
Show willingness to support positivity in the community.
Joplin needs to go pack to post tornado days . Where we all worked together . The city needs to get more jobs here and. New business
Invest in the west side of town. Dang near any improvements is always on the east
Be more open minded, inclusive, and progressive in all areas.
Listen to and take care of it's community
"Repeat criminals need to be out of the community

Joplin needs non-auto transportation options. There are few places where it feels safe to walk or bike and the public transportation system is useless to anyone who can drive- and not that good for those who can't. Zoning and development patterns have also deincintivized creating walkable places. This hurts our health, our finances, our environment, and our sense of community. It also makes Joplin a less attractive place to live.
There's always lots of ways for any town to improve. I would love to see improvements in infrastructure and landscaping, more efforts for community cleaning as well as more sidewalks and landscaping throughout town. There also needs to be a bigger focus on education as a community, a high school diploma is not valued as much as it should be here.
Recall most of the city council and fire the Chamber of Commerce president.
More to do and see and improvement to the parks. There are neat things about Joplin that are SO neglected. Parks need trees, shade, seating, funding. Mcindoe park is amazing but is lacking. Clean it up, clean up trails, clean off surrounding properties. Inspiration point could be a cool little site. Invest in it clear it up put in seating.

we need better road infrastructure! street lights especially
Create green new jobs for the environmental future for our children.
Being a community who comes together to keep each other from dying.
Most rapists in Joplin get off and the victims are left in the dust. Do better with sexual assault cases.
Expand improvement areas to include W.7th St, also Maiden Lane . Lots of folks coming into town are getting a pretty shabby view of Joplin if they come in on W. 7TH
Stop turning down business propositions and find a way to work with businesses who want to come to Joplin, ie, the Menads deal that the council voted down. Stupid, stupid, stupid.
Let us live our lives, without being controlled, pay our Police and Fire Fighters better ....
Get rid of the mask mandate
Alot of the businesses after the coronavirus will gone. Let other people have those places cheap to get things going again.
Also, some of the houses could use make overs especially mine. Get people going to those homes that need a remodel and give them the ability to get one done. Especially my house that we're renting at 25049 central Avenue Joplin
ensure all residents live in safe, dignified housing, and take abusive/negligent landlords to task
Enforce ordinances on rental properties (there are too many slumlords)
I think Joplin could do better at taking care of our downtown area, including the historic homes and neighborhoods. They are worth the investment. Building codes need to be enforced. There are too many rental properties that greedy out of town investors have left for dead but continue to rent to people who cannot rent decent properties where you have to pass a credit check. These folks pay a ridiculous amount of rent to live in a shambles. It's not right, no one should have to live like that. We also need better services for the homeless.
"1)Remove the joplin city council with the exception of the ones that voted against the mask ordnance.

2)overturn the joplin city mask ordnance and move into phase three of opening.

3)Remove TOBY TEETER as president of the joplin chamber of commerce and end is efforts to destroy joplin with his disgusting race-bating (unwarranted as only his kind bring racisim to our good town) and his will to impose ever greater restriction on local business apart from his circle of friends...and all for his own disgusting non-american and NON-JOPLIN political agendas."
Get rid of the Communist city council people we have and listen to the actual people.
Maintain the appearance and cleanliness and appearance of our new sidewalks (any sidewalks), walking trails, city sports facilities / complex ... it's frustrating to see money being out in to improving joplin yet the staff and it maintenance crews do a terrible job weed-eating and keeping grass/weeds out of and off concrete areas that otherwise could look so nice!! Take one day and drive around Joplin and look at where we have improved the sidewalks and look at all of the grass growing in between the crevices and along the edges where proper weed eating and grass killer would alleviate these problems and eyesores.
Controlling derelict buildings
Make Main Street an affordable place for businesses to want their businesses so it gets more people down there and walking around to the different businesses.
Support local businesses
Fire Toby Teeter from the Chamber
Assess with needs of 7th street
Listen to your citizens. Don't make rash decisions based off liberal propaganda. Bring more people, businesses, and activities into the area.
Quit patting ourselves on the back about our resilience after the tornado. There's still a lot of work to be done.
VOTE STANLEY, REID-ADAMS, MONTELEON, WILLIAMS, CORTEZ AND COPPLE OFF OUR CITY COUNCIL. THEY DON'T REPRESENT THE MAJORITY OF JOPLIN CITIZENS!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Night life
You sealed the alleys, then cut them out for sewer risers. This caused gravel to wash into the drains. Twenty first and Virginia.
Enforce ordinances that require people to attend to their homes and property to make them presentable. We have some houses in our neighborhood where no one has lived for years and they have become unsightly. When I've called the city about it, I was told there are ordinances on the books for that, but the city pretty much ignores them, as long as the property taxes are paid! Meanwhile, these eyesores invite vagrants and crime and bring down the property values of others in the vicinity. Please, it's time to crack down on these virtually abandoned properties.
1. address implicit bias. look closely, internally, inside all our organizations for racism. Acknowledge it and move forward. 2. address homelessness & fix it. start by an accounting of who are our homeless? what services currently exist that can help. sometimes its as simple as coordination of services. connecting people with the services that will help. accessing healthcare when there's no transportation. applying for a job when you don't own a phone. our safety net services are fragmented. We need to come together and coordinate what we have. Then figure out what else is needed. Stop throwing solutions at the wall and hoping they stick when the problems haven't been fully analyzed.
I don't know what water meters are locked. If my pipes burst and I need to shut my water off, I have to call someone, and this seems odd. More sidewalks would do wonders but that is being worked on actively. I would love to take my bike to more places safely and I think that is growing before my eyes.
Increase inclusion and diversity.
Entertainment district/downtown area, activities for children and teens, music and other festivals, more funding for the police department so it's not so short staffed and could enforce laws to decrease the number of criminals and meth heads around town
"There are a few things that come to mind. Although I love that we have a community that is considerate enough to take care of the homeless; there has to be a way of doing so without it harming our downtown. Souls Harbor being on Main Street is not a good thing and it hasn't been a good thing for a long time now. This has to change if we want to grow our Main Street. Find a way of moving all of this to an area further away from Main Street. I know that is easier said than done, but someone has to find a way to do it.

Then you have the new performing arts center that is going to be built. A lot of people, including myself, LOVE this addition to downtown Joplin. However, there HAS to be more parking. Let's say you have a play, musical, etc happening on a Friday or Saturday night... People are excited for that, but will most likely want

to make a night of it. They will want to go eat beforehand in a majority of instances. I'm sure a lot of people will want to eat somewhere like Club 609 before attending whatever it is that is being held at the Performing Arts Center. This leads to an issue -- that particular group of people will then have to drive because it is too far of a walk (especially for senior citizens). And this right here is the issue. A LACK OF PARKING. I get that people think Memorial Hall needs to stay, but there comes a time when you have to let go of historical buildings such as that one so your city can grow. Everyone I speak with about this topic seems to all agree on one thing, and that would be Parking. This has to be fixed. No ifs, ands, or buts about it. "

"2 things that are fairly typical problems. Make better use of funds and a comprehensive "big picture" for using those funds on those goals.

The average citizen doesn't understand that grant money or CDBG funds can only be used for very specific projects. They can't figure out why we have so many parks, meanwhile the Parks & Rec budget still had the normal budget causing them to not be wise with the funds. Too much, use it or lose it mentality. Example - in years past they rented giant spotlights for a tornado anniversary event - which was held during the day. Whereas, other departments saw employees purchasing some of their own office supplies and juggling the duties of 3 workers to cover shortfalls in budget which led to hiring freezes. Nothing hurt worse than seeing a department suddenly purchase a few new vehicles because they needed to use money for capital improvements while employees were qualifying for government assistance due to low wages. Employees need a sense of pride and purpose, not necessarily high wages, but a decent livable wage. No more paying new incoming Department Heads more than the outgoing Department Heads who had years of experience. No more padding department budgets leaving them to squander tax payer money. It only encourages departments to be bad stewards of the resident's money. Instead, come up with a vision, a plan and stick with it. I'm not saying to have complete tunnel vision to the point of shooting ourself in the foot, but a plan that you stick with long enough to see fruits if your labor. A plan that can blend seamlessly into the next stage, even allowing for adjustments. Not hodgepodge stops and starts where money was wasted because of poor planning or lack of vision. We have a history of paving streets and re-doing intersections only to have the utility companies come along within months after and ruin what we spent money on. It's become a viscous cycle. "

Take better care of our Police and Fire departments. It would be nice to be able to retain these employees, instead of them getting training here and going to cities that pay better.

Well I wish attitude of some people. Lol

Communication on issues such as use tax (which I'm for btw). Just think what we are missing right now from that source.

Take advantage of the colleges and promote them as great resource to our city

Serve the will of the people rather than the will of city hall. And pay much greater attention to potential fraud by elected council and contractors etc

Get the left wingers out and RETURN OUR DAMN RIGHTS NOW ..ALL OF THEM

More outdoor options. Parks, outdoor restaurants, etc

Develop roads before property

Invest in law enforcement. Property crime rates in Joplin are disgustingly bad. But to fix that, you have to address the rampant drug(meth) problem. It's the 800lb gorilla in the room that no one has the guts to address.

Listen to the people for a start! That's something that hasn't happened for years.

I would like to see the beggers off street corners. To many of them. Makes us look poor.

Clean up— too many empty buildings and empty lots.

Stop with the mask mandate

Protected bike lanes, expand bike lanes. Expand walkability Around downtown. Skinny streets to encourage slow driving, less stop lights and more roundabouts (more cost efficient anyway). Look to OKC on their 8 year 1 cents tax plans, even if shorter they could work great here

Get rid of Toby Teeter.

Joplin should take more responsibility for its crumbling public and private structures. Empty buildings have become a tax haven for external investment companies. The Olivia is such and example. This perpetuates this slow decay of the most important cultural areas. Joplin need to tax empty buildings significantly more and have a stricter code of inspection for decaying rental properties.

Bring in more shopping establishments. This city is a college town, we have nice hospitals, and we have jobs available. We don't have enough to offer as far as retail.

More diversity, both in people and in thinking. Just because we've always done it that way doesn't mean we can't be better.

Get a new mayor and chamber director

The City Council works for the people. The people don't work for the City. Many times over the years, the Council has made bad business decisions. The remodeling of the baseball stadium for the Joplin Miners, only for the team to leave and stick the City with the bill. Paying for private businesses' projects with public money--i.e, Northpark Mall's parking lot. And now, requiring masks for everyone in Joplin.

"Bring larger business to town and promote small business.

Clean up city and run down homes.

Make panhandling illegal. "

Remove the mask mandate.

Remove the mask ordinance and open all businesses up 100%

Get rid of the City Council and start over with honest people.

Remove all mask mandates!! Allow the people to be heard and vote on core issues of the city.

End the illegal ordinance and fully open up commerce.

Helping more homeless get back on their feet, correct the poor traffic signals(many are antiquated), improve asphalting in many areas, help Chamber of Commerce attract more higher paying jobs in Industry to drive the economy

"Beautification of entry points, such as 7th street.

Bring back summer movie night & live music in the park (after virus is gone). "

Clean up the neighborhoods.

Everything

Focus more on crime and less on basketball goals being in the street.

More or improved parks and trails

More concerts. Some free events that kids could enjoy.

Find ways to help people get along and be kind. ¯_()_/¯

Pay our police officers and fire fighters better.

We need to be a cleaner, healthier city.

vote Democratic.
Enforce the code laws, clean up the city and crack down and eliminate the drug culture, panhandlers and help with the homeless issue
City leadership could do better by regularly participating in cultural competency and inclusivity training. Everyone in the community should be safe and feel like they belong here, regardless of their status be it race, gender expression, sexual orientation, national origin, creed or religion. As a minority I have witnessed exclusivity and distancing between city leadership and members and advocates of minority populations. We should and can do better at building bridges between those who hold positions of influence and marginalized groups.
We have to win parents over to support K-12 education, get rid of the TIFs so our schools can be fully funded, and provide more police officers with better pay and training.
Clean up the town. I drive all over town running kids places and trash is all over the ground. I have drove past dirty clothes laying over a bridge for 2 weeks now. We have people who leave trash everywhere. And the smell coming from protein solutions.
Listen to the people.
Pay its employees more comparable wages to other cities in the area.
Communicate
Clean up blighted neighborhoods. A lot of poverty here but it doesn't have to appear unkempt. Ordinances for landlords to be accountable for their dumps they rent out.
"Fix street light timing on Rangeline

"Joplin must become known as the city that all the other cities look toward for leadership and guidance. This is a BIG topic but one that can be fulfilled with a proper vision.

City government: I learned a long time ago how to evaluate whether or not the management of a business is working at a proper effectiveness or not...and it has to do with outward ""action"" not the ""appearance"" of action. So I began looking at the simple things to see if the businesses could do those right. Stuff like replacing burned out lighting and well maintained restrooms are a good indicator of simple but important impression management. This maintenance would show me that the details matter to the management.

When it comes to City of Joplin property the City should be representing itself the way it would like the rest of the city (businesses/residents) to represent themselves. Clean and well manicured properties (lawns/flowers/trees/lighting). To have properties that look old/worn out/unmanicured is not a good projection of leadership.

Updated equipment/technologies to improve efficient and effective city processes (I hear the employee payroll system is archaic, i.e. paper time sheets ---It's 2020--- pretty sure there's an app for that). Move in the direction of lean processes.

Support staff and encourage growth and ingenuity. The city is in need of experts... but its hard to get them when the pay scales represent a profession in the 1980s-1990s. Also, those that work for the city that are experts and do yeoman's work for the pay they do receive should be showered with gratitude. God bless those folks.

Police/Fire (Public Safety) MUST be well taken care of and supported. Anyone within city government or getting paid by city government that isn't supporting them to the fullest needs to find a new way. Public Safety is not a check the box issue. Overworked and underpaid comes to mind when it comes to these men and women. They need RESOURCES to train and operate effectively. Any cuts to Public Safety would be a HUGE mistake. The city should be pushing to maximize their effectiveness. Efficiency comes with good management but it is impossible to be effective if all everyone cares about is efficiency. ""Efficiency with appropriate resources"" should be a goal.

City Generally: Joplin has tried the whole ""master developer"" thing and failed miserably, but Joplin needs a direction to take action upon to grow the local economy. Bringing manufacturing jobs has got to be a priority once the basics are well taken care of.

They will come to a city that is booming with opportunity and options for entertainment. This has always been a ""chicken or the egg"" conversation, but the city needs to reach for the stars when it comes to economic growth in every area it can.

May businesses have been revitalizing their store fronts. This has been great. The city should encourage well manicured and attractive business properties. These types of environmental design upgrades help people feel safer and more secure about the business and the city. Lets keep this up.

To summarize...The basics matter. Let's make certain that all city owned and publicly maintained areas are tip top shape and a source of pride. Let's make sure we have the most effective public safety we possibly can. Finally, keep encouraging economic growth and prosperity for all business owners and their employees. The citizens will love you if these things are priority."
Provide some sort of public transport from other communities to Joplin
Manage finances with more transparency. Remove TIFs as they allow essentially free police and fire protection. Terminate the lease of the training center to the Airport. I have spoken with several Joplin residents who are angry to learn that a portion of the Public Safety Tax is being used to subsidize the airport. Address the homeless population and panhandlers as both leave a negative impression of our city.
"Communication and interaction. I hear all the time that it's difficult for people to know what's going on with the City and don't know how to become more involved.

Streets. Joplin's budget continues to get tighter and the cost of maintaining our streets is already out of reach. Why do we keep expanding them when it's 1) not financially sustainable and 2) against best practices of complete streets?

Technology. Joplin is supposed to be a Smart City, but the City building doesn't have WiFi, staff don't have the opportunity to work at home flexibly, software is difficult to use and outdated, timesheets are paper, and the website is convoluted and hard to navigate.

Employee benefits. Many positions are underpaid and can't be filled, especially in Public Works and transit. Finance doesn't want to give specific positions raises, but general employees watched that happen with police and fire.

General employees do not feel that upper management and the Council cares about them. Requests for improved benefits are usually squashed by the Finance Director and never make it to the City Manager or Council for a decision from them. There's a huge problem with internal gatekeeping. Employees do not feel cared about.

Transparency. When technology is hard to navigate and information is difficult to find, people do not find our information transparent. The budget is a good example. It's a scanned PDF hundreds of pages long that isn't searchable and makes no sense to the general public.

Economic development. We need to be asking ourselves what kind of jobs we are creating and if they are worth the huge tax abatement we grant to corporations who don't need them. Do they pay well? Do they enhance the community? Are they the kinds of businesses we want in the future? It would be highly beneficial to redirect at least some of our efforts to existing and small businesses. They feel ignored by the City because they never receive help while multinational corporations do. "
Take pride in its history and historic buildings.
Pay it's employees better and make Joplin a career destination and not a stepping stone!
"1. Communication

2. Investing in the employees of the City who represent the City and sometimes are the only interaction and impression of the City"
Education. High dropout rates in the high school concern me. And the high poverty rate of the citizens.
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There is a homeless and drug problem. People are moving because it cost too much to live here. Getting rid of the city sales tax would be a great help. The tornado was in 2011. Why do we still have the tax? Looks like it has just been made part of the city's budget. Not even a motion to reduce the tax?
Joplin needs to address the appearance of our community, the homelessness issue, and create more quality jobs which will help our community be sustainable for the long-term.
Clean up messes in NW Joplin
Cleanliness and revitalizing core of community rather expanding out
fix city road
Clean it up. The police department no longer monitors graffiti. The quality, health, safety and compliance of housing standards is ignored. Inoperable cars and other debris is allowed to be left in yards. Traffic runs 50 mph down Main street. There are two code enforcement officers for the entire town. What the heck do you expect? It's a dump and nobody cares because there is no effort to clean it up.
"Work on a better plan for the homeless that seem to be attracted here.

Work on getting rid of slum Lords, tearing down vacant properties that are in ruins. Let law enforcement do their job, and get a prosecutor that backs them up.

Fire codes are not enforced by City Hall / City attorney even though the Fire Marshall and Fire Department push Business owners to comply. Back up the Fire Department. "
"More upkeep on the old houses and the streets.

We constantly are looking at ways to do more with less, which I can understand to a point (esp being a government organization). I know this is something that has peeked your interest. Joplin is at a critical juncture where a lot of big decisions are going to have to be made, and funding those are a big dilemma. Such as memorial hall, parks, pay raises, fleet vehicles, radio communications, etc.... Those are some "big ticket" items but all have a major impact on government operations in Joplin.
Educational initiatives to inform public of rising COVID cases and how they can contribute to flattening the curve.
recycling
Improve teachers' salaries which could improve our educational standards and keep high quality teachers.
Better pay for employees.
There have been great strides in cleaning up the city, but it needs to continue.
Be more visionary. Create a 5 year Capital Plan that is a narrative (planning) and financial document. Only first year is budgeted, but it keeps opportunities, projects, improvements, etc. in front of everyone each year it is reviewed.
Pay. We have to address the pay issue not only a city level but a employee by employee basis.
Joplin could better manage their resources.
For example the city gives away property such as the former library on Main Street. Even though MSSU has a vision for the future use of that property, the city would have been better served to sell the property to be developed in a manner more fitting a downtown. Another example would be the long term expensive lease of property that the new library has been built on.
Increase access to public transportation, provide longer service hours, offer service 7 days per week, and increase wages to help fill vacant positions/retain valuable employees.
Be more financially responsible
Take on the tasks that can be handled well. So many times in my nearly two decades here, we start new programs or projects only to move the next, then the next without proper follow through. Take on a few tasks and do them well, instead of doing many halfway. An example being, annexing all kinds of land (which I support for future growth) but we don't add services or even plan for future services with those. I support annexations such as east 7th street, Wildwood, and the Crossroads industrial park because there will be long term pay off, but we should set up future revenue to support services when those fields turn to buildings and housing.
Demo'ing all the vacant and un-kept structures. There is one Homeless/vagrant organization in town. It would greatly help us if there was someway we could keep this organization from expanding any further. They make Joplin a destination for the homeless population. The pandering on the corners is so tacky and ugly who would want to do business here?
Better coordination of "Transportation Improvement Projects"...instead of continually tearing up and fixing not only the same areas....but making it SUPER DIFFICULT to get around town
Pay field workers more so we stop loosing staff we've trained to the small (and sometimes, tiny) communities that surround us.
Pay employees better and quit waisting money on things that research shows will fail. Example..baseball team and golf course. Quit catering to the homeless they are destroying this city. Retain fire and police. Losing there experience is very costly
Have more value in community
Encouraging older neighborhoods (homes) to revitalize.

Joplin really needs to bring things for it's residents to do. Even though we have bounced back economically we still don't have a lot of things (activities) that really excite people. The baseball team was a good thing, but not for everyone. Trails and parks like Arkansas I think would really do well here, but the City (its citizens) also have to take pride in doing their part to keep things nice. I feel like people see Joplin as run down or trashy, and some parts are that way, a lot of vacant homes/businesses, lots of crime/drug issues, and being along the interstate promotes some extra suspicious behavior.

Don't identify problems that are not here – there are a few loud voices that look at problems in large cities and try and make statements that Joplin is no different. If Joplin is systemically racist, then identify what statutes, ordinances or policies that allow this and remove them. Otherwise, let's keep our focus on the positive things our community is doing and add to it.

"Find more ways to provide better entertainment to larger amounts of people. The revenue I feel we could generate would be huge.

We have to stop wasting money on nonsense like has been done in the past. Kept spending money for a baseball team/stadium that has been a huge flop! We need better finance guidance.

Start listening to department heads on their lane of expertise, not allow a certain department head speak for what the other departments need or what they don't need. "

Clean up downtown Joplin. Get rid of old rundown and abandoned houses in town. Pay police more as promised.

I think the City & all public entities could do a better job of addressing citizen concerns BEFORE it boils over into a big ordeal. Citizens should not feel the need to yell or belittle others to be heard. Public entities as a whole should be more transparent & be willing to explain things in detail. We also need to build a stronger sense of community not only within our city limits, but the surrounding community as well & engage our citizens in a hands on way.

Establish teams to create a better Joplin via: Running, hiking, biking, tennis, etc.

Joplin has the potential to be similar to NW Arkansas

Continue making it a multi modal community. We are a nation full of obesity. We need a farmer's market that rival's Webb City's, ways for citizens to get across the community without fear.

Communicate with the citizens more.

As a former employee of the City of Joplin I feel like it's time to put money back into the employees (which I know you're already aware of). They are set up to fail. Given more resources and staffing as well as paying employees what they are worth, departments will thrive. I think citizens will see the positive effects from those changes.

deal with the homeless and blighted areas of the city

Better transparency

Address ageing neighborhoods, making residential owners adhere to codes by aggressively enforcing codes which would instill pride in surrounding homes. Also do a better job of spending , Joe Becker Stadium Fiasco, Buying Masks for the public and the overuse of consultants just to name a few.

There could be more diversity.

The odor that comes from the protein plant on 32nd is disgusting. It's appalling that this problem continues after years of complaints. That alone would make me not want to move here. Joplin lacks drastically in cultural activities. Of course, due to Covid, many of those things are off the table. I am very disappointed in the way the city has handled the virus. Masks should be mandated. The virus is making us a hot spot and the city seems to have their heads in the sand. The way the city approaches road projects is also a problem. We should have more blinking left turn lights at intersections

We need to be police officer friendly. National trends are pathetic, at best. We need to concentrate on attracting more and recruiting quality young people to fill our police academy. To serve should be more honorable than risky.

Organize large connected projects to make areas more cohesive. It seems like we have a bunch of separate things that are disconnected. For example bike lanes and trails are sparse and disconnected, downtown feels like it's half-improved and full of too-fast through-streets and parking lots.

Mandate mask wearing, like every other city in America except the few like us who take perception over actual science. Say no and appease the haters so you have solid numbers for re-election.

More options for younger people beyond the bars that are left. Public transportation options. Outdoor events to show off wild cat glades, etc. Professional networking events, community service events.

"Regulating neighborhoods

Separating commercial and residential areas"

Create a more walkable,bikable and pedestrian friendly infrastructure.

Bring in better businesses, revitalize downtown

"Reduce the tax burden on citizens of the country by reeling in the freespending, whimsical and wasteful school district.

Improve the skill level and supervision of the public works dept that does street repair."

Public transportation, bike lanes & paths, pedestrian-friendly planning. Sensible zoning of industrial and residential areas. Get Amtrak to friggin' make a line from St. Louis to Oklahoma City, running roughly the same route as I-44. You know, just this small thing please!

Welcome people from diverse backgrounds. Provide services for people with a variety of interests and needs.

Joplin could support small business more.

"Addressing our homeless issue by making and enforcing new city ordinances to remove them from highly trafficked areas. It is an eye sore to see meth head Sally tweaking on rangeline.

Demand a safer city. Be vocal and demand our local/county prosecutor and judges actually sentence these low life criminals to the time they should get.

Invest more into law enforcement to fight the large drug problem we have. Drugs are the rule of a majority of crime.

Get souls harbor off Main Street. Main Street should be a place we show off."

More events to get the community involved. We came together after the tornado, but community pride has always been difficult for Joplin citizens.

Broadway Plays

Stop the panhandling and address homeless issues. Travelors lodging off I-44 near Rangeline are confronted with a steady string of people asking for money. I wouldn't stay in a motel with that going on, I would drive to next town.

Stop trying to change everything. Joplin doesnt need to be like every place else. For goodness sake don't tear down any more historical buildings! The excuse is always it costs more to fix them up. What is built instead is always ugly and meaningless. Just like the beautiful, old, historical schools that will probably be demolished eventually. Neighborhood schools kept a sense of community and unity in a neighborhood that will now be lost in fragile areas. I was born here and just moved back to find Joplin losing itself.
Bring to town better jobs. Seems fast food, banks, and car lots take up alot of real estate here in town. Great for retirement crowd but a struggle for family folk. Toyota once wanted to build a plant here. But was cut down by retirement community mentality. To work across state lines is ludicrous, due to taxation.
Embrace change more efficiently. More businesses and entertainment needs to come to the area but it seems that we are holding ourselves back fearing the unknown.
Quit cutting down trees and destroying our parks
Manage money. Listen to the community members more. Pay police more. Hire more police.



"What do you see as opportunities for Joplin?" | Raw Survey Data

food truck festival
More marketing to promote our brand and image as a local destination for shopping, dining, and entertainment. Police visibility and interaction: We need to increase citizen engagement at the neighborhood level.... cops walking the neighborhoods and talking with the people.
Lot of land to build on
Opportunity for growth if the steps are taken with the citys best interest in the forefront and not the city manager/councils personal /political agenda
The schools
Schnucks or HyVee supermarkets, Cleaning up the bum problem. Not the homeless but the real street jerks that destroy my business property and others and drive away our customers.
Schools are very nice since the tornado along with hospitals so we should be attracting factories and growth!!!
it has all the space downtown to make it really special, we just need something to draw businesses to want to build there
There are opportunities for growth in Joplin with the Hospitals here. Continue restoring the town and bringing in new businesses. Support the local businesses. Joplin has a lot of unique places that have great potential.
The dental school is a huge opportunity. In addition, I feel like housing right now would be a great thing.
Exploring new cultures in food and activities.
Multiple higher education schools bringing in young, forward thinking, modern lifestyles and leaders. Provide them with a cool culture to be a part of and Joplin will grow and become a place young people want to live.
"Utilizing all the space for another dog park/ maybe even incorporate a food cantina for people to order food/hangout while dogs played.

Places to eat outdoors. Is there a farmers market? Community events for physical activity (I.e. yoga in the park) etc."
I really really wish Joplin had real grocery stores, not just Walmart!
I do not understand this question
Trader Joe's, Indian food stores/restaurants and worship places for the major religions not yet represented in Joplin's infrastructure.
Growth in food and entertainment
Lot of very cool small businesses that are featured on buzzfeed/instagram to bring in more people
Increased sidewalk presence
Mountain biking and hiking opportunities
Joplin should invite more businesses like Trader Joe's, Nordstrom Rack, Marshalls, Home Goods, etc into the community.
With so many universities in the area catering to people in that age range would be nice for the city.
cultural celebrations in a central location open to and encouraged to attend by all
Oppurtunity for growth population wise and business wise
Being the center of a metropolitan area, there could be improvements to what could attract people here. Give more options for restaurants, entertainment, etc.
Continue to grow
The downtown area could be very fun if there were better attractions and fun things to do
Create a more thriving and interesting downtown
Relationships
The # of smokers, drug users, antivaxers, and antimaskers is seriously endangering the citizens. Education on these matters could go a long way, at the very least for the younger population.
Joplin is a great affordable town with a lot to offer its residents.
There are a lot of young people here that don't feel like Joplin is interested in targeting their desired lifestyle. Build up parks, trails, and sidewalks. Encourage nightlife and shopping.

More outdoor activities! More restaurants.
Art galleries
There are more students at KCU and MSSU it can become a nice "college town". Maybe more public transportation.
spaces for activities, more local restaurants that are walkable distance
Joplin has a big opportunity to grow. There are lots of areas for small business to start up as well as great areas for parks and walking paths.
Get more diversity
More events/experiences within the community -- even in times that COVID was not present.
I often find myself wishing I had a sandwich cafe to study at. So often a coffee shop is great because of the coffee, but I get hungry and then I have to leave and find food somewhere. Sandwich cafe's were my favorite place to study during undergrad and grad school because they have food and coffee. I would also love to see more healthy food options, such as salad spots. I also love Lennon's because it's a really nice spot for clothing and, as professionals, it's great to have a spot to run to and try clothes on.
Safe areas to study, eat, go to the gym.
Opportunities for new businesses aimed at a younger demographic. More businesses for a younger night life would be welcome.
Opportunities for improvement in the health and wellness of the community
Sports teams or complexes. Making spaces where we can gather in small groups all in one big space.
i dont see any
Get with the times. People want to be healthier! Add more places where they can do that!
Expansion of businesses
Massive growth due to schools jere
Bring more businesses in town. Maybe do a bonical garden at one of the large parks. Get people to want to come here.
Joplin is in a perfect location to grow as a city-it's an intersection for Kansas,

Springfield, Arkansas, Kansas City...I think it has opportunity to grow and develop a lot.
Location, central
Create new infrastructure...businesses will come
Continued transportation and manufacturing; more livability improvements; continued green space; continued downtown improvements
In order for Joplin to grow it needs to keep attracting business and institutions that keep the higher technology related jobs in the area. The majority of Joplin's workforce is geared toward manufacturing and labor.
Opportunities on the technology front, manufacturing, as well as being a trucking hub. Also opportunities exist to get more population if we have more quality of life amenities.
I see small business being a big need and opportunity here, I also see where a bigger cooperation would want to come set up something here based on our positioning in the country and the type of community we have here and in the surrounding area. I also think that Joplin needs to interact with agriculture a lot more than what we do.
It is primed for growth. We have the space for incoming businesses and our cost of living as a great incentive.
more busineses to open
I believe Joplin and the people therein have strong tendencies to make the most out of each opportunity however big or small, that we are presented with. Ideas and surveys such as this are good examples.
Another Tornado.
Staying a safe place for our children
More community lead events.
"It's a central retail hub to the region. I do not see it becoming a tourism hotspot. The Route 66 push needs to go away. The tourism study done a couple of years ago indicated that Joplin doesn't have enough Route 66 landmarks to make it a viable tourism subject.

I feel there isn't a cohesive plan for the community to grow as a whole. It's fragmented into pieces of different interests…there's the historical fans, the Connect 2 Culture followers, the artists, the commerce/small business groups, etc.

We need to find our voice and vision and build from that.

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Continue to attack business and services the provide well paid jobs
The medical schools, Freeman & Mercy are our strongest assets.
The be a positive example on racial equality without the violence and hate of the burning cities.
A french-style revolution where in the bourgeoisie that have controlled this town so ineffectively filling their own Pockets at the fountain of public money, are drug out into the street... and well, I'm sure you know the rest of the story.. unless you went to the public schools around here that you keep defunding
Nicely located near the center of the country, giving opportunity to attract events to the area.
Nothing
I-44/I-49 Opportunity Zones. Regional shipping hub. Downtown renaissance.
Trails, Dental School, MSSU
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If better led, iybcould be a great city again
I see more opportunities for larger chain grocery stores to come to Joplin. For an example: HyVee Grocery Stores.
Very few. My son had to leave to find a job that paid a decent wage.
There is always room for growth.
In this current situation, we have an amazing opportunity to start bringing people together if we support positive unification
Build a booming tourism destination by preserving and building on our history
"Finding ways to: build back the airport

compliment the surrounding area strengths (ex: casino) without trying to compete

bring in seminars and such that would be closer or more convenient to some, than Tulsa or Springfield "
We need more companies coming in to offer higher wages.
Growth
Room for growth — a lot of empty building's & storefronts that need to be filled. Give them a reason to want to move in, instead of building a new structure.
As previously stated old city downtown areas are dead. All of the business is conducted on the East side of town. Rangeline is where the money is made. As a hub town we should be marketing to baseball tournaments, soccer, softball and so on. We have an athletic complex. Get rid of the old Holiday Inn and old convention center and build a new multi-purpose complex to hold conventions. We're pretty much in the middle of Tulsa, KC, St. Louis, and Little Rock. Joplin should be looking at HUB style opportunities.
community involvement
It would be nice to see Joplin grow without losing it's roots and local touches. I like cities with small parks placed throughout a city, even maybe a pretty sitting area randomly placed behind city hall or wherever!
Build new things that appeal to families and young adults to keep them here. Maybe have better WiFi for more people to live here and work for outlying companies from home
"COMPETITION FOR BIG BOX RETAIL STORES

MAYBE A DISTRIBUTION CENTER CREATINGJOBS"
Better eating and shopping; bringing in more diversity, being more welcome to diverse people.
Hopefully more training for police departments so that they can actually handle situations maturely & in the right manner.
Parking! Parking downtown is awful. There is not enough public parking and too many private parking lots. If we lost parking at Memorial Hall, we would lose a lot of parking spaces. There needs to be a big public parking garage made.
bringing more business to joplin
Growth in tourism with newer or rehabbed facilities
The falls, wide arrange of different parks, we could focus on up and coming generations being a college town
The downtown district. Over the past few years the down town district has begun to transform. That transformation needs to continue.
It could be a destination city for sports and entertainment.
"Joplin could focus on cleaning the city. It currently is dirty. There are multiple parks in the city. But the homeless over run the parks making me not want to take my family to them. I have found drug needles in the playground and picnic area of ewert park.

Joplin needs to focus on making it a cleaner town where locals can enjoy living and feel

safe before they focus on other opportunities. Joplin has one of highest crime rates in the state. Per capita"
Implement the SMART City plan which will help Joplin remain a viable and competitive community, plus, attract and retain our younger population and talent.
I don't see much opportunities
Addition of quality job opportunities - not call centers.
Our location on the highway means we could be a bigger tourist destination. We need a concert venue large enough to entice bigger acts.
Growth. Tourist destination for it's history.
Improve down town to attract more people to Joplin
address options to reduce the number of panhandlers in Joplin, maybe thru work programs like trash pick up, or other "beautification" programs
Continue to foster a blending of faith based ministries and nonprofits to help those in need. More opportunities to invest our time and money into the schools who are going to be struggling while dealing with the Covid situation.
Recreational activity other than bars and restaurants
Protecting our older citizens from COVID - the citizens with the highest risk factor - while protecting our businesses and young people from needless suffering and burden load.
free pool
We could be even more of an entertainment hub for the entire region.
See #2.
Art, Education, outdoor wellness
Hey-Vee
Arts and theater and entertainment.
Growth in arts and entertainment. Utilize our parks for concerts and city functions.
Utilize our city hall as a help desk and actually help people who are in need, "be their voice." Don't just send them on to their way, they end up on our streets which is not comfortable for patrons who try to enter businesses.
we have enough people we could have an amusement park or a different movie theater like the cheap seats back in the day.
Revitalize downtown! We have an awesome downtown area with a ton of potential. Not more boutiques and antiques. We need places that community members can hang out in at night and on weekends. Places that are unique to Joplin that make Joplin attractive.
Growth in conventions and events that out of town people come to! Especially in the sports area. Joplin is in the center of a lot of cities and could be a great host.
The university has several great venues for concerts and other cultural events. These are not being utilized by the city
Work with local university to create more culture for our area.
Being accessible to 4 states and their people there should be many business opportunities that should appeal to industries. This and having a major interstates accessible should also be good for transportation needs. The low wage structure could be a draw for business but drawing in businesses with higher wage structures would be a great opportunity to have other try and match new businesses.
Growing together. Everyone seems to want to build Joplin up, but finding ways to do that together would be best.
Endless. We have quite a bit of industry, restaurants, and hotels. I do wish the nightlife was a little better. We need a good country dance hall.
"1. Help reinvent the Mall as a place to not just shop, but to also enjoy different activities, which would draw in more shoppers.

2. Keep adding more trails that take people into natural areas. "
Then creation of a vibrant downtown, centered on artistic endeavors, and eating establishments focused on a younger population. Also an opportunity exists for a greater emphasis on recognizing historical success (like the restoration of the historic houses at 4th and Sergeant). Lastly, promoting spring and fall tourism. These are our two best seasons.
Provide more shelters for the homeless
Our leadership listening to the people to help this city realize it's true potential rather than pandering to fringe, extreme elements. Case in point: the mask ordinance.
Getting rid of our city "leaders??"
Growth along I44 might attract more visitors, bring more revenue. A museum or a zoo.
There is no opportunities for Joplin because the city manager says he listens but really does what the people with money wants.
The only opportunities I see in Joplin is that family lives here. Other then that I am pretty sure the brain drain is real problem in Joplin.
No real good jobs in the tech sector or others. So best to move to KC or Tulsa for a decent job.
Dropping the mask mandate and getting behind small business.
Business growth. Healthy businesses bring in more families. The we can balance improving the city and improving the growing schools.
Do to Joplin's location Joplin should be making a BIG push to attract outside manufacturing opportunities. (Relative low cost of living and overhead)
MEDICAL SCHOOL,BUSINESS COMING IN TO TOWN. MAKE MORE FAMILY ACTIVITIES INDOORS AND OUT. SAFER WALKING TRAILS. CHILD FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES. DIFFERENT TYPES OF RESTAURANTS, SHOPS.
Cultural and event enhancements, events to build community. We need systems in place to improve mental health, decrease drug abuse and poverty.
We could definitely use more events in Joplin, more trails, and more activities.
create a trade school similar to the one at Afton Ok. They provide carpentry culinary cosmetology Marine motor repair (two major companies Mercury Evinrude) nursing barber massage truck driving photography .Job ready skills!
Growth . There is a large group of 30 somethings wanting desperately to bring culture and diversity through community efforts to joplin!
Expanded arts scene
More budiness
There are many opportunities to work as a health care professional.
we need something that draws people to joplin, like some kind of attraction
Not much stuck in its old ways
manufacturing jobs for increased income for citizens
The medial school and medical industry is one of the best around. I also feel the rivers and park areas are under utilized.
Attract higher paying jobs by encouraging tech. Encouraging MSSU to be more ambitious to achieve academic excellence. I perceive MSSU as not being much more than a vocational college. For example, establish world-class research in technology/bio-tech areas that would be synergistic with our rural location. Only achievable by attracting world class academics and researchers by selling the advantages of moving here. It will take time, but essential to start to generate high skilled graduates for long term prosperity. Encourage world class broad-

band infrastructure, for example AT&T should deploy fiber to the home here. We should go after the Missouri $50M broadband fund. and ask for more!
Finding ways to bring different ethnic groups together so we can learn each other's cultures and bridge the gap that divides so many.
"decrease crime

attract high end retailers and business

increase architectural control on new construc-tions in city limit"
I'm not sure. I'd like to make it easier for community members to speak at city council meetings. I'd like to see the Union Station be utilized in a creative and fun way that would give families another activity to participate in. We need some sort of place for BIG name con-certs and other event.
The natural beauty of the area and the easy access via I44 and other hwys connecting it to the nearby regions.
Increase revenue to city, business by bringing new and improve art, music, theater to the city.
Joplin is constantly growing, I see new busi-nesses opening
more businesses
Growth
Clean up the community and stop taking one side and blocking out anything you don't agree with our don't like.
We are the hub of the 4 states. Communities look to us to provide for them on all levels
We are in a great location, corner of the state, business availability, 3 states near our border. We must continue to grow jobs and housing for Joplin. To truly be a vibrant community you needs them both.
"Menards here. already shot down.

Shopping other than Wal-Mart. I like Wal-Mart but I want more choice.

Hyvee grocery store here. shot down twice already.

Dillons here again. never rebuilt from the toranado.

I have to drive to pittsburg, ks for dillons and drive to springfield for menards and hyvee.

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not wear mask! or at least not choosing mask for us.
festivals, events, activities
As someone who has worked in substance use recovery, I think there is an opportunity to increase resources and social supports for individuals struggling with addiction.
We can pull together when needed and we have plenty of space to expand
their parks can be developed better because they show potential
Quit doing projects and then tearing them up to re-do...quit wasting taxpayer's dollars, government funding/grants. Just this week it came out that an audit revealed our school system didn't account for large bucks. Who will be responsible for paying that back, if required? We need better employment opportunities for not just the well education but the rank/file folks who want to work but can only work in retail or fast food.
More jobs to create.
Its a prime area; lots of diversity in age groups and public interest.
more local businesses to make the town more unique. more events to include all sorts of communities. more dog parks.
Growth,, I believe there are some things be-ginning to prepare us for that. Maybe focus on infrastructure to stay ahead of it?
With the addition of the new Med. School, Joplin should have the opportunity to be-come a bigger and even better destination for Health care.
"Any new entertainment in this area other than eating out.

Bringing in bigger companies as industry to help with employment opportunity.

Build a drive inn!! Especially with the social distancing. Movie theaters are closed down.

Refurbish old buildings for new businesses.

The medical/dental school brings lots of renters and families to the city and they all shop for food, please get some grocery stores so that wal-mart is not the only op-tion. Restaurants and shopping venues.
Growth, clean the town up more, and job opportunities.
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"Low cost of living

Attract retired people-two hospitals -medi-cal school and dental school

internet sales tax

attract minorities-

Grants

New business opportunities in Joplin"
I see the use of empty buildings and space in downtown Joplin as well as the multiple land opportunities as a source of develop-ment for the community in both the enter-tainment and commercial sectors.
To have more of a movie theater with re-clining seats, outdoor theater for concerts, just more things to do with your family.
We have SO MUCH traffic on I44 but we don't have the greatest engagement to suit travel demands along that corridor. There are truck stops and hotels, but not activities that let people take a short stop and stretch their legs. We're missing out on $$$ from people who might otherwise stop in Joplin for shopping and dining if it seemed a more appealing place to rest in their cross-coun-try trek.
Better varities of food places, more shop-ping
Improvement with downtown Joplin and improving the homeless shelters along with what is available for that population to assist improve their lives.
I would love to see more city wide support for our school sports / activities! If you look around Webb City, Carl Junction.... They have so much public support (publicity)of their youth sports. We have great schools and a varied opportunities for our kids such as Football, Baseball, Swim teams, Tennis, Show Choir, Dance teams, Debate... I hon-estly don't know all our kids have options for but I would love to see more "Joplin Eagles" represented around town. We even have a semi professional Baseball team but very few know that! We had a Football team at one point and I don't know when that left .
Whole foods; Sprouts; trader joes; bigger and nicer shopping facilites
Employment
Growth in Industry/Commerce
"What business or factory wouldn't want to come here? Its cheap to live here, taxes ar-en't high, Midwestern values. Any company would be run by idiots to put themselves in high tax, coastal state.

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To take back peoples right to live Normal lives
not sure
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Joplin has a lot of young families. I think continued growth in areas of entertainment, food, and recreation will be very beneficial.
Joplin has opportunities to bring in businesses such as Whataburger, Hy-Vee, and concerts. However, they need to improve their main roads. West 32nd street towards Wild Wood Ranch is in very poor shape and really needs repaved. If it was better, more businesses may look at that area.
In a high-paying job, you can save a lot of money since living expense is cheap.
There is a lot of potential growth for business. Commercial property has plummeted. I believe Main Street will continue to develop if we could ease up on some restrictions. We want a beautiful Main Street but it is really hard for the Mom and Pop stores to come back. The Tiff Tax was exceptionally high and really wasn't used for anything but the schools.
Opening the city to new ideas. Promoting events. Quit destroying history.... buildings, parks , etc. Let the people in Joplin openly have a say in their city.
More business
Again, our unique location to have a small town, local feel yet progressive in culture, arts and entertainment.
Family focused events. See above response. Clean up the town.
Be more open to more and bigger businesses coming into town and in hopes it will create more better paying jobs
n/a
growth with more industry
A place to move to get out of the large Cities.
Really anything that will allow our city to grow.
NONE
add a Sweet Peppers Deli location and a Kroger grocery store.
Unknown.
See answer to number two
Growth potential, economic expansion.
Bring in more family-friendly activities
Offer more community college or vo tech programs to fit the current workplace markets. Community re entry programs for the population currently involved with criminal justice or other dept of corrections actions so they can become contributing members of the community.
Music events in a large auditorium could attract large numbers from the surrounding areas.
The new arts center is going to be a huge opportunity for increased theatre events. Very excited about this and for our City.
job market increasing
Post COVID of course.....downtown Cornell Center for Arts and MSSU campus building could be great. Need live music, bring back Third Thursdays, Develop Empire Market resurgence
Full utilization of the old "Miners" baseball park.
THERE ARE ALOT OF MANY DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES HERE. FROM JOBS TO GETTING HELP WITH ADDICTIONS, MEDICAL NEEDS AND FINACIAL HELP.
PAY SCALE IS BAD IN JOPLIN AFTER THE TORNADO IN 2011 THE RENT FOR HOMES APTS WENT STUPID BASED ON THE RATE OF PAY FOR THE AREA.
Cleaner living, good work force.
Getting the businesses back open
Continued improvement of the down town area. Restoring older buildings.
do something about all of the vacant, run down buildings and empty new construction mini malls. So much of Joplin feels run down to me
Keeps growing
Keeping businesses open, more specifically, retail businesses. There's been so many businesses fall out within this
Expanding industries, I44 gives us access to the entire country
More companies coming to Joplin for more jobs.
Lots of diverse things available.
Joplin Street from 5th to 9th is nothing but parking. That whole row used to have buildings there I have no doubt. You have 3rd Thursdays, the cultural center is coming; instead of tearing down more buildings for parking, BUILD UP! All through there there could be parking garages with retail space on the ground level. The facades can look like the classic architecture that makes our downtown so beautiful. I have seen them in other cities and it is fantastic. It could really bring back even more life to downtown and attract more business.
If you would put some money into the main street buildings and encourage more shopping and enforce speed limits you could have a nice shopping district and tourist area.
Police reform, better access to LGBT resources, and becoming bee-friendly
Bring more things into town for fun. Right now there's mini golf, going to the mall or going to the movies (Pandemic aside). There's not a lot of activities to do here.
I do not know.
Business and academic growth
GOOD QUESSTION!
"Water recreation with new reservoir to bring more tourism and revenue. Attract some bigger businesses to the area with fiber optic cable for internet access. Training for more technical professions with Franklin Tech to prepare young populace for success and qualified workers for businesses.

Promote Route 66 for tourism."
I see a lot of opportunity for growth. This is a good location for that midway city/town kind of feel. It's not too big and it's not too small. This and the fact that it's more central and low key to many makes it a desirable place. I don't think this will always be the case, because it will continue to grow and these things will go away eventually.
updated roads and sidewalks
"Help with traffic flow to eliminate the frustration of driving.

Quit trying to get everyone to go to downtown. There is nothing that I have a desire to do or visit downtown."
grow yet keep small town feel
When they remove the pointless face mask ordinance, business will boom.
Need to replace Memorial Hall with an event venue that will attract more musical shows and concerts...compete with the casinos.
I feel Joplin has slowly made way. I have lived here most of my life and I have seen how different this town and its community has grown. Yet, Joplin is going at a rather slow pace to expand and make many changes to the city.
growth as the airport gets larger
Developing a cultural hub to meet the wants of a younger social scene, developing social outdoor opportunities (trails, etc.), developing nightlife in our downtown area.
more job opportunities
"See question #2

Court some manufacturers to come to Joplin. There is not a lot of opportunity here for our children, unless they want to go into the medical field."
Definitely the current momentum of the BLM movement. Joplin could do very well by showing citizens of color that they matter and are important to the community, and that community leaders do not support discrimination or mistreatment of people on the basis of their race, background, etc.
Opportunity to grow. I love that we are getting bigger restaurant chains coming in. Now we need more at the mall. Which seems to be disappearing. New BIG stores need to come in so others don't travel to Springfield and Branson to shop.
a forward thinking mindset.
Training for unusual jobs.
"more restaurants and less banks! we need more family suitable places to eat other then fast food.

good job opportunities, schools, things to do as a family
I see Joplin becoming a center for many diversities to come together and celebrate our victories as a community.
Joplin has the opportunity to be a leader in the area and support and back our men and women in uniform. Provide additional training both physical and social. Set the stage for how communities COULD be molded vs. the current climate most places are facing.
We have the opportunity to really integrate services and expand services to the area. We have the opportunity to attract intelligent people and grow. With KCU medical and soon dental school and MSSU, helping them and encouraging growth and expansion in this area could really take Joplin to the next level.
Business growth and improved crime and drug activity.
universities
sadly none
more interstate business.... we are at a perfect spot in the US to bring in manufacturing companies,
There is a lot of opportunity for growth for Joplin. There is opportunities for medical field and for arts.
NA
Continued expansion of warehousing and trucking. Increasing livability through meals and entertainment type venues.
"Create a community worth caring about. I am excited for the new city manager and mayor. I am hopeful with their younger mindset and experience outside this city they can bring in some new ideas to Joplin.

Creating a city good for our mental health.

Being Green–more recycling drop offs or no extra charge to recycle.

Revise West 32nd Street to Central City Road.

Joplin is the largest city in the region; It would be beneficial to draw in other communities with jobs and amenities that are hard to find. There could also be better learning/training opportunities for children to get a head start on careers they are interested in.
I think that opportunities for Joplin include marketing itself as a family friendly town where one can start and end there career. Also, an opportunity for diversity to be the norm and the expectation and not just the alternate or a pipedream.
When COVID 19 is lifted. possible resurgence of business's etc. But we need to ensure safety for JOPLIN citizens of all ages.
To bring in more family oriented activities. Bringing back cruise night was a great start. Opportunities for family fun for all ages, that doesn't necessarily cost a lot of money. Cruise night gave the older generations an opportunity to show the younger kids how to have fun they way they did. Provide more opportunities for things like this.
A more robust gathering place in the old downtown train depot area. Tulsa has a large gathering place park and it is great to there and soak up activities and community feeling it inspires.
More development downtown and also filling the mall vacancies.
We need to be a place where people come to shop not got out of town to NW ark or Tulsa.
Not sure
More industries, stores, etc. Our area is big enough with the surrounding towns to offer more incentives to bring in more businesses which create more jobs.
Maintaining city ordinances such as clean, neat appearances on the streets, homes and in businesses.
MORE CHICK FIL A LOCATIONS. A PLACE LIKE THE AMAZEUM IN BENTONVILLE. ALSO A SPLASHPAD LIKE KING JACK PARK. IN GENERAL MORE THINGS FOR LITTLE KIDS.
Bring in more jobs.
Continuing to increase access to walking running and biking.
Bringing new companies to the city
Downtown. It's such a beautiful area, but the vagrants with mental disease that lurk in that area make shopping a little weird.
Small businesses seem to go under after about a year... most places to eat are on Rangeline and are chains... this pulls business away from the small/local businesses.
Casino or concert venues; more facilities for child care
nothing.
"Provide more family oriented gathering recreation and play areas (non-sporting)

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To recruit additional larger business' to the area, enough on low wage service based jobs.
"Joplin needs to allow expansion to happen on more than just Rangeline and 32nd street. Incoming business should be encouraged to come into areas outside of our 2 street special.

The medical school is a big attraction for encouraging growth to our area. We have 2 large hospitals here and need to be securing as many students and graduates as we can. "
Attracting new business
A sanitarium for the plethora of mental patients who repeat the same behavior, are constant hospital admissions for the same reasons, and never improve or change. Most of these people are homeless. They make the downtown area feel unsafe. A sanitarium (not like ones of the past, but a with real treatment and positive care) would offer employment opportunities.
Start fresh with our children in the school system by providing above par education and expectations from the students
"I44 more tourist options would maybe increase revenue

We have Great Parks"
Growth along south Main and 20th streets
Bring in more businesses to our area as well as activities for families and etc.
na

Joplin 66 Speedway could be a hug revenue for Joplin from dirt track racing, to holding concerts there, to bull riding, and several outdoor events!
We have the space to grow. We need to get the people here to do it.
The city has vast opportunities to deregulate and to become more transparent in it's financials.
Joplin is more of a town to drive through to get to a destination. We need to become the destination.
We need a more lively and competitive farmer's market system here. Not more road-side stands, but actual farmer's markets. Most people are stuck choosing from grocery store produce, and especially now, with COVID-19 hampering trucking/shipping, we need a robust local farm-to-fork community.
New leadership for decisions of the public's interest
I'd be careful to protect the cost of living, safety and "small town" feel of Joplin. Those things are unique and you don't want to attract too many people from the "blue" states that will ruin the solid ideals and peace of the region.
Bowling alleys, Arcades, outdoor activities, draw families to move here and bring money here
N|A
More local businesses and less corporations would be great.
Listed above, Living in Joplin should be a benefit vs. surrounding communities, school and economic. What can be done to attract a small medical company to coincide/partner with the Med school, expansion of MSSU offerings to sync with this new feature. Joint planning between schools, MSSU and city to minimize duplication of services and expenses (3 or 4 brand new baseball fields i.e.)
Gain back the trust of their citizens. More & better employment opportunities.
"1. Re-purpose empty buildings for use.

2. Opportunity to revive economy if you will allow businesses to operate normally."
there are a lot of abandoned buildings that could be used for housing for homeless and veterans.
More animal and child geared activities
Joplin has a lot of potential, it just needs to be cleaned up a little
Expand Parks and Rec programming. My hometown's Parks and Rec department always had a summer catalog of activities for kids and adults. Sports leagues and swimming lessons were included, of course, but also cooking classes, martial arts, theater program for little ones, dance classes for all ages, etc. Joplin has great options through Spiva, Joplin Little Theatre, local dance studios, but not all of them have price points that are within reach for many of our community's families. I'd love to see access to these types of programs expanded, either through city programs or through support of local organizations so they can provide programs at decreased cost.
Activities that promote an active lifestyle in conjunction with togetherness. Church families are really good at this and I think our city can apply that type of inclusion on a broader scale that helps promote more active lifestyles and bonding.
"programs for teens and young people - mentor program

to help fight drugs, crime, one parent homes

Give them options for schools, training for jobs, mental support."
To grow: population and economy. To continue becoming more diverse as a community and learning from each unique diversity.
More business growth
Joplin has great potential for a strong economy as witnessed last year and the year before with very low unemployment. We need to keep focused on that. Bring in more manufacturing and big tech companies. They are all leaving the big cities with all of the problems they have had and moving, we could use some of that here.
You could exploit the history of Joplin more for tourism, make the tax structure and zoning conducive towards attracting businesses to Joplin. Promote MSSU more throughout the region to attract students which could potentially raise revenues for the city.
"More activities for families. Clean and safe bike paths, off-road bike trails, nicer parks all over joplin. Look at what northwest Arkansas is doing.

Revitalize downtown, lots of empty shops that need to fixed up."
Growth and community connection to our public services such as police, firefighters and hospitals.
Bringing in more business to put people to work. Not just restaurants. Restaurants have a high failure rate. We need more manufacturing jobs
There is so much dead space. The only thing to do is putt putt and it needs updated. There needs to be a dave and busters type of place for people of all ages.
Expanding on positive improvements that followed the Joplin tornado such as Cunningham and Mercy parks, new construction and KCU medical education center as a draw for the population.
Better work programs for the unemployed.
Larger and Better shelters for our homeless.
Larger Mental Health facilities and programs.
We need more jobs.
More citizen owned business. Would be a better place if we could support more citizens stores. I do understand the revenue of the chain companies, but would love to shop and citizen owned shops
Just bring in more businesses for entertainment like above. It will create jobs and keep the money in our small town.
Homeless population and street corner solicitation. There ARE better answers out there.
Have more community activities (at a safe distance for now). We need to make our city safer for all our citizens. When the only affordable housing is over ran with individuals who sell drugs, etc. it is not a safe place for our families who are on a limited budget. With that said I know the police budget/staffing does not allow for continued surveillance of these places so maybe enacting some kind of anonymous tip line and when a house/area gets enough reports the police can then focus on that house/area. Also, finding a way to give the police, fire, and EMT's some kind of financial or other compensation for all the work they do would go a long way to helping them and helping us by retaining the good ones!.
Expanding its shopping districts with stores like Aldi, Menards, Atwoods, HEB, Costco that would increase the employment rate as well as wages of employees.
hopefully a new board that is not comprised of old men, and one with younger people that want to bring businesses in and not one about control and rules
More youth sports camps, clinics, etc.
More attractions that families can do together like Springfield and Branson have
Many undeveloped areas which could be used

for businesses or housing
The potential to clean up the area. Landscape, crack down on the yards that look like junk yards in residential areas.
Revenue producing venue's
Plans have waxed and waned for Memorial Hall. It would be nice to see a larger venue like that to attract more cultural events.
Growth and a lot of new houses being built.
The opportunity to stick to the original Constitution of the United States. Government shoulder never reach their long arm into small businesses and destroy them.
Our location lends opportunity. People from all over the world come to travel historic Route 66
N/A
Open businesses for more employement
Jobs. We need to advance in entertainment.
I believe that Joplin could have increased industrial growth which brings in more jobs if they would make it appealing to outside factories to move here
Industry growth
Get rid of the mask requirement. It doesn't work
Freeman Hospital
We have it all. Location, cost of living, outdoor recreation, transportation, access to NWA, KC, Tulsa, SGF. We have jobs, hard working workforce, etc. IMO, opportunities abound as we improve quality of life, welcome all, expand our service to supply chain and logistics industry and intensely focus on expanding our medical community centered on KCUMB.
Employment, Education, Cost of Living, above average wage options, quality of live and quality of environment.
We are at a prime time to re-create Joplin as a place to want to be. Joplin-ites are creative and entrepreneurial and can create unique and fun businesses. We have momentum for walking and biking facilities. Between outdoor activities, arts, and entrepreneurship, Joplin can be a must-do city in the region.
Opening a racetrack/speedway
Light our residential streets
As big as joplin is, there should be plenty of things to do.
family friendly events/parks and rec
We need more businesses to keep people coming here and wanting to stay. Too many closed and abandoned stores. Lots of opportunities to fix up and revitalize Main Street and the old downtown area
To expand on their employee pay.
There needs to be better job opportunities. So bring in some more businesses or make it easier for people to start their own.
The medical and dental schools are bringing a variety of people with varied backgrounds we can only hope some will choose Joplin as their new home permanently!
Uniqueness of the area and a hard working population. A new medical school, vibrant college. There seems to be a lot of properties that could be rezoned and occupied with commercial businesses that provide higher paying jobs.
nothing until you get rid of the corrupt city council we don't live in a communist city
Grow industry
It is a college town but does not have that college town feel. Small businesses could flourish with a boutique approach, larger business could expand. Increase conventions, but there are no convention centers or adequate housing. It is at the crossroads of interstates but why would anyone visit?
Improve facilities for the mining museum, and etc.
I think we have good basic services like police, fire, recycling. The parks have improved greatly over the past 30 years. It would be nice to encourage a variety of employers but it appears to be a very bad idea to offer giant tax breaks to draw companies to the area.
The opportunity to build our education system and provide better school facilities and a stronger curriculum for gifted students.
To plan our growth and to be mindful of the need to reach zero carbon emissions.
There's lots of those when the race track was running there was lots of stuff to do like monster trucks and fix memorial hall bring back wrestling and concerts
Location, charm, community
I see an opportunity for some of the broken downtown or close to downtown buildings to come alive again. First off, The Olivia Apartments. Joplin wants its' downtown to thrive? Then bring some business hotels to the downtown area. For example, turn the Olivia Apartments into a hotel, with business facilities. Turn the old Y into possibly the same. There are also other older apartment buildings that could be great opportunities to be revived. Parking....obviously, there needs to be MORE parking downtown to get people to come and stay. Why not a parking garage? We need something to bring people to Joplin. The old Train Depot, turned into a Science Center and Museum. This could be great to bring in area school children. Having event there could also bring in out of town visitors. Moving the downtown post office back to its' original building next to the old library. It would have been nice to build a downtown baseball stadium to bring in the USA HS Baseball American Tourney to help host. This could be a multiuse facility for other sporting events, soccer, football, etc. Again, this brings business to the new downtown hotels we could have. Bring a legit trolley back that goes from 1st and Main, where the train depot is located to 20th and Main. Sorry to say, and not to be rude, as it serves a mighty purpose, I actually stayed there myself when I was a younger child, but move Souls Harbor. I know that TAMKO would love to get on board with some of these events since the home office is located downtown. I would even say try to get a big name department store to move downtown.....These are a lot of ideas, but all legit and doable. Also, taking better care of the Spiva Park, there was human feces on one of the steps there this past weekend. It would be nice to see the fountains and colorful light show within the park. Host 2-3 times a year MAIN STREET FIREWORKS event. Have the local shops have specials, restaurants would be busy and end the evening with a firework display from the newly renovated Train Depot.
Joplin can be a "hub", but we have to find what is special for us. Lots of good things out there to do, we just need to do it.
"A few things Joplin could capitalize on more:

- It's history and location along Route 66.

- Central location within the country. Could be more of a hub for shipping and warehouse for businesses like Amazon etc.

- Outdoor Amenities: Trails, rivers, lakes."

location (middle of the country, favorable for trade, route 66), low cost of living, lots of land available for development, natural scenarios and touristic attractions nearby eCommerce Center. Joplin is one of a handful of USA zip codes that can ship to both coasts without a transfer. Also applies to Gulf Coast and Canadian border, though not as few in that subset
Growth
With the ready to work workforce the

recruitment of a distribution center because very few cities are at the intersecti0on of two interstates
Need to fix the horrible smell on the east side of Range Line
Joplin's accessibility and geographic proximity makes it an attractive location to work, live and learn.. I wonder if that's being maximized
Nothing given the current city management
Since so many people are leaving Joplin to shop elsewhere, very few due to tax income decrease.
Low cost of living and inexpensive housing.
Joplin had the greatest opportunity to make real changes after the 2011 tornado. And we squandered it.
Better public schooling is always goal. Competition for students in this area is a good thing. That causes everyone to get better. I really think getting manufacturing companies to come in to Joplin is an opportunity. People in this area have a great work ethic and is not influenced by labor unions. If we had right to work in Missouri that would help us out. Now that people can work from home go after stay at home workers. Cost of living is great. Recruit in big cities where life is dangerous now.
"Being more open to businesses opening in our city.

Making our city look more welcoming."
I dont know
I think there is a big opportunity to expand in activities for citizens and businesses.
Better website that is more manageable for people who are not computer friendly
Growth into surrounding areas and increased population
Continued Job growth which allows other services. Downtown parking garage, Arts Industry warehousing and distribution. I don't think we will be the next silicon valley. Retail and restaurants are saturated when one comes in an existing one goes. The arts thing at Memorial hall is a joke. Facility seating 450 will only serve the few that created it.
Need the facilities to host big events
More focus on technology training: more focus on health research; annex Duquesne, leawood, generally grow boundaries (which is hard when the city incurs additional expense)
Create more family friendly activities. Walking trails. Splash pads and support youth athletics such as little league.
Need to become more family friendly. We need better places for kids and teens.
there's an opportunity to do something about it's stinky smell
Inreased facilities for sports (both indoor and outdoor), reduction in the homeless, more lower affordable housing (look at the avg income per person and family and you will see Joplin lacks the housing necessary for young first time buyers and families in the lower income brackets, a core change in how the Council conducts itself with more involvement of the citizens, take whatever financial actions are necessary to reduce city expenses and eliminate waste....the financial impacts of C19 are going to very difficult and difficult decisions need to be made now.
"There are good higher education opportunities. Hopefully a new city manager that will not blindly follow old council people.

The museum needs to be celebrated and funded. It's been neglected. "
More social services to combat drug abuse, homelessness
Freedom
Local artists and being a college town
Joplin is in need of more entertainment facilities. Especially for kids.
Becoming the meth capital of the world.
Mega grown and spreading our culture across the US. Is it an accident that we are at the cross roads of the US? Saddle up Joplin! Let's do this thing!
7th and 4th streets immediately east of main.
A civic or convention center, Route 66 tourism
More sidewalks, an updated tourism campaign, beautification campaigns.
I see huge potential growth if we can get out of our own way to make it possible. The people who say it can't be done need to move aside or support financially and let those who want to take action do.
pass
"1) Continued efforts in establishing the Joplin region as the shipping hub in the central U.S. for national brands to warehouse their products for shipping from Joplin.

2) The designation and needed construction of 171 from Carthage and 249 to I-49 as I-49. Organize a regional effort to make this happen just like Arkansas has to fund the last position of I-49 to the AR line.

3) Investment into downtown for more loft residential housing. "
as above
"Better shopping choices

Location to surrounding states, highways.
We have a 40 block long main street. We need to continue improving the core of our city.
Hard to see into future with the present virus situation
More young and good education will help to learn in the future...
Free community concerts, theater. Miss the old dollar theater! Affordable wifi.
Not many
"Get large companies in here.

There should be a large manufacturer, assembly plant, Dodd processor.

There should have been many big companies in here by now.

The I-44 corridor, cost of living, taxes, etc. should attract companies. But city has not ever been very good at attracting in companies of any size. "
We have the opportunity to bring in small business like grocery stores and small shopping centers to bring money back to our area.
take advantage of people traveling thru or coming here for Healthcare and shopping
nothing
Unsure
Having actual grocery stores, cut back on Wal-Marts
Hy-Vee, amongst other national brands, has vast options and job opportunities to balance trade
Not much
Growth has been prohibited in the past, we need the chance to grow.
Bring in a Hy Vee grocery store
Revitalize a lot of the areas blighted by time.
nothing
Bring industry to joplin, using our location in the center of the country and near major interstates.
New business growth
Many things! We are growing significantly
Being at an interstate highway crossing, we have great opportunities for manufacturing and distribution centers

Bringing more people and work together as team mates
Opening Hy-Vee
A hyvee
Needs more white collar jobs that pay in the 60-80k a year range.
Location
Better movie theater, like THE ALAMO in Springfield
"The frisco trail is great. It could/should be used for more events in lieu of closing of downtown streets. More trails and dog parks would be amazing. The Downtown alliance should partner with the school district somehow in the same way they have MSSU partnerships.

I wish Joplin was more ""college town"" friendly with MSSU students in the community. I know they have a high percentage of commuters, and they're building more dorms, but to offer more affordable student housing off campus would help with this. "
We are a good center point in the country and we should reach out to more businesses.
More active community getting outside. Visit Bentonville, they have a ton of bike friendly sidewalks. People enjoying the outdoors
Growth of microbreweries, enhancing the economy, more industry, growing medical prominence, MSSU growth
"We have plenty of hotels so we should be looking at promoting and coordinating that with concerts, conferences, etc. The population is pushing into Newton county so finding ways to put in some businesses to serve that end of town could be a good idea.

We have LOTS of empty buildings that could be pushed for new businesses and old businesses relocating."
With the pandemic there is increases attention re: public health. Take this interest and run with it - not only to promote masks and social distancing, but also to provide opportunities and resources for people to make healthy living a priority. Subsidized fitness/weight loss programs, community cooking & gardening classes, support groups for quitting smoking & also for diabetics, etc. Things that make healthy living 1) something publicly discussed and encouraged, and 2) something that you don't have to be rich to do. Our poorest people need the most support.
Definitely a kayak park on shaol creek would bring in tourism
We have some excellent historic spaces and many open spaces (post tornado) that can be revitalized and stylized in a way that will attract the talent we need to build Joplin as well as make our community more beautiful.
Please. Ring HyVee to joplin. We need a decent supermarket.
To aggressively and affordably pursue a destination for young professionals, not a place to escape from
Recreation. Night life. Music. Arts. Create a space that young professionals would want to live, work amd raise a family.
There is music in the park, third Thursday, art walk and many 3k runs.
"Good schools that need better press nice housing

Starting over
"Menards would have been a bust to jobs,and sales income

Hyvee also a plus in choice Walmart has too much control"
More affordable housing.
Nothing unless we can get people to follow the mask mandate.
Nothing
The new leadership has a vision and a direction. We need more people to see the vision and help initiate progression.
Joplin needs to hurry up and get their dispensaries opened up honestly. We are missing out on probably hundreds of thousands in revenue that could be used in so many ways because people are driving to Oklahoma
New City Council members and new City City Manager aren't afraid of addressing and enforcing property maintenance codes.
I am not aware of opportunities.
Industry should be welcomed. Menards ahould have been here already. Industry creates jobs and generates tax revenue. We should embrace those opportunities. Also, one day of an Airshow can generate 5 million in tax revenue if run by the city.
I think Joplin could grow in so many ways. Private business, medical, and community based entities.
Joplin for Justice could be a huge step in the right direction for Joplin!
Nothing. People are going to move because of the stupidity of the city council
get rid of the socialist nazis ruining it
Improved relations between diverse groups.
More inclusive community events.
New big companies building here providing more jobs.
Support our fire police ems instead of tear them down
Stopping the mandate.
Wearing masks
We are the highway. Make use of it.
"Better sidewalks in poorer areas of the community. Better public transportation (include longer hours of operation for the community to deter drunk driving in the area).

Listen to issues that minorities in our community face and help enact change to make their lives better."
Increases acknowledgment of diversity within the city, for example I feel as though few people are aware that there is a Pride organization and a chapter of the NAACP active in Joplin. I also feel that Joplin has much potential to embrace her status as the birthplace of Langston Hughes. A museum and annual literary event would be very enjoyable.
Do not persue semi pro baseball. It will not go over..public never liked the idea & made fun of it. We have real baseball close by in Springfield & Sprindale...it's real baseball... not has beens. Arena big enough for major entertainment, help keep the Wildcat trails maintained because it's major item to visitors, unlike museum of arts which both have small following.
I don't see many opportunities job wise to attract a younger family, besides low cost of living.
provide something that brings revenue.
Something like HyVee instead of just Wal Mart, entertainment for adults, larger fun-land for kids,
I think Joplin has a unique advantage to be known for something other than the tornado etc - we have made headlines over the years for negative things. (The mosque burning down, attempted Planned Parenthood arson, murders, etc) We need to change the narrative by switching gears. Trying something new. Implement a nature based initiative or focusing on art/entertainment etc. Joplin should be a hub for something positive.
Attract more businesses here. Also bring some kind of attraction here like an indoor water park w/lodging that will bring people here year round.
Joplin could bring even more people to it

if they would just be willing to bring more things to our area that we have to go other places to get. This one may seem silly but as a teacher, I have nowhere in Joplin to get real teaching resources. Many of us go to IPA in Springfield or just order online. We used to have a couple of stores but the tornado did away with those.

Compared to Springfield Joplin hasn't grown in nearly 20 years but certainly could have.

I grew up in Miamj, Ok. Came to Joplin for school shopping, to go out to eat, for something to do. Our mall needs to be revamped. Made a little more modern. It has been the same for as long as I can remember. Joplin could bring more events here as well. I love 3rd Thursday, but needs to have more to it once in a while sunita not always the same.

Mask mandate = less revenue for all businesses

Grow elsewhere besides range line

I'm not sure at this moment.

Technology. Diversity. Entrepreneurship. Education. More progressive ideals.

Bring in some more white collar industries. Downtown needs a make over. Needs a college town area to bring in more college students.

The new Memorial hall is going to be a great opportunity for cultures of all kinds to be explored within our community

Expansion of business in Main street

Hearing more of the citizens not just the ones that are able to go to city council meetings. Allowing citizens more of an ability to protect their own property. Like allowing at least 6 foot tall privacy fences on the side yards. It may not seem like much but it's more of a deterrent going over a 6 foot fence than it is going over a 4 foot fence.

I used to live on Riverside Drive, down the street from Grand Falls. Cars and buses came from out of town to see the beautiful falls. A lot of people would be walking on the street because there's no sidewalks. It's dangerous. I would love to see walking paths down to the falls, nice benches so our seniors could enjoy it, too. This is the prettiest part of Joplin and we should do so much more with this. We can do a lot more with Wildcat Glades. We also need a great concert hall that would attract people to the area.

See above

Our geographic location, growing industry, influx of new population.

"Land south of town with railroad access of 7th and towards 20th for manufacturing.

Central location would mean a good place for a distribution center for places like Amazon"

We made a run at Tesla which was great. We should be listening and watching for more business growth. Another things we noticed is we could use some urban renewal in some locations as well as in some neighborhoods.

As a yourh pastor we are always searching for the need of the community. Maybe give churches the resources to help meet or fulfill certain needs the people of Joplin may have.

Grants for more industry to move to town like what was going to be the Tesla plant.

Take advantage of growing Joplin by bringing in business and perhaps developing into a college town such as Columbia.

Technology opportunities for work

Get rid of the Blasters... nobody wants them!

spend the money on Joplin businesses

Sustainable manufacturing for the Green Economy. Designated Green Industrial Park

Community growth. I think we have all the makings of a great city but are still be held back by old ways of thinking and the younger people are too aggressive with their push. We need to move together as a whole, if we can do tht I see our town becoming something quiet desirable.

Better training for citizens to acquire better long term employment.

Tourism and Route 66 – reasons to stay & visit

Stop letting Walmart control our shopping

Nothing everyone is moving.

Joplin has the opportunity to become progressive. It attracts shoppers and workers from miles around. Use that to make changes rather than trying to force everyone to remain the same forever.

There's quite a bit of growth potential for its citizens and those willing to relocate here.

Getting the businesses and career opportunities will go a long way for Joplin.

Joplin Chamber of Commerce new approach to attract talent and tech companies. Dental School that will add to other educational institutions to create a COLLEGE TOWN, especially downtown

I would love to see more business open after 6pm. We have great shops and boutiques but most of them close by 6. If you want to go downtown for dinner, there's not much else open – after diner shopping and activities would be fun.

TO NOT BE A COMMUNIST CITY

Become a regional hub between NW Arkansas, Tulsa, Springfield, and Kansas City.

Leaving.

Creating additional districts/areas for businesses and consumers. The Rangeline area draws the most traffic. Improvements in the downtown district have helped. However, we should work on developing additional areas and attractions throughout Joplin to draw people into Joplin instead of the areas near the highways.

To expand and renovate the downtown area.

We need to attract more long term growth opportunities. We need large companies in here.

Historic preservation and encouraging the redevelopment of our historic downtown.

Environmental and economic innovation and renewal

Following the will of the people and not a vocal minority, drop the mask policy.

Create more shopping zones. The area around Academy and Kohl's should be duplicated on the south west side.

Get rid of the panhandlers, Joplin would be cleaner. The panhandlers leave their trash everywhere.

None as of right now.

There is potential for growth. There is a lot of undeveloped land after the tornado that could help the growth of the city.

More green areas, more of a focus on health. I think we could follow the example of Bentonville and develop trail systems, integrate art.

I see the downtown area as a huge opportunity for Joplin to revamp what is special about our town.

Not sure

Bring in big businesses who provide well-paying jobs for residents.

There is room to grow in the Joplin area.

Another grocery store like Hy-vee ! Walmart has over taken Joplin! Menards would be awesome!

City Council paying more attention to the voters! This last mask thing was a joke the way they flipped flopped. I saw one car at OCC's CV testing today. If this area is so bad then why weren't more people out to be tested?

Joplin needs job growth. We need good paying jobs that offer great insurance to it's employees.

What-a-burger and Hyvee and another Braums as promised.

Growth because of location and cost of living.

growth for national chains

Bring Hy-Vee to Joplin for jobs and better value
Right now none. The restrictions are stupid and most people have lost their jobs and or most or half their income. The opportunities are few and far between.
Encouraging small businesses.
Becoming more open-minded through inclusion of other religious beliefs and cultures.
Bring in more grocery stores. Work with neighboring towns besides Webb City and Carl Junction. Even out of state neighboring cities. Galena is as close as CJ.
Joplin should have a venue for concerts.
Great location in the middle of the country for manufacturing
Hy-Vee, theme park, Top Golf
Better options for shopping and entertainment. I'd love to see a Hy-Vee and a nice bowling alley and movie theater. More outside family options would be nice too. Bike parks would be fun.
Need to bring in new business - Frankly our current Chamber of Commerce president should resign and be replaced with someone who is pro-Joplin
More things to do for families
To stand for freedoms and rights of the citizens you serve and show the world you stand for all the people.
See the prior question. Expand industry to offer jobs for the future, good paying jobs. Take an interest in the youth, they are our future.
Businesses leaving, Stores closing,activities zero, No community effort, no industrial business, torn up streets everywhere, no draw to the community, lack of interest..
We have lots of traffic going through. We should be taking advantage of it. All we have are franchises.
Hy-Vee Grocery store Dillons/Kroger a better grocery store and Walmart thank you
Joplin is a transportation hub which brings a lot of people to town. Stop putting all of the business on Rangeline, develop Main and Maiden Lane
I am a senior citizen but there are several opportunities for the younger ones to develop their skills here and to provide for their families
Growth
"A new grocery store .

Attracting new businesses, new retail (ie menards), manufacturing, etc. Encourage development don't discourage it. It will add employment opportunities and grow city revenues. New revenue should come from growth. Not additional taxation.
We have some amazing individuals here with amazing ideas and ways to make Joplin more cutting edge. Joplin has the opportunity to step up and be the lighthouse in the entire Midwest region, instead of trailing 10 years behind everything that's happening on the coast. We have the ability to do that because our name has been given a spotlight after the tornado. Why are we not taking advantage of this?
Land development
With all the new construction that has taken place in the last 9 years people like seeing a cleaner, neater city. With the new elementary school coming soon, keep with the momentum of cleaning up the city, taking pride in its appearance. It takes all residents to make this happen.
Joplin has the opportunity to grow based upon its location, its educational institutions, and its history. There is much opportunity for development in these areas.
There is so much more we could offer our residence, if we can get past the.... oh we want Joplin to stay small frame of mind. We could easily have growth like Springfield, or Rogers, we have the location, let companies come in that will also bring more of the other opportunities I just spoke about on question 2. We need to do better.
Making a nicer shoreline in Wildcat Park to make shoal creek more accessible
Downtown area; and parks
A convention center for businesses that could also serve as a venue for concerts.
How about a real grocery store, once a week we travel to Springfield for Family Day after our fun we end the day at the full service grocery store.
Arts and education
More jobs
We are the crossroads of the nation. We should encourage tourism.
More options for grocery and family activities.
Recurring new jobs to joplin
I was born in Joplin and have spent my entire 77 years here. Joplin government has never been very progressive in trying to attract new business.
"I believe the opportunities are improving what we have not creating another TIF district for a select few commercial property developers.
The mall is all but an empty ugly shell. The remaining stores are struggling as evident by inventory levels. Downtown is ugly ugly and so much money has been spent to create such ugliness. The parks look horrible. "
The construction of the arts center complex was a smart move and if we continue to make changes to Downtown to make it more walk-able it could be a great opportunity. Not only to attract more people to our town but also to encourage creativity and improve our community. There have been many creative musicians to come out of Joplin and I feel this is largely ignored.
Annexation for population growth. Distribution warehousing off the rail in Wildwood property. Bleed over business from NW Arkansas economy. Working with NW Arkansas on inbound and outbound logistics of goods for WalMart and their vendors. Our hub status provides a unique opportunity to pull in extra money from travelers and tourism.
A Hyvee grocery store
none
Bigger business opportunities
A strong local community. The local restaurants and food trucks are a big seller when I bring friends to Joplin.
Byvee
more food!
Drawing in more professional occupations outside of medical sector. Joplin has too many low income industries And too many of the same thing: food factories, trucking, construction. Diversity and more emphasis on tech jobs could attract and retain more young professionals. And city amenities and walkable downtown areas are attractive to these groups.
New business brought to town,, retail, manufacturing, administrative, etc.
Medical and dental schools hopefully will draw in more people and increase diversity
I think new businesses could do well here because we're centrally located in the country, and easy to get to by highways.
To bring in more conferences/conventions.
To bring in more manufacturing businesses.
Bike lanes that don't dump you off into traffic, and more social outings once Covid goes away.
See previous
More events like third Thursday. Fun events like this are what makes community great. More variety gets results. Rangeline needs no push, focus on history before it's gone.

New businesses
A couple of great restaurants added to the 4 or 5 good ones now.
More grocery stores, restaurants
Natural beauty could be better utilized
Joplin remains a commercial and entertainment center for the surrounding area. We need to promote businesses and attractions to continue and expand on attracting such interest.
Employment
We meed a Hyvee grocery store
"Joplin has the opportunity to to be an affordable city with ongoing local employers.

Joplin has the opportunity to drastically reduce attracting meth heads to our community by having zero tolerance on all crimes committed within city limits."
"Centrally located in the US

Great Highways

Regional airport"
With the land and empty buildings we have, there's a huge opportunity to get new business in town! There has to be some type of incentive for them however. Especially with how foolish people have become over something as small as wearing a mask – I'd be hesitant to come to this area if I owned a business.
Unknown
Expansion of walking and biking trail system.
The Cultural Arts Center will be a huge opportunity to expand events coming to Joplin (concerts, plays etc)
Bring in a Hy Vee grocery store. I love shopping at them but I hate traveling so far.
Opening a second YMCA in N. Joplin would be AMAZING. Since the downtown Y has closed, people like myself who are disabled no longer have a close outlet for a healthy activities. I loved the old downtown Y.
Pandemic brought a real marketing opportunity for making the case of the high quality of life OUTSIDE the big cities. The affordability of housing is not mentioned enough. People can have a high quality life with lower stress by moving here, but it isn't quite pitched to the right people, imho.
If we could get some more industrial jobs for low education workers to lift people out of poverty
Encourage businesses, hotels, etc. to build in vacant areas on Main Street.
Better stores. Stop turning everything down that wants to come to Joplin
Kid centered business, more grocery options
More outdoor activities. We need more walking trails, biking trails, etc.
Better internet, legalize recreational cannabis
Whataburger
Tech culture, tech community, bring in high-speed internet, entice younger generations to move here.
Spend a little more time on the middle class instead of the welfare pouring in.
"If there was a way to open up the crystal cave that would be an incredible attraction for Joplin.

Museum complex – the mineral museum is very cool but it could be MUCH better. I also believe there is a big opportunity to build a tornado memorial and museum similar to what is in Oklahoma City. The 2011 tornado was significant not only to the impact to local people but also scientifically and historically. Personally I believe this would be a great use for the old union depot. At the very least, a downtown location.

The grand falls area is another opportunity – it is neglected and underappreciated. If it were ever possible to purchase some of the adjacent land and move a segment of the road away from the falls a really great park could be created with a hiking trail and informational signage to explain the significance of the falls and the geology. May not be feasible but perhaps with the new reservoir upstream it would be possible to remove the unsightly man-made dam on top of the falls to restore it to it's natural appearance?

Different chain food stores. What's burger, Taco Bueno. A Hy-Vee. We are Walmart over run.
More room for growth to bring in big companies for jobs and thus increase the tax base that goes to benefit our community.
Having a hy vee and Whataburger
More things more people and we get bigger!
"New families moving in, new houses being built for them. More businesses coming to Joplin.

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Increased public safety. This will not only make the city safer for the citizens but draw businesses to the city.
Growth
Increase promotion of hotels and restaurants for sporting events and conventions. Build over-the-road walking/connecting bridges on Range Line.
"Route 66

4 state area

Mssu "
Continue to clean up the city and update buildings and housing
It's location. It's people.
Like to see businesses and industries visit our city and make this their home. Better choices for grocery shopping. Hyvee could be a great draw for shopping.
More outdoor move theaters
Specifically a Hy-Vee and again, entertainment for teenagers.
Coming into town filling the voids.
Nothing
Expansion of hotel accommodations to the north end of the city for airport and north/south I-49 traffic.
It is in a prime location. Intersection of two interstate highways.
Opportunity to have family fun with outside activities.
The new arts center, bringing in businesses hy-vee!
An entertainment district
land.....there is a lot of land not being utilized....
Joplin could and should bring in factories to bolster the economic foundation.....and something more family friendly.....some kind of park or attraction....something a hard working man can take his family to to build memories...
Joplin has an awesome park set aside for a multi use trail system, but can never fund it. The trails were built but washed out in the floods last year. Since then no volunteers will step forward to help the local bike shop rebuild them. Neosho has received funding and is in the process of having professional trails built which would be a tourist attraction. Joplin has the potential to do something above and beyond that.
Work to build the image. Bring more retail and outdoor opportunities
N/A
Expanding business in the Industrial Park will create more jobs. Bring more retailers. A decent theater. Like what was proposed near Sams.
Sam's. Restaurants like Red Robin, TGIF, a

decent pizza place beyond Rangeline!
Alamo movie theater, drive in theater, Hy-Vee and more QTs
Open up a Hy-Vee
Hy-Vee being opened for different shopping options. Maybe a new Aldi?
Joplin is still building...time for new blood!
The community has grown, and there is an opportunity for fun attractions for people to spend their free time doing.
Nothing right now
Chance to grow and expand
Need more job opportunities
Bringing a Hy-Vee is the opportunity to have more competition for Walmart when it comes to better quality food.
Affordable housing and Living cost. Homeless veterans housing.
Bring Hy-Vee to JoMo
Hyvee
Hopefully a community that could come together
Lots of available land for commercial but the city seems to have no direction. Work together with Webb City and Carl Junction to get more diversified businesses here. Work on propert codes and enforcement to clean up blighted areas.
Businesses want to come but it seems the city (council) turns them away
Getting more businesses in town
To grow. It always was a good small town, which for me was good feeling. But needs big town businesses for us to shop and to have new employment.
Not sure
Not sure
Not restaurants or churches lol
Bring Hy-Vee to Joplin!!!!! We truly need more grocery shopping options. The only place with a decent amount of variety is Walmart, and I'd love to support another place with more options.
Growth
Joplin is a relatively safe and secure place to raise a family or to retire. People support many thriving businesses.
New grocery store
Continued growth and continuing to expand
https://m.facebook.com/groups/885943858481467
Joplin needs a large venue to use as a convention center again
community involvement
None if you don't get away from the MARXIST/LEFTIST IDEAS that we have had lately.
For Joplin to thrive we need to bring Businesses in with Capitalism in mind.
Mask manufacturing? Tattling on people who don't wear masks? Moving companies for those of us who don't want to live under the jackboot of the mask Nazis?
Centrally located with access to major interstates
Adopting "complete streets" strategies that make schools, shopping, cultural events more accessible to people who prefer not to or cannot drive.
growth of manufacturing . low price housing
Perhaps now would be a great time to encourage big-city-dwellers to move to smaller towns. Good schools, safe neighborhoods, lots of jobs opportunities, and the most friendly people make Joplin a terrific place to raise children, live and retire.
getting rid of meth-related crime
I believe the education provided by our local school system, as well as MSSU and the Kansas City affiliated school of medicine are benefits that could be better promoted.
Culture growing
Retaining diverse talent from local colleges and medical schools. Use regional cities like KC, NWA, Springfield etc. as examples of what attracts people.
Small businesses! Especially concerning local agriculture--we have great access to that.
To grow minority businesses and support/embrace the local college, Missouri Southern State University. Here is where a lot of money, employees and diversity comes from.
The developing arts community. There is a very strong and active Chamber. The tourism bureau does a good job of marketing the city for visitors. The trail and park system is a plus, although better maintenance and ADA accessibility is needed.
nothing. Old school joplin leaders don't want to bring in opportunities.
Better shopping plazas. A real grocery store.
Stop catering to Wal-Mart.
Jobs
The opportunity to bring business in is there, but you need to educate the population so they are employable
Strategic business location
Plant large trees in the tornado zone. On people's property who lost all their mature trees.
Joplin has a beautiful downtown, despite the fact that a four-lane highway runs down the middle of it. A proposal was put forth a couple of years ago to make Main Street two lanes and to expand sidewalks for pedestrian use and outdoor seating for restaurants. This could transform Joplin's downtown and our economy. There is also a tragic amount of beautiful, vacant spaces on downtown Main Street. If the city imposed a vacancy tax or otherwise incentivized property owners to do something with their property, or make it affordable for local businesses to lease, our downtown would be allowed to thrive.
Clean up the old parts of city and bring in family oriented things..maybe a zoo or aquarium
A distinct lack of a concert hall. Not enough local business. The tail end of Main Street isn't conducive to business.
Do you need to get rid of the gates blocking access to the Low Water Bridge Fan Club up with an alternative solution. What do you have now is not working and causing significant frustration.
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All of the land available on the west side of town that could be utilized.
Retrain homeless individuals
Potential growth in businesses.
Take advantage of workforce available in the surrounding towns and accessibility to road, train, and air travel. Encourage more businesses (clean, sustainable) to come to our city.
Lots of vacant lots and storefronts for new businesses
We are at the crossroads for transportation. It would be more economically ideal to bring in businesses that can create many desirable entry level jobs aside from working in telecommunications.
Capitalizing on low cost of living to attract and become an incubator for startups
Industry based businesses. We are located in the middle of the country with a low cost of living. Businesses that carter to the medical/dental school students and families.
"Improve the parks. Add amenities similar to other cities that have updated their park systems. This includes nice lit jogging paths that can be used at night, art sculptures, water features, stages for music and theater, possibly have nice bar and grill open up as well to have a nice happy hour with a view.

Secure new businesses to the area to im-

prove opportunities, large manufacturers, more locally owned businesses."
"1) Our arts and culture segment seems to be a big opportunity. If we can bring in medium to big-name comedians, orchestra ensembles, and more niche attractions, as opposed to your standard ""country music artist"" we could widen our area of attraction. I, personally, will drive hours in any direction to listen to stand-up comedians.

2) I also really, really like the idea of bringing a kid's museum to the area and incorporating it within the community via a trail system.

3) Having a good trail system that goes through Joplin could be a major benefit and economic driver to area attractions.

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Stop being afraid of covid 19 and begin li ing again
Continuing to revitalize downtown and parks
Downtown growth has created a resurgence of culture and community. We could bring more local businesses downtown!
I don't really know. Unfortunately, the only things that Joplin is known for outside of this area is (if people remember) the tornado, (criminals) Bonnie & Clyde, and strip mining. Now, after the 1st failed attempt to enact a facial covering ordinance to slow the spread of COVID-19, and the subsequent Washington Post article, we have the "failure to protect our citizens" badge of honor. Thankfully that one has been rectified. I don't know what it would be or what it would take, but I'd like to be proud of my city. And to not feel that it is widely considered a backwoods, right-wing, science-denying, bible-thumping joke.
Create affordable small shops for starter businesses. Encourage neighborhoods to clean up and create their stories to attract home owners. Hold landlords accountable so we can't distinguish between owners or renters of properties. Invest in walking and cycling within the city as viable means of transportation. Put roads on diets to slow traffic down a bit and decrease maintenance cost. Work with tech needs to attract businesses and younger families.
The chance to grow.
We have the opportunity to captilize on the younger generation's desire, energy and enthusiasm for public amenities like walking and biking trails, downtown and neighborhood business/entertainment hubs and quality housing. I think we can pass tax bills that people will actually vote for if they are for specific public amenities.
We could become a destination for youth sports, a retail mecca, or another average town in fly-over country.
We serve a very large group of people. National stores/businesses don't understand that. Please figure out how to let them know we are much more than our 50k residents. Example: Macy's has been bringing their close outs and lower quality merchandise for several years. And they are driving shoppers to Springfield and Nwa. If they had top quality/quantity offerings, we would shop here.
Family growth, with peace
In addition to the above, draw more attention to the local parks and trails.
smart cities, recruit a younger workforce
Room to grow
Revamping of older, more run down shopping centers and better public transportation connecting more of the smaller communities and towns to Joplin itself
More boys clubs.
New circuit clerks
Growth
Amusement park
Tesla plant, dental school
Become the best in education and technology deployment in Missouri.
Our location provides endless opportunities to draw people in. But we have people who will not stop here because of our homeless population and petty theft issues. If we cannot control the homeless, vagrants, drug addicted, we will never be able to draw the businesses and people to this area who are needed for economic improvement.
Bringing in new business and taking care of our police force so they don't all quit!
Move thing for the old people to do and more things for young people and not bars
Joplin has a younger population than the state and national averages. If we can put more kids through school and keep them there, while providing a job paying at least $20 an hour after getting an associate's degree, we could keep the talent produced in our schools here,
Drawing new business and attracting younger professionals.
The medical community.
To become a safer community with better family activities
"Our historic buildings and neighborhoods are a tremendous asset. We need to reinvest in these to build a stronger, more prosperous city.

We also have a number of small and midsize companies. Would love to see us focus our economic development efforts on local companies and help them grow.

The talent already present here needs to be fostered and encouraged, giving young people a reason to stay. Surveys such as this are an excellent place to start."
More higher paying employers would be great
Legalized marijuana
Take advantage of the new Mercy hospital location and develop more things around it, maybe some satellite government facilities, etc. Encourage businesses to consider that location. Seems prime for a Dollar General, a couple of franchise restaurants, a strip mall, maybe some entertainment sites, including a small movie theater.
Being a launching point for small businesses and inventors. Continuing to be the essential grass root American town it is.
Wonderful opportunities for collaboration and growth around medicine and academics from K-12, to college, to med and dental school, to research and development and state of the art practice.
Getting rid of the current city council and mayor and electing new officials immediately.
The city like any business or brand out there needs to figure out what are one great thing needs to be and to promote that well. Once you have your one big well branded draw to our community it will then have a trickle-down effect to create new development and new amenities in our city as a whole. Until we can figure out what is our one thing we want to market and do better than anybody else we are kind of at a point where we're turning our wheels endlessly.
Seems pretty hopeless at this point. Outdated, over ran with drugs, over priced utilities, Rangeline is ugly, Main Street is a lost cause. Anytime you walk down it you're bombarded by the homeless. Few job opportunities unless you want to work food, schools, health or factory's.
Good location for disturbing to all parts of the country

More stores
Need more avenues for concerts, conventions, etc
The medical marijuana industry will help increase revenue in the city. We need to get the dispensaries going asap.
I don't know. We blow a lot of opportunities in Joplin because we seem to scared to rock the voting boat. We had an opportunity to put the kibosh on an infectious disease before it took hold in our locality. That's going great. We need to properly educate our community.
Open opportunities to offer education for the homeless
To rise above the abolishing of the constitution that every other city is doing.
Bring in more businesses
Not sure
Businesses are building and coming here for the small town feel.
big companies bringing jobs to Joplin as long as people stop picking and choosing what comes in with their hands in peoples pockets. Example Menards told no by council and the next week give Caseys distribution center a green light to build.
By tearing down the old Freeman Hospital it would open that property up to all sorts of commercial possibilities.
We are central to the 4-State area. We need more wholesome entertainment available for those who come to Joplin for tournaments, business, etc.
Freedom
Inclusion, young people becoming more involved in growing the community
Helping our kids stay healthy through this time (physically and mentally.) Cleaning up the roads. And not just main roads. We have several roads here that are torn up and causing damage to cars and are a hazard for kids to be playing around. Keeping our small businesses cared for while we try to recover. We are literally on route 66 and so many small businesses are hoping to stay open, why don't we use the route for more commercial value for the town since it's such a well known route? Restoring downtown. I live close to downtown Joplin between 7th and 10th Street and honestly it's not the cleanest or prettiest thing I've ever seen. Keeping downtown and route 66 well maintained would bring back so much commercial value for the town.
We need to attract larger companies to open up more better paying jobs
Improving internet services for all, targeting businesses that fill unmet needs, reducing theft by training people so they have skills to fill job opportunities, reducing drug use
Growth, modernization, embrace our youth for once, give the populace under 50 something to do.
Many people travel from outside of the area to ride bicycle trails in Northwest Arkansas. If Joplin created a fun trail system, we could possibly capture some of that traffic providing exposure for Joplin and increased traffic for our businesses and restaurants. The city of Neosho is currently doing this.
Tear down flop houses to attract new citizens
New business
Better traffic control
Better paying jobs lower taxes
See answers 1 and 2 above.
Really dropped the back with the mask mandate. Should let the stores decide if they want masks worn or not. The mandate is making Joplin lose money
I honestly don't know.
Joplin need a Venue to host bigger sporting events (not just baseball). Joplin need something to bring revenue to Joplin.
Amusement Park, A zoo, whatever we travel to take our kids & spend $$ in those Cities, those things can be here!
Outdoor parks
Joplin is a very historical site. With proper, historically correct and informative topics, such as in regards to prairie life, civil war, slavery, civil rights, ore mines, and wild life, Joplin can become a cleaner and more exciting visitor and tourist attraction, offering opportunities to inform visitors of Joplin and Missouri's histories and natural sciences while also offering more proper views at Wildcat Glades and at the creek waterfalls.
Nothing until the mask mandate is removed
"It solely depends on Joplin, whether the

""Powers that be "" get on board with the President and his agenda or continue on the liberal bandwagon "
Joplin has an opportunity to be a leader in Missouri, by having better law enforcement, be a leader in raising the wages of our emergency workers. Cracking down on drugs etc instead of letting so many of them walk free!
We have a world of opportunity. This IS a place where you can truly make a difference. We need and want new, good things. If we empower people, we can truly have them.
bring more business
Something to entertain tweens and teens
More industry's the god fathers are working the show!! Bullshit!!!!
I'd love to see outreach to help people upkeep their homes exteriors.
Better urban development. More walking trails and SIDEWALKS everywhere in the city
We have so many rural towns coming to us for shopping needs.
The old train station could definitely be an opportunity as a farmers market / event center wedding destination, train museum I hate to see it wasting away! It could be a boon to out of town visitors
Put in leadership that actually reflects the people that live here and want joplin and it's small business to succeed.
Bring in large factories to manufacture medications instead of China doing it with incentives.
Letting go of the past and moving forward. Allow growth both physically and mentally.
We need forward looking city officials to be voted in, essentially a change of guard. Joplin has every opportunity to be as successful as Springfield was in its growth. Some laws must change to allow this, ie: businesses should be allowed to sell alcohol in our downtown even if a church is next door!
The empty building could bring so much more business
The new Tesla plant is a big one and also inviting businesses here more trails we have natural beauty here build a water park
Grow / new businesses.
Lots of space for new things lots of old buildings that could be restored
Develop a destination, like NW Arkansas.
Expansion and improvement on infrastructure and getting more business to our area, to continue letting Joplin grow
If the music and art scenes are nurtured and encouraged to grow, more young people would want to stay here.
There needs to be more for empty nesters to do. When friends come from out of town there is nothing to do here other than eat.
More small business. a greater downtown area. Medical school and dental school growth
"Bring in new businesses - Menards, Whataburger, A nicer grocery store than F4L or Walmart, like a Hy-Vee.

The town could use a better community

relationship with MSSU. We are a better town than Pittsburg but they do a better job supporting their University than we do. "
I'm not sure I understand the question? Sorry.
We need more shopping arenas – Northpark Mall is outdated and undesirable. We need an outside shopping venue like Pinnacle Hills in Rogers
Growth. Expand downtown to include newer, family owned businesses. Bring diversity.
Factory jobs or other jobs that are not requiring of higher education but that aren't tied to restaurants.
Before Covid, jobs and business opportunities.
Not many. Bring more business into town. Stop spending money on golf courses when you could expand the city. Make better parks or bring in bigger companies to provide good paying jobs.
Nothing
Small business
Bring some big amusement here
With the current city council and chamber president we have none
We have the opportunity for entertainment. That would be nice
Keep on pushing the community elements! And local businesses. Also the number of active young people is exciting--like wanting to get more involved and supporting and feeling like part of a tribe
N/a
Out shine the rest of US
Bridging the gap between everyone, having community cookouts and celebrations.
Having law enforcement be transparent with the community will make everyone feel more safe.
It's work force. Are you kidding? We work hard, but we are not always well compensated. We need opportunity
Develop downtown, encourage growth in that area, relocate the homeless population so it isn't a deterrent to new business in that area. Increase law enforcement to combat the increasing drug problems.
Be more welcoming to other large chain business. It would be nice to have a grocery store that isn't Wal-mart.
I see a lot of people moving out of Joplin two cities that have conservative leaders and have opened up and have not mandated masks
Small businesses
Medical research, technical training and encouraging entrepreneurship.
Everyone getting alone no matter what color you are
Joplin is in the middle of US which is a great opportunity for businesses, especially transportation.
Growth for small businesses and development of "run down" areas of town.
To expand outreach to minority communities and to make a public stand of solidarity with Joplin for Justice
True bike paths. Not the current death traps that force riders to blend with traffic or the sliver of path along the shoulders of some busy roads.
Joplin has a somewhat checkered past, I believe because of its central location during the twenties and thirties for example when criminals, automobiles and large lawless areas made Joplin ideal to lay low so to speak. As well as much history that may be unsavory, shouldn't be hidden. Maybe use some of this information for future historians, and a lot was totally made up, so I think there are a few opportunities in that field.
None with the current lack of any and all direction in city planning.
"Clean up the water ways

Much of the low income housing

Near Murphysburg needs to be condemned and relocated"
Continue to support our local schools rather than worrying about or promoting surrounding schools to get their business
Menards. Get it worked out
Honestly, I would love to have new businesses come in. New restaurants would be a welcomed sight. But, it seems that no one wants to build in this area.
More activities for kids.
More business!
Getting as many people to survive with as few injuries and deaths from the pandemic as possible
To find ways to provide raises for police and teachers. As a mother of 5 and a law abiding citizen I couldnt do it without them.
I think this city has the amazing potential to be a leader in restoration policies that create health and safety because of the work done by those at Watered Gardens, Fostering Hope, Rapha House, Black Box, and many others. Maybe we can lead the world in taking care of the homeless until there are none, taking care of those with addictions and those who profit off addictions until there are none, walking with young parents so that they become the best they can be and so that there are fewer children pulled into foster care, and so much more.
Bring in fun things for people to do, concerts, venues, let amusement parks and etc come in
Face lift, revitalize neighborhoods
It's university & neighboring community college Crowder.
I think our retail and restaurants bring In a lot of money. I think a water park would be a huge money maker for the town.
Until our city council gets it together not much. Webb City is moving forward but Joplin seems to be going backwards. A lot of property mainly business property setting empty.
More businesses. Less taxes. Listen to the residents.
Almost attracting Tesla. The Chamber is growing in size and influence under Teeters role even if controversial at times. He could be groomed to take an amazing leadership role to work as a city promoter etc. Attracting more big business to the are.
The possibility of more manufacturing jobs
Confusing question.
Not much right now
Growth
Entice larger corporations to come to Joplin for higher paying wages.
I think Joplin could grow into the next Austin or Portland, but we have to move the 'Old Boy Network' OUT and work with the youthful leaders today who are working tirelessly for rehab and change.
As long as this goes on from ques 2 I dnt see opportunities. It's ending up a ghost town slowly
Having better health initiative
"Medical environment- due to location and increasing skills Joplin could be another Rochester, Mn

Location, location, location"
growth...income...tax revenue ect
I'm not sure yet
The community itself needs to get on board with things. Make them feel that they have more of a say in what is going on to improve the community and make them believe that their time, attention and monies are being used properly.

Make education more equitable across town. Consider magnet elementaries like creative arts, STEM or a W.O.LF. school like in Springfield. Bring an IB program to the high school.
None
"More entertainment attractions.

More local bars

Outdoor events

Ice rink "
Joplin being a hub for the 4-state area, improving our historical attractions and arts events will bring lots of appeal to our city. If we had more higher paying jobs, we could truly become a cultural hub for arts, music and history.
I do not know.
New Businesses opening in area.
Bringing in more business/factories
To move out of Joplin
Collection of Online Use Taxes
nothing
Follow through on new projects and the roads are awful. Joplin moves on too quickly after the "new" of something wears off and dodging potholes isn't fun.
If our city government, as a whole, will continue to be unionized as a single entity; I believe the strength of Joplin will show through to other industries across the nation and our city will grow under the security of a strong, free and constitutional government.
That depends on the statement I made in previous question
I have noticed Joplin has had several opportunities to bring in business via setting up music venues and other big events. For some reason the city seems to shut down those ideas or not support them enough so they can be successful. Joplin has potential to be booming but all ideas to make it that way are shut down. The Foundry is a great example. I personally knew people from Kansas City that traveled HERE for concerts. Yes it does attract younger crowds but Joplin needs that. Not only music events but other events that could bring in more people. Bigger Pride events, the Joplin Cannabis Revivals etc we need more diversity to attract more people to support local businesses. To put ourselves out there we need to be more diverse.
Industry, and entrepreneurship
Main Street is slowly cleaning up and seems to be an occasional incubator to new businesses. Keep that up and do better about getting rid of the bums and nonprofits that occupy Main Street properties.
Educational institution may attract more investment, better-paying jobs and an increase in multi-cultural opportunities
"We are losing a lot of businesses and I feel it's going downhill.

Money is mismanaged "
Young business owners, a chance to change our government and an opportunity to grow our citizenship.
Develop Route 66 activities or festivals.
If the leaders bring together the top medical leaders on working the frontline. We could create a focus to protect our people's lives.
Waiting for the national plan will put our communities in a possible devastation.
Opening all businesses !
Listen to the citizens and the majority. Stop allowing money to talk.
We could come together and vote all of you out when the time comes so we can get leaders in to city council that will have logical and sensical ideas for the city not pushing mainstream media narratives.
We have a willing workforce with a low cost of living. I believe companies nationwide need to be alerted to the opportunities available to them here. Unfortunately, our Chamber head is so busy bashing our residents, any pitch he makes is insincere at best.
"Athletic opportunities!!! Hosting big softball tournaments, etc. (We are driving to places like OKC, Tulsa, KC, Monett, and Carthage. Bentonville is our most traveled to location at Memorial Park. We and several ball parents in Joplin and Joplin area spend a lot of time and money in other cities for sports. Lots of hotel revenue could be gained by Joplin if they hosted more tournaments.)

Sports Complexes! We were driving to Carl Junction for basketball practice last summer and had to drive to Fayetteville to play in tournaments that charged a crazy admission of $10-$20 just to watch my middle schooler and high schooler play.

Shopping areas similar to the Branson Landing or Legends Outlet Mall."
Until thing Chang's nothing
With the addition of the medical school and eventual dental school in addition to MSSU, it is inevitable there will be more diverse young people in Joplin. I see that as positive and a good way to encourage more diversity in the city. I think there's an opportunity to bring more arts (museums, concerts, independent movie releases, theatre, etc.) to the area as our population grows and diversifies.
I don't see any as long as you continue down this road you're on!
"Events to draw people in from the surrounding areas. This is a University town, yet there doesn't seem to be enough decent paying jobs or housing for students. Also we need more entertainment.

Maybe Gospel, Jazz, Blues, Folk, Bluegrass music in the Parks or downtown. Also Food Trucks in the Parks like they have in Carthage.

Build a Long Term Drug Rehabiltation Facility in Joplin. There is a great need. "
The few remaining labor unions left.
Improved living opportunities for lower income. Clean up neighborhoods. Better eye appeal.
For the people to regain control over our home
Not sure
Continue to persuade industries for more / better paying jobs
Working together to solve issues but directing comments from individuals at council meeting to stay on point.
Attracting businesses that will increase the wages and opportunities for workers.
A better movie theater, Imax would be nice. Thungs for kids to do. Mini golf, Concert venue. A Menards would have been nice.
Take advantage of bordering i-44.
Use actual science and facts before imposing unreasonable and legally questionable restrictions on their (former) constituents.
Joplin needs a landlord registry to insure decent safe housing is provided to tenants.
Joplin's location makes it ideal for regional medical centers, regional retail sales, regional and national distribution centers.
Once the pandemic is under control, promote and expand third thursday and the art walk. Good community buliding. Invest in downtown between 7th and 20th streets on main street in joplin. Work to attract grocery stores with actual butchers and fresh meats. Once we lost price cutter on Maiden Lane we have nowhere to go to get locally butchered meat, or decent cheese,

other than food for less (across town) or specialty butchers. (again across town and expensive) Walmart is a sad excuse for fresh meat selection. Tax holidays for a period of time for businesses that occupy and upgrade existing unused buildings to attract new business.
Downtown, Rangeline area, Arts, Murals, Parks. Places that have history
Light Mfg. in a great central location
Fitness center
Joplin really has an opportunity to stand out in the 4-states as a leader preserving a small, local community atmosphere while playing host travelers, tourists and other wanderers.
Maybe more manufacting jobs for blue collar workers.
Bigger businesses moving here, larger more current events being scheduled here, possibly a theme park that entices people from the 4-states and beyond to drive here. There are so many possibilities and we don't have to pick just one. The potential for local growth and sustainability is are very real and are within our grasp. We just need to welcome it with open arms and stop being afraid of the "what if's".
Activities and jobs for young adults. A culture that encourages students to not just come to study, but stay to build their lives
Great opportunities to expand local culture for the arts and entertainment
Lower income
We need a zoo! We need fun, safe entertainment areas for families and tourism.
I see we could start a trend by doing the things I said we could do to improve. Other than that. There is no reason for people to move to our town.
This area could be a cultural and entertainment hub again like it was in the early 1900's if we'd actually take the initiative. There used to be an amusement park complete with a roller coaster in Cunningham park. We are big enough for concert venues, international art and culture, huge open air markets with international food items and hand made crafts. We need to embrace cultures from all over the world and celebrate them. We could make restaurants that serve ethnic cuisine feel welcomed. We need choices beyond generic Chinese, Mexican, Thai, and chain Italian food available. Make Joplin alive with activity and culture.
Bringing in more tech-focused busines
To support the hospitals and keep them from going under!
Only opportunities is crime here
Downtown, continued business growth and attraction of business
Low cost of living.
Again, we are perfect for major tech companies. Tech and Green industry is the future. We should be looking ore at that. We already have a low cost of living, plenty of room, basically good people, (education levels here are pretty low, we need to work on that too so that locals are able to fill tech jobs.). If we could make it easier and more affordable to fly into Joplin that would help too.
Low cost housing
Joplin could bring in more small, talented businesses if they would significantly lesson the cost of licensing for businesses and small contractors. With that said, Joplin has the opportunity to bring in more talent on main street.
If rent wasn't so high and housing relief was more attainable, that would be a big improvement.
A Hyvee grocery store
Building on community health, continuing to encourage and provide services for people without healthcare for the sake of public health of the community over all.
Banding together to spread love instead of fear
They need to build venue big enough to bring celebrities and singers, etc to have a reason to come to Joplin, so we can make the revenue from people traveling too see them in concert...
"If Joplin were to jump headfirst into welcoming new industry it would grow. From marijuana growth and sales to a variety of unique local restaurants and bars there's a lot of growth for small business especially if it is a nice place to gather.

(Less Rangeline and more Main St.)

Joplin also has the opportunity to shift it's stance toward a future that's inclusive. People would rather live in a place like Springfield or Bentonville because they're progressing. Joplin seems to still be stuck in a redneck / ill educated association when discussed by the general public and it turns people off."
Continuing to build thriving communities outside of religious congregations
Business growth, affordable housing, community events
Tourist attractions
We have plenty of room to grow our downtown into something local smaller towns will come to. We have room for business expansion as well.
Not much if people don't wear masks.
I think if we were more open minded, the town could flourish.
new factory new jobs
A shopping center. We desperately need a fresh shopping experience that isn't Northpark Mall-specifically with merchandise and not more food.
We need more things that bring people of all kinds TOGETHER. We need strength and love in numbers. Aside from that, stop repaving roads that don't need it and put that money to greater use like public school lunches for students, feeding the homeless, giving and putting back into the community
Not much on the track it's on. Most jobs are through temp agencies and those don't last and wages don't add up to pay housing costs. Joplin screwed residents after the tornado by rezoning areas to commercial.
"Start with cleaning up the act of City Hall, the people have had enough mistreatment and mismanagement. Clean up the town. Filth, drugs, crime, panhandlers and sidewalk skateboarders have consumed the town.

Bring in new shopping and activities for all age groups. There are limited options for toddler through teenage groups of children. The nightlife for adults is sketchy and scandalous at best. Where would one find a nice dance hall or concerts for the 40-60 somethings? Unfortunately, this age group must travel out of town for fun. "
Joplin has a rapid growth in population of homeless people and panhandlers. A city program that helps these people with job opportunities (even if that meant cleaning up streets or pulling weeds) and a place to sleep as well as cracking down on panhandling and soliciting would help clean up the city while expanding our workforce.
renovating outdated buildings for residential / commercial use
Entice families to come here rather than competing towns (Springfield, Northwest Arkansas, Tulsa, etc.)
Let big companies in, and facilitate transportation so local people can earn local, and spend

local.
Investing in small businesses and possibly opening up something that would be fun for the whole family. We need more things to do than just church, rivers and movies around here.
Bringing in employment like manufacturers to increase wages.
None, it's to full of shopping malls.
Get better . More business ,expand the male area ,like in Rogers bring more business here
There are tons of opportunities in Joplin, if the local government wasn't actively trying to get in the way.
Helping the homeless, seeking us from covid by enforcing mask policy
"Our location - interstates, proximity to natural attractions.

Low cost of living. Great public schools. Growing cultural opportunities.

Expansive infrastructure with room to modify and adjust for multi-modal options.

More Trails and family activities. Get ideas from ME A. Bring in more industries
If Covid ever ends I think we could offer to host more sport events. We have great sports complex. This would bring in revenue plus good entertainment if we don't charge too much. Families need something to do together that they can afford.
Keep giving incentives to large industries like Tesla to get more jobs
More Industrial park space with tax inventive to locate here. Stop the artsy fartsy crap by Memorial Hall and refurb Memorial Hall and use it for a venue. Promote and make happen a large Concert Venue like WalMart AMP. Proactively contact businesses looking to relocate and market the center of the country shipping advantage, the well educated work force and work ethic of midamerica.
Nothing
Dispensary
Tobring in more businesses
I see an opportunity for Joplin to continue to grow in better job opportunities & health care opportunities. More resources for these things would definitely improve our small town.
"Park development

Downtown revitalization"

Get rid of mask mandate and let the city thrive.
Support community art projects, outreach and support for homeless while also doing away with panhandlers, community awareness events held in outdoor venues with distancing to help bring awareness to social and health needs that impact our community.
I think there are definitely opportunities to expand Joplin and incorporate more family fun places and activities. I know that in the past, city leaders have wanted to keep Joplin a small town, but is that feasible? We need to expand Joplin and help her to grow by providing opportunities for its residents that are meaningful and enjoyable rather than having a residence travel outside city limits to seek those things.
Small businesses and that hometown feel can bring in so much more. But not many tourist want to come here because of the meth problem.
Keep having progressive thinkers and leaders such as Toby Teeter and to continue to show support for the LGBT community. We need more people like Toby to help this city grown and not get left behind.
I think Joplin should spend more time and money investing in local businesses than adding more chains. Do we really need so many Walmart's? If we're going to add chains, it would be better to pick companies that are more beneficial. I'd rather see a TraderJoe's than Walmart.
The opportunity to pay firefighters and police fairly
"More robust downtown

If the current situation is not corrected....
NOTHING, no shopping or contributing to the economy here
Bring in more tourest and help the local businesses and hotels. Bring more concerts to the town events or reopen the history 66 speedway as dirt track or big go cart track. When it was open we had races and monster trucks and everything now nothing.
Being a resource has a bigger city in the area of smaller towns around it.
Promoting the schools, Joplin public schools and our university!
More small businesses
Give us a reason to care again.
Investing in the history of the town. No reason we could not be another Branson. Crystal cave and so much history it should be appreciated and could make for tourism in the community
Too much to list. We just need the correct leadership. Would love to discuss this topic in person.
More business and enjoyment
"Becoming a hub for business if it had a pure manufacturing zone and planned a little. We have one theater, why? Other small towns have special stores and business. We need that.

There is likely to be a deurbanization effect in the wake of the pandemic. As people move from large metro areas to small ones. There really isn't much opportunity unless your family already has a business here. Residential sales seem to be thriving. Keep neighborhoods clean and cared for, and don't let lots, rental properties, and buildings become overgrown and dilapidated. Keep Joplin beautiful, even if community events need to be planned to work together on it, similar to the united efforts after the tornado.
Because of its size and location Joplin could be a hub of shopping and entertainment opportunity. Ive heard this city being described as the metg city of the state.. opportunity exists when people feel safe... main street should be a fun and eclectic area to troll on a nice evening...but instead what greets people is barred up store fronts and people laying on the sidewalk...
Menards
Growth through understanding the community needs
Joplin is ripe for growth and new opportunities. We could be a working class hub. Not a college town, but a town people come to for job opportunities and a quality, affordable cost of living. We are well on our way, but I think it requires large scale community support. Also we need voters to be more aware of issues and upcoming elections.
Improve downtown! Its dead
I really think we need a big concert venue. Something large enough to bring in lots of people every weekend. Something with a large variety of entertainment choices so we could draw people from many backgrounds
Joplin's Millenial (30s) residents choose to live here because they genuinely care about this city and are now at the age that they're looking for opportunities and careers here. We have a strong arts community, strong small businesses, and a very affordable

standard of living. With a little cooperation and guidance, this should be a place as desireable to live and work in as NW Arkansas. Hire good and qualified workers so you don't have to keep replacing the terrible unqualified ones.
We need better retail options !!!!!! The mall has become a joke ... many of us drive to Arkansas and Springfield every time ..... also make the areas friendlier for students that walk and bicycle to and from MSSU.... I graduated twice from there and to realize nothing had been done in all this time is beyond ridiculous..... longer hours for the trolly on weekends and holidays for those less fortunate..... have the building inspectors make " slum apartments " either clean up or tear down the slummy apartments off of 2nd street .... embarrassing eyesores
Do some family entertainment. Have something to offer people to come spend money here. A race track that has just been let go when you could do races , tractor pulls ,concerts, heck even white elephant flea markets swap meets . Possibility are endless. And it's out side not have to worry of covid 19
Support mssu
Them loosing tax revenue because of their abuse of power and no proper research on masks. No professionals from infectious diseases.
We need to have another lockdown. Having things like the mall and other stores open encourages people to go there. We are in the middle of a global pandemic and no one seems to care here.
nothing at this point
Business can grow the town but we are pushing small business out with all of the fear of covid
See question 2
Many things could be opportunities, however, it seems like Joplin does not agree
Funding and growing our police force.
New business developments that would create non-service industry jobs. The main reason our local economy struggles so much is because we have hardly any jobs that pay over $10/hour.
Having new forms of entertainment and some things that cater to autistic people
None at the moment
Joplin needs to recruit good paying jobs. (not call centers)
Joplin IS a destination. We should take that opportunity and build on this place; make it a place where people want to come eat, shop, and play.
Huge opportunity for growth due to our proximity to highways and being in the center of the country.
"More support for the men and women of the police department ,fire fighters, first responders. The city Must show they support whom they chose to protect us

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Downtown cleanup to compliment new performance veter. Close streets and create pedestrian plazas.
Expansion if done correctly.
Factories, that's almost about it. Factories and medical. We need more job opportunities -and a variety, so that people aren't graduating and then leaving,
A small town home feel with bigger city resources
Getting an MCAC advisor (or two). Aiding in underprivileged housing.
not much in the legal sphere
Revoking the mask requirement.
Bring in more jobs
Improving access to internet and technology and becoming a more popular destination for recreation.

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I think we could all come together. I think we could help the homeless. I think we could try to make our schools the best in the area.b
To grow with fun things to do. Make down town more fun to have a place to go. More outside restaurants. Clean the town up. Don't allow homeless people to stand on the street corners. Clean up the drugs. Plant trees in area that the tornado hit.
We should be marketing Joplin's natural resources. It's a close drive to tablerock, stockton, grand and beaver lakes.
Opportunities for growth in job market. More housing.
New council
Not much without proper infrastructure to handle traffic
None we refuse to let anything come to town we our slowly dieing out.
Industrial growth and unity of the people to build a stronger community
Joplin needs to focus on qulality over qaun-tity. As Northpark mall begins to die and we see that type of business as an end of an era, may be some of the older generational ideas of strenth and growth anrn't orking for this community. I ask our city leaders to have an open mind and look to cities like Pella, IA or Eureka Springs, AR to create a lasting impression of visitors. Right now, Joplin does not have much to remember. Perhaps embrace our mining history and turn our downtown into a walking tourism destination?
I'd love to see boarder opportunities for our youth to serve the community. They can be inspired to do so much good. It also provides a perspective for life that you can't find anywhere else.
Expansion. Driving from Joplin to Carl junction or Webb city feels like you are still in Joplin because we have buisnesses on the side of the road leading to the other towns. If we did the same and expanded buisnesses towards Seneca and Carthage then the entirety of Joplin will feel bigger. Houston Texas does this wonderfully you can't tell where one county starts and the other ends
More cultural things. More business and opportunity that will draw a more diverse group of people. Especially black people.
Something for all ages
Development of neighborhood pride (northern Heights is doing cool things with Porchfest, etc). Lots of young people are starting businesses. MSSU-joplin connection seems untapped. Medschool/dental school will be great in the next few years
A stagnant future if the city doesn't get the shootings, stabbings and drug related violence under control.
"Joplin has the metro population to maintain more business than just chain restaurants, but marketing and publicity is weak, especially in targeting cities and towns not physically connected to the city. A city initiative to drive business towards locally owned businesses would be incredible, especially if those businesses partnered with the city (as opposed to businesses doing it on their own or the city doing it on their own).

Joplin has a huge opportunity to lead the way with progressive initiatives since Joplin is a region leader. It seems like city leadership (cough stinnet cough Shaw, cough cough Lawson cough especially stinnet cough) is reluctant to do any aside from protecting the status quo.

Joplin has MSSU, KC Medical, and Crowded as healthy, sustainable higher learning institutions. Policies that are friendly to students and

policies that give incentives for graduates to stay could help keep local talent we're producing right here where we can benefit from it.

Joplin's low cost of living makes it a very attractive choice for remote workers. As the culture of remote working continues to be more widely accepted, Joplin is uniquely positioned to attract those kinds of remote workers without need long to make dramatic, decades long city reforms. Having initiatives made specifically to attract remote workers would attract high-earning, motivated individuals to our city. "
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More community events, concerts, festivals etc
Continuing to fill in downtown in targeted, deliberate fashion.
Central national location makes us perfectly strategically placed for economic development.
I believe that Joplin has the opportunity to get more traffic in the downtown area. There are a lot of buildings that could be turned into different places for people to get together, eat, local stores, etc. that will create a more "big city" feel in our hometown
Mostly listed in the last response but we need to draw in the vast number of people living within 30 miles and also those traveling the interstates.
No comments
Our small businesses. I think if there were some centralized areas (like main street) that really worked together that would be great. Also, making the city more walkable/bike-able.
I see Joplin at a place where the people who are seeking diversity and social justice can finally be heard.
Better use of memorial hall as an entertainment venue. Clean up of old falling down houses so current houses can shine. More diverse activities in Landreth park. That park is under utilized. Tai chi in the parks.
Being centrally located in the US and right on Rt 66, the tourism industry needs more focus
If they took better care of their Police department and give them what they deserve they could keep more Police officers in the city and in return it would keep the crime rates down and Joplin can become the beautiful safe community it once was.
None
Joplin has a rich community that is proud of their town. I believe with more concerts, fun runs, incentives to shop downtown Joplin can display all that it has to offer.
Industry and small business
Remove the mask mandate. It's not common sense to force wearing them when the medical community can't really agree they're effective enough in the general public.
Joplin has a unique opportunity to show how amazing the midwest can be, but we are squandering it on useless pet projects, corruption, and waste.
Strong community events
Fix main street and 7th street and Shoal Creek. Lower Meth problem and homeless problem. Joplin could be a modern city instead of one stuck in the past, or one that is dying. Look to the future
we can lead the area in a progressive movement to make this city safer and happier for its citizens.
Defending the police and putting that money back into our schools and other social work needs.
Main Street and the surrounding area. the makeover Spiva is trying to do do t push business away. Joplin is one of the top 10 largest cities nin mo. We need to start acting like it if someone has a problem and wants "small-town" they have option like Diamond, Jasper, Oronogo etc Recreating city hall. We have beautiful city parks.
Growth
We have so many community's around us but we have no entertainment. We have a run down theater. No concerts or places to have them. We're missing out on revenue that entertainment would bring. Joplin use to be host to so many concerts, wrestling, mma, circus and so much more. But instead we let memorial hall get ran down. We would pass the arena that MSSU wanted to build. If this town doesn't start coming alive again we're gonna start losing so many residents. Who want to come live here? What do we offer them? Before to long Joplin will only be know for it been the central location for homeless.
Improving farming community
Not sure
None as long as theres a mask mandate. I won't do business in Joplin.
Plenty of room for growth, and plenty for development. Need some changes made to the historic areas though
Attraction for more art tourism
The progressiveness gives me hope.
Industrial growth in Joplin. Clean communities attract clean individuals. We have the opportunity to control what happens in our city. We can control the panhandlers! We have the opportunity to maintain a safe place for our kids to grow up in.
The Cornell complex is a great opportunity to bring culture to the city. Hopefully it can reinvigorate downtown
Sky is the limit. But have to stop debilitating local businesses by making customers not want to come from outside of joplin to shop in Joplin.
"i may not be interpreting the question right but i feel some opportunities for joplin could be an amusement park like carousel park but bigger, better, and more affordable for ALL. joplin could use an amphitheater like the one in rogers, arkansas so we could have events , obviously concerts , and whatever else we could think of but i feel that's a couple opportunities joplin could have. i really don't think i've answered the question correctly but i feel like doing things like what i mentioned could be a great start to bringing the community closer. also doing something like

boomtown days again i used to love that as a child "
Ideally, find a way fo become a college town. We have MSSU and Ozark Christian College. With two universities, they should really be more essential to our identity as a city. How can we become more of a college town?
I would like to see more manufacturing growth. To help promote decent paying jobs. Hope Industrial areas will continue to develope.
Capitalize on the athletic opportunities for youth and adults to attract people. We have a rich history of little league baseball Joplin outlaws and other youth programs like tennis. That's what you want to promote to bring families in.
We are centrally located in the us.
I remember Joplin planning a lake several decades ago but it never happened.
I hate driving over an hour to get to a lake. It would bring campers, fishermen, fish and tackle, housing developments around the lake, (if large enough) water sports. Link to an old plan. https://books.google.com/books?id=X-V7SAAAAMAAJ&pg=RA1-PA590&lpg=RA1-PA590&dq=1973+-Joplin+Mo+plan+lake&source=bl&ots=NOBl4Mi0Iv&sig=ACfU3U3q149S2HsiR-

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Industrial growth and retail. Work with retailers to bring them to Joplin but stop giving them TIF districts. TIFs have crippled the city budget
Bring in businesses
Memorial hall reconstruction and maybe an amphitheater
I think Joplin is a steady grower. And I think we have a great opportunity to manage that growth to shape a city that reflects what the community wants.
Covid-19 has definitely shown the value in having more neighborhood parks and sidewalk infrastructure. Joplin should strive to become a Walkable City.
We have an opportunity to tackle systemic racism, police reform, joblessness, homelessness, and public health to redefine ourselves and a model city.
Allowing growth, welcoming and supporting small businesses, getting everyone involved.
The rise in jobs.
Marketing. I think we're missing opportunities to market our community to ourselves and to places around us. Good image campaigns – video of our 'small town' events that bring people together, our business community, our residential areas, all should be marketed. And not just in other communities, but here as well, to help people get that sense of pride for their city. Leadership engagement – I know with COVID certain things are limited, but once we get into a 'safe' time again, city leadership should walk the streets of Joplin – and I'm talking inner city. I cover council meetings often – and the majority of those who speak before the council – live in upscale neighborhoods on the outskirts of town. You don't ever really hear from inner city folks, because they likely don't have the time. So go to them. Take council to them. Make a special session of walking the streets and visiting with those who lived in Joplin's less than upscale areas. Let the 'average' citizen know we care. This survey for example, many of them likely won't have a way to take it. So, take it to them.
Job opening
I feel one of our greatest opportunities is to become a model city for what diversity and inclusion can look like in our country and how it can work to make a community appealing to a wider range of people and businesses for future growth.
Maybe more community gardens and free community events?
The older buildings. Instead of tearing them down rebuild them.
Nothing. Stagnet
Not informed enough to answer
Being an example for the rest of the area and not buying into this covid scam. Keep small businesses running by living the ordinances like Neosho.
There are many old buildings that could be turned into community centers.
Not sure at this time due to wearing masks people are going to other towns to shop.
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Employment growth
Getting new businesses and acknowledging the kind of businesses that reward and treat their employees with respect.
we are a major stop on I44 we should have better restaurants, attractions, hotels, etc. To get people to want to stick around more than just 1 night as they drive through.
Joplin has the opportunity to be a hub for the surrounding areas for kids to come together and learn from each other. We need things like science centers, amazeum like things, also free things where parents of young children can get together and not be isolated like a splash because the one at par hill is insufficient. As of now the only place that provides education to parents free of charge is the library and the alliance
"Branch out to other communities with training in helping the homeless

(Watered Gardens)"
We have ample supply of workforce for bigger companies
Not for sure exactly what this question means. But I assume it wants to know what Joplin could be like? I think people would be prouder of the city if we clean up the area.
We have 2 homeless shelters to where people can get free food and a place to sleep yet there is panhandlers on every conner.
Everything can be an opportunity, it's a matter of perspective.
An arts complex that can host plays; expanded parks and bike trails;
The presence of a college. Opportunities to engage in the Arts, sports and recreation and a thriving downtown.
"growth

Local business standing up to wanna be tyrants.
Not a damn thing as long as our economy keeps getting shoved down the toilet.
There is still so much land from the tornado area that could be built on, there could be better, cleaner looking business.
Better learning opportunities for children
No masks
We have several opportunities for abandoned, or dilapidated establishments to become successful businesses. Especially downtown (4th-7th)
City needs to back out of Memorial Hall "deal" in parking lot and focus on Depot and buildings that already matter – save those first – Main st. is starting to look really bad because of greedy architects who only care about profit and have been promised special consideration by their buddies/people they control in office.
Plenty of room to grow and incorporate near by towns to bring in more citizens.
Joplin has potential for new stores
If Joplin doesn't get its crime and drugs under control, there won't be any opportunity. It's used to be a great place to live but tweakers are ruining it
The medical school and new dental school are sure to pull many healthcare workers and students, we just need to make sure they love Joplin!
The opportunity for this to be a place that was not for blind, mindless sheep that can think for themselves.
None if you don't return to our conservative values. Stop bowing to peer pressure by the few.
Incentives for malls, downtown experiences, and/or manufacturing.
Better paying employment opportunities.
Getting the homeless off the streets
More places with activities for teens.
Not really sure
N/A
There is potential for growth in entertainment venues but only if the city government stops being so greedy and corrupt.
Nothing right now
Create a city lake, perhaps on the mined land northwest of the city.
To get more business here, you have got to listen to the people.

Great opportunities, however the streets are horrible. Joplin has become a town of potholes and potheads.
Growth. We need to encourage new companies to come for employment opportunities
None. Taxes are too high. Taxes wasted on jails and unemployment.
"Well, if you're a utility company, $$.

No one is preventing the CONSTANT rate hikes!"
More Business.. Real estate. Job opportunity
I'm excited to see the Cornell Complex and see Joplin could have more concerts, touring plays, etc.
Joplin is ripe with entrepreneurs but do to lack of vision from the city most will start another restaurant or service company. Bringing nothing new to Joplin and stretch the current business of these traditional businesses.
move souls harbor and renovate that part of downtown
Broadening community activities such as Art Walk, Third Thursday, if and when when covid ends. Create more tourists interests. Open medical marijuana dispensaries in hope of creating a fewer hard drug users.
Open mind, small town red neck conservatives will drive all the young people away
Something to bring in entertainment for younger people. Joplin used to have an amusement park (60 yr ago), carnival park (3-4 yr ago), swimming pools (now not open), a private swimming park (until they ran him out of business), race track (until they ran them off), music festival (until till they ran them off). The list goes on. Now building a auditorium in front of a historical auditorium which is unused and falling apart. Sports complex which is under-used (1 tournament this summer with stupid covid restrictions). A ball stadium totally redone and unused. Convention centers unused, falling apart. What is the Convention & Visitors bureau doing with their tax based funds other drawing salaries?
"A multi-use event arena similar to BOK. Many people drive from surrounding rural areas to Kansas city, Tulsa and St Louis to attend year around concerts and events.

Events spur growth in all areas: hotel stays, restaurants, shopping etc. Business builds around this anchor. Big investment for small community but a game changer to catapult Joplin forward. Must be indoor to utilize year around. "
We need more things for teens and children to do that is not expensive which would add more jobs.
The intersection of 43 and 49 should be advertised continuously to bring in more industry.
Nothing
A new civic center for concerts. BBQ girls in parks toys in parks and more control on the meth problems in town
Route 66 history.
Joplin needs something family friendly. We need something to do.... I hear Billy at Ocean Adventure might have something exciting up his sleeve.
"Joplin has 2 colleges, and is the largest town in over 50 miles any direction, yet there is no real convention nor civic center. Yes, we have Memorial Hall, but it is in bad shape and even if repaired, there will soon be little if any parking with the construction of the new art center.

With Two Interstate highways intersecting in Joplin, I also see bast opportunity for further economic growth with the addition of more factories with higher paying jobs."
Bring in more businesses to the industrial park. Upgrade the mall, better amusement park options.
We have a very rich history here (some of which is a little dark i.e. Bonnie and Clyde) but we have an untapped tourism potential in the way of our historic districts and trails. We could offer family bike tours where they could learn about our history (the good, bad and ugly) which would increase not only our desirability with tourists but also with businesses. We need to not only come up with sustainable and great ideas BUT stick with them.
Working your way up, there are affordable technical school, or jobs like biolife, they will teach you how to be a phlebotomist without charging you to learn
Taking a stand for our rights and stop trying to take them away. Need new city counsel.
none at this time. Local small businesses are closing.
Allow personal freedom
Not much with the way things are
I don't
As said before, more attractions and/or a lake (something to make us stand out) would bring in more revenue.
Continued revivement of downtown, recycling options next to city trash cans, more funding to the museum, which would draw more people into town.
There's lots of opportunities but let's fix the railroad tracks on like 10th and Pennsylvania lol
Joplin
"Need a convention center to bring big events to town. The revenue will roll out throughout the city to create jobs.

The chamber of commerce Toby teeter and new mayor will bring fresh new ideas to joplin. We need to look towards the future instead of old habits. We need to reinvent joplin to be more inclusive like nw Arkansas. And have an outdoor mall....rather than the old Northpark mall that sits half empty.
We also need a food truck park that would include space for a farmers market that has a huge natural area for outdoor concerts and picnics.
Nothing if the face mask keeps up
Cleaning up Joplin, look at Roger's, or other small towns with beautiful downtown areas . The mall needs to be cleaned up , more stores . Restaurants, its dead
NOTHING THIS MASK ORDINANCE HAS MADE US ALL DIVIDED GOOD JOB CITY. ADD HATE TO US
I believe that if sold correctly Joplin could become the Silicon Valley / tech hub of the Midwest
nothing right now. Need new city council
A central location between 3 large cities in Tulsa, Springfield, and NWA.
If mask ordinance is lifted, increased business. Our central location makes it easy to go to another city for shopping. But because of the variety in Joplin, near-by cities would rather shop in Joplin.
Growth as more than just employment but family fun entertainment and preserve its history
An event center big enough to host bigger named concerts. Repairing South Main Street. Getting rid of panhandling.
I think Joplin could grow, it's a good town. I'd love to see it become a great town. There are good and bad parts of town, I wish there was something that could be done to help the bad parts of town be better.
Improvement on our streets dumping areas and trash . especially on west side of Joplin.
We need way more family fun. Not just

little kid fun. Like bounce house. We need attractions etc.
Taking care of covid so we can go back to normal. Wear masks. Care more about people than you do about minor discomforts
More companies should be courted to come here with their business.
"Decrease homeless and drug addicts all over.

Be in the middle on sensitive topics to allow freedom of thought from others."
Joplin needs to bring in businesses other than art galleries and factories. There needs to be more choices for families and kids! The parks are overrun by the aforementioned druggies and homeless people, the mall is a joke, and the movie theater has gone way downhill.
Industries and growing companies
Expansion of manufacturing. Plenty of rural land around the perimeter of the city that could produce plenty of revenue.
Metro area quarantine to stop the spread of covid19 until we have a vaccine.
Anything involving the youth....youth...and more for the youth.
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We are in the middle of the country, surely because of taxes alone in our state we could draw much more business here.
To build another quik trip
Beautify and make the town safer do college students will be attracted. Also, due to the small town feel, families would be more interested but we need more family friendly activities/venues.
Joplin is a growing community. Make it unique. After the tornado i was dissapointed to see cookie cutter homes everywhere
Encourage new business
Improving the infrastructure. Fix roads that actually need fixed like 7th street and some of the roads on the west side of town.
Opportunity to serve a growing young population, cultural events, things to do, stimulating activities. There are not enough things to do here to keep people around. Everyone leaves.
Expanding public transportation, more options for recycling at local stores, expanding the arts.
The town needs alot more multicultural activities and employees that are not racist and/treat all people with dignity and repect.
Convention hall/event center not run by the taxpayers money.

"We have many families – more things for families would be a huge bonus, things to do vs more restaurants/banks/shopping

A cool bike/skate park addition to ewert – Neosho and Columbus have some cool things now

"To continue to grow as a community, and bring in new business. A lot of stores seem to be closing down, but Joplin has a lot to offer other types of businesses.

Also, opportunities to grow our law enforcement. I know our men and women in blue do their best, but their funding and staff are spread thin. We have the opportunity to make our city more attractive to law enforcement from other cities. "
Farmers markets a food truck park. Renovating the train station . Bring back the beauty of what Schifferdecker park used to be.
Business and life as we know it has changed...please don't ever use the phrase "back to normal" in a press conference! We really don't want normal–we want to create something bigger and better. I think we're going to need more outdoor 'found spaces' for gathering, meditating and managing the day's stressors. Adding calming fountains at strategic spots in town would be helpful so that people can share moments and regroup during tough times.
Expand!
A continuous growth of local novelties
To get better
Whataburger!
More jobs are being brought in every chance joplin gets
One of our biggest opportunities is the amount of homeless people in town. The store that I manage by 7th and maiden lane has so many of them on a daily basis, panhandling , digging thru every businesses dumpsters and trashing the lots of those businesses. This is what people now see as joplin. It is a well known fact of life now that the west side of town is trash filled with drugs and homeless.
Improve Joplin's health – promote outdoor activity, increase awareness of healthy activities, improve walking trails
The return of MSSU to the downtown area. Having the MSSU Art Department downtown will make the community flourish and commerce will be higher than ever.
Ideally business development. Help make it a destination. Look at Tulsa fairgrounds. Always a trade show or event every weekend. Could attract convention attendees. Develop toward west side of town instead of Rangeline. Just once something new and positive to develop that side of town. Would likely benefit downtown as well.
There is a strong desire by many to contribute and partner with the city. To help bring positive change and put our money and time where our mouth is, but citizens need to receive priority over corporations.
Job
Joplin has plenty of space for entertainment. Look around. Do we need more parking lots, banks, and churches, or do we need events, centers for youth, entertainment, and unity? seek out investors for a theater and outdoor mall and plaza, water and amusement parks, re-open the speedway. All great opportunities for tourism and bring more people into our community.
Nothing during covid. It's 90% people who hate wearing masks, and 10% of healthcare workers who are so tired and spread thin. I feel like I'll die in Joplin soon so I try not to plan too far ahead.
None right now until you make some changes tours focusing on our unique history, being open to people of different ethnicities and cultures, celebrating diversity
Joplin doesn't really have much opportunity unless you want to work in fast food, retail, trucking, or manufacturing.
When we get the Cornell complex bigger name acts could be attracted here as long as the ridiculous early time limit that memorial hall has is scraped.
Our location should bring businesses here easy shopping and logistics
Location, cost of living, natural beauty.
Taking care of homeless.
Growth and Economic rediscover.
"Higher education is a great asset to our community if we can integrate our colleges into our city life more. The new performing arts center and the creative community also present opportunities to create a great quality of life in Joplin.

We have a great Chamber of Commerce President. While we didn't land the new Tesla plant (I'm not sad about that; it was out of proportion to our community) we've demonstrated a col-

lective will that will attract and develop quality business. I think we would gain more from developing entrepreneurs within the community than pulling in big outside businesses.

The North Heights Neighborhood is proving a model of grass roots community development. We need to replicate this in other neighborhoods. "
Education, infrastructure, a nice looking community, bringing in and supporting small businesses that would help the community thrive.
After this is over, take advantage of our new fame to encourage businesses to move to Joplin and enjoy the freedom we have without Teeter and his goons.
I think it is at a good point to grow. More small business, more community projects, more.
great for small business owners
We have a good school system and I would love to see it have continued support in the area of teaching students the truth about racism toward people of color, including native Americans.
I cannot think of any. I intend to graduate next May from MSSU and move east.
Joplin For Justice is a group dedicated to bringing about Equity and Equality for all citizens. If the JPD and City Council works with them, Joplin would benefit.
Spruce up more areas of town. Get the price of pools lower so poor folks can go. $5 each isn't affordable if you make too much for welfare but not enough to pay $20 for a few hours of pool time.
Building a brand that partners with tourism in our area.
No comment
Na
My son would like to start a open barbecue on N main let people do things like that with out any problems. Help tu them.
lots of people (in my area at least) are passionate about community organizing. also, we have lots of local artists, tradespeople, etc
Tesla, growing both blue-collar and white-collar industries
"Development of the downtown historic corridor as a highly desirable residential area where properties are grabbed up and renovated into beautiful, desirable homes. In many cities, downtown properties are at a premium. Joplin needs to promote this.
Some large real estate developers have purchased buildings downtown that they are holding to decide when to develop. We need to entice these developers to move forward with their plans.

Nothing until the people in the city council and chamber of commerce that are working diligently to destroy our city
This could be a great place for manufacturing more goods
To re-invent and reawaken our downtown area. It has so much potential to be inviting and nice yeah we let buildings and storefronts get run down and look abandoned and ugly.
Use our location to attract distribution centers for major firms
Encourage the city to be more active by making downtown walking area with shops, restaurants, breweries/bars, produce markets, etc.
Potential for growth
Lots of hardworking folk willing to hite
Pass a no pan handling ordinance
Joplin is the hub for the Southwest MO area. There has to be more to attract people to the area. We need a convention center large enough to host major concerts and sporting events, trade shows, things that actually bring people here. For the city to grow and succeed, money has to come from somewhere other than the immediate area. We have to have something to encourage people to come here. There is no beach, there are no mountains. What does Joplin offer?
We have a significant inventory of beautiful historic buildings and homes that when refurbished could add magnetic character to the city. State and federal programs are great for subsidizing this, but other cities have municipal programs as well.
GETTING RID OF THOSE COUNCIL MEMBERS!!!!!!!!!
Increase amount community activities
We need large manufacturing
Taking advantage of our central US location to attract new business and tourism.
Support the progressive social movements that have been brought to the forefront recently. Healthcare for all. BLM. civil rights. Get rid of the racism in criminal justice system. Stop putting & holding so many non-violent people in jail. Consider development of social services instead. Being in jail because you can't pay a fine because you lost your job because you were in jail because you had a fine you couldn't pay. Help break the cycle of poverty.
Main street businesses could grow, being a multiple college/university town. I think something in the way is old properties laying empty. The challenge is all of the box stores on Range Line, admittedly.
Capitalize on location for transportation services. Recruit higher tech manufacturing. Too much food processing not enough tech
Take advantage of the nature in the surrounding areas (bike and walking trails) - look at NWA for examples
I see plenty of opportunities for ongoing growth if what I stated above indeed happens. We need to make Main Street an area where people truly want to go. Right now, more people are seeking out places on Rangeline, and that has to change. Look back to older pictures of our main street, that street was booming. That is how it should be right now. The Third Thursdays are a great way of bringing the city to Main Street, but that needs to happen on a more consistent basis, not just one day of the month. That isn't enough.
So. Many. Opportunities. We really don't capitalize on having a University in town. Not enough is done to encourage those young people to make Joplin their home or work place after they graduate. We could have a lovely downtown. Any place that encourages people to stop, park, walk around also encourages them to spend tax dollars on food and shopping. All these lovely parks add to our quality of life. They don't need expensive play equipment, but they do need shade! Trees, rentable gazebos. We are fortunate to have many generous families in our area, but I feel that their donations are woefully misplaced on the Connect-2 Culture project in front of Memorial Hall. They should have been steered toward the old Union Station. That location deserves to be saved.
I think it would be wonderful if Joplin had a convention/performance center to draw in events and concerts. I realize this would be an expense but Buffalo run and Downstream puts on concerts outdoors and do very well in the summer.
More employment. I like diversity of employment. Growth in the arts though thats not my field of interest.
"Embrace tradition and not force unneeded

change.

Ministries engaging the poor OUTSIDE of government"
Noe presently as it appears our city government if hellbent on destroying every small business in town
NONE IF THE CITY CONTINUES TO DESTROY BUSINESSES w city council . mayor and a chamber of commerce that is more concerned about WOKENESS than serving business and saving the death of the mall and local business
Small town that can continue to make it's regional mark by adding more outdoor options
We have an opportunity to show everyone that conservative capitalist principles are far better than leftist progressive tyranny
Bring back more manufacturing. Location, transportation resources and infrastructure (interstate system) makes the opportunities for Joplin quite boundless.
There are a lot of opportunities but the people in charge do what they want and don't listen to the people. Other then some Factories and some new restaurants Joplin hasn't grown. Their was more to do 20 years ago then there are now! I would love to be on a Committee to help but nobody wants to listen.
Attractions - make a man made lake, pick a city park and add shooting water fountains for kids. Joplin needs water views, somehow missing it
Right now—not many. I have lived here all my life, 63 years. I had a thriving business until Mercy arrived and shut it down. They decided to farm out the work and not keep their local people. I will still live here and raise my kids and grandkids here but opportunities are few and far between.
Start talking with some of these corps who plan to move out of Seattle
The amount of schools around. Really push education funding and go into Joplin schools and push the surrounding colleges hard. Money stays around and more educated people means long term success.
better shopping
Joplin has the opportunity to become an educational and Medical hub that would be equivalent to Kansas City Fayetteville, or Tulsa. These are also areas of the countries greatest growth potential. We need to be less passive about nurturing these opportunities.
We have the opportunity to grow with still keeping our small town feel.
Location/tourism; great park system. Manageable traffic.
Plenty if people would listen to the community
Please see Number 2 above. Right now, it is the mask ordinance. What is next? Required COVID-19 vaccinations to shop? Then what's next after that? Do you work for the people, or do you rule them?
Plenty of opportunity for large business to locate here. Good location for transportation ease.
Small business growth
Until the covid19 restrictions are gone, none.
Elect honest representatives
Joplin has the opportunity to be one of the strongest communities in the whole country maybe the whole world..
The opportunity to defund the Joplin Chamber of Commerce. Also to get Toby Teeter out of our city's politics. Use the moneys for Police and Fire.
With our location & Highway system, we should have a large indoor area for attracting concerts, indoor rodeos, etc to help hotels, restaurants, and more tourism into the Joplin community
"The gradual transformation of downtown has been wonderful. Would be nice if more businesses would move into that area.

Love to see the food trucks out on Main!
Noticed a possible food truck court set up last week. Great idea!"
Increasing ECHCS development.
Nothing as of now
Find out where the awful smell comes from and fix it
Don't know, honestly
A few more factories or businesses to add jobs
We have tons of opportunities to support those in our community that are struggling with poverty and homelessness, offer people willing to work jobs helping with clean up and maintaining sidewalks and streets. I have read about some cities who have these types of programs. Maybe partner with other organizations in the city to identify those willing.
Cultural development. We drive out of town for concerts and broadway shows.
Economic growth being at the intersection of I44 and 49. This will lead to better opportunities in education, healthcare, quality of life opportunities, etc.
Flatten the virus curve by wearing masks.
We have to draw in more manufacturing and large employers
Due to our geographic location and history, Joplin has had the opportunity to be a diverse, cultural hub. African Americans, Native people, and immigrants have played a role in the development of culture in Joplin. This is something that we have the opportunity to magnify and use as a force to bring all facets of our community together.
Memorial Hall needs to be incorporated with Memorial High School and the Carnegie Library in a way that creates a large arena so people don't have to go to the Casinos to see live acts.
We need to provide more support and visibility for the High School Equivalency classrooms and for adult and continuing education programs at Franklin Tech, Joplin's Crowder PLC center, and MSSU. We need to work with the local Missouri Jobs office to ensure there is good customer care for their clients that connects them with all of the local job training opportunities, which will probably require a management change.
Not sure
Our people and more running trails.
New industry growth
Unsure
Joplin is a major hub in this area. Bring in more industry and more support for small businesses to want to come here.
It was jobs before the COVID-19 and now the mandated masks is probably going to finish of those that were hanging on the edge
Not to beat a dead horse, but everything I mentioned in #2 is an opportunity. Joplin has all the potential in the world to be a shining example to all of what a city should be. The opportunity here is to show everyone how a city should be managed and how a city can thrive. Open the doors for experts to come in an help you and your staff. Its not about who's "in charge" it's about who those in charge surround themselves with. Also, don't forget that you also have an opportunity to unveil experts that currently work for the city that are not being recognized and used to their fullest potentials.
Great opportunity for new business and growth of the ones already established
Joplin has the capability to accommodate more industry and businesses.
"We have over-built roads that can easily be

retrofitted for road diets and complete streets projects to connect our active transportation system.

We have many dedicated employees who would greatly benefit from being shown they are cared about my upper management and the Council.

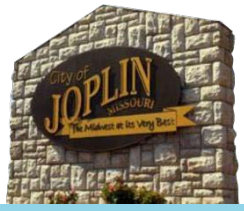
We have low cost of living that could be the deciding factor for people moving here if we improve amenities. "
Joplin should have may opportunities due to its location in the center of the country and access to major interstates. Joplin needs to look for more high-end manufacturing jobs and less manufacturing that no one else wants, i.e. dog food plants and protein solutions that make the entire city stink!
Businesses
We need a multi-purpose convention center! Meetings bring great business to cities, and reduce the tax burden for the residents. We also have a real opportunity to become an arts town. We are on the corridor between Kansas City and NWA. Arts mean big business.
tap into the stuff that walmart is doing and bring more things here to increase quality of life.
Not much if we keep the sales tax. Other cities manage without it. As individuals, we have to learn to budget our money. So should the city.
"Joplin has many new opportunities. Following the aftermath of the tornado, 30% of our community has been revitalized in one way or another. Joplin needs to continue to expand this revitalization and growth throughout the remainder of the community.

More jobs
Recruiting light industry and warehousing
better live and better roads
We have institutions of higher education, a low cost of living, a diverse business atmosphere and a desire, by some, to make things better. The sky is the limit.
More jobs and better pay.
If business restarts following COVID, Joplin has a bright future. I think for "Joplin" from a government perspective must tackle the Use Tax dilemma in order for Joplin to provide some of the big services going forward (event centers, concert venues, stem centers, parks, sporting events, etc...)
The pandemic provides the opportunity for the health department to shine in their public initiatives. Not just responding to crises but to be proactively involved in them.
find uses for empty buildings such as the old Toys R Us location
Improving the appearance of the whole city and improving bus transportation for those who prefer not to drive or who cannot drive.
Employers beyond blue collar industry jobs.
Joplin seems to be growing at a slow pace but slow but steady growth is not bad. Being at the crossroads of two interstates is good.
Providing better connectivity for residents, businesses, and entrepreneurs. Live in Joplin, but work anywhere in the world. Continued better relationships between government and the chamber.
I have multiple opportunities to advance myself and my career as a city of Joplin employee.
I think Joplin has the opportunity to engage the people who live here, by offering more resident friendly activities. Joplin needs a farmer's market, some festivals or events, such as a fall festival, parades, outdoor concerts, Christmas light tours etc. .
Availability of federal/state funds. Many potential projects are limited only because the City of Joplin doesn't have funds to supply a local match. Joplin should leverage its funds to match as many projects as possible in order to provide the greatest amount of projects/services to the community for the least amount of local money.
Hopefully we can bring more things for families to do
Joplin could be the cutest dam town in the midwest if the building and maintenance codes were enforced. I mean ENFORCED, not just a letter going out every 30 days.
The architecture of the older homes is quite beautiful and if people were encouraged to keep up their homes or rental property, people would want to live here. Right now they middle class goes to the suburbs, i.e. Webb City or Carl Junction to live because of the nice middle class homes available with the schools to go with it. Joplin does not offer any housing opportunities for the middle to middle upper class. Its either the starter home or the very high end home in a gated community. There is no in between.
"A happy workforce is a productive workforce. City workers want to come to work and work. We want to provide a good service. We have neglected for years at the expense of frivolous things. Examples being, AstroTurf on a ball field that isn't used. A baseball team after a baseball team failed. Adding money to a golf course that's deep in the red every year. Projects instead of pay for employees. This is bigger than just ""what about me"". No one wants to work with nothing and no one for low wages. About the time we train someone they take that training elsewhere for more money.

I think investing in our employees is a great opportunity for Joplin because the quality of services will improve."
Smarter economic development...attract ACTUAL industry with higher wages
We've been blessed to have as much disaster recovery support that has renewed portions of our infrastructure, which I believe will help us "save" money in future years and decades.
Growth if done right with good commitments. All departments need to be on the same page and work as a team. Meetings with all department heads need to happen a lot to meet goals. Great city to look at is Rogers Arkansas all Depts are working towards the same goals and the city is doing incredible things.
We need a multi use venue and meeting space to accommodate the business and corporate needs. We have the med students here now let keep some here.
Since we are a regional hub in the 4-states for retail, we need to ensure our brick and mortar stores persevere by pursuing the use tax.
Midwest location and crossroads with I-44 and I-49 make it a desirable location for businesses
Financially we don't have the budget for it, but in Arkansas there is a family rec center. Indoor ice skating rink, indoor pool, and indoor basketball court. Again it is in Arkansas which seems like a little more respectful community. The people seems to care more about their environment and the services around them then the people of Joplin.
Find more ways to get the night life in this alive again. We have nothing exciting to do for people to have fun. We have a university in this town, we need things to bring them into our community more. College students need a night life and more things to get them excited about being in this town.
Make Joplin a destination for surrounding

area
An opportunity to strengthen the community as a whole would be to have a hands on way for citizens to address their most pressing needs. Not just a microphone, but a way to service their community. It could help foster a sense of pride & give them an outlet for their frustrations as well.
A venue for large gatherings (when the pandemic is mostly over?)
1. Hiking trails / 2. running trails / 3. Pickle ball / etc. on a healthier Joplin. Also with that brings active people to want to work in our city. It also is a way to change the mentality of the "Bugger Eating Moran's" BEMS of so many in this area.
Economic growth.
Opportunities for community involvement. I would love to see more events created that get the community together to help fellow neighbors to grow unity. I don't mean events that cost money from the city or citizen, just their time.
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Businesses wanting to relocate to Joplin
Taking advantage of the closeness to NW Arkansas success and mirroring some of the same things they have done, eg bike trails, green spaces, further developing downtown, children's center. Getting serious about a closer relation with MSSC and really developing a community spirit .... Look what Webb City has done behind their school pride.
Adding more diversity and cultures to the community.
Traffic improvements at intersections.
Clean up the trash all over the streets and sidewalks. Particularly Murphy Avenue.
Take better care of residents by pushing people to wear masks. We wear seatbelts, we don't smoke in public places.... Bring more interesting things to Joplin
Generally, more quality than quantity. Plant reasonable trees with some foresight.
Instead of starting some new disconnected project, work to improve and connect existing areas - finish and connect bike trails - I'm so envious of the trail system in Bentonville and wish we had something like that here to be able to bike across the city and get to any shopping district or park.
Downtown needs to be made-over into an area where people want to walk around and shop - in my opinion that means changing Main St to 2 lanes to reflect the 20 MPH speed limit, widening the sidewalks and planting larger trees. This will encourage slower car traffic and more foot traffic, and restaurants could have outdoor seating, and might fill-in some of the empty storefronts.
Mandate masks, provide them. Become one of the first cities to start sanitation like other countries have. Have you seen the videos where places like China (don't be racist and roll your eye asshole) where they spray disinfectant on streets, bussinesses and homes. Provide sanitation misting devices at the entrance to businesses and most importantly schools and hospitals. People don't want to visit us because we don't care about our own to help protect them. At least try... but you won't.
Increasing diversity and attracting younger people.
Regulating neighborhoods; for example; not allowing semi trucks to park in residential neighborhoods; not allowing parking in yards in some areas, etc
Our location in a Tri-State region with 2 major Interstates, a regional airport, room to grow industrial park and residential subdivisions.
Right now there are none. Joplin people have to be open for change and they are not opportunities for what? To grow? Do we need to, other than to expand the tax base and increase admin salaries?
Public Transportation, renewable energy parts manufacturing, downtown connection to MSSU, mixed-income housing. Civic spaces, such as a convention center. Drive-in cinemas. HOPEFULLY, Joplin can capitalize on this new COVID economy, in which there may be a possible rush of people leaving big cities for less-dense (and cheaper) areas, but still want that urban feel. Mini-urbani!
The school system is developing. The arts are also offering exciting opportunities. There is more attention to the infrastructure.
Cornell Center will be a great opportunity.
Continued expansion of farmers market with Empire.
Joplin has a huge opportunity for companies. We are located on I-44 and I-49. However, if I was a large company wanting to locate towards this area and invest in our community, being known as the drug capital is not very appealing.
More growth of businesses and room to expand on south, east of town. Years ago Joplin turned away some major companies looking to be close to I-44 and instead they went to Springfield. We also need more positive support for the schools. It is improving, but still needs work.
Trader Joe's Please
Lots of room to grow businesses, good location (4 states), colleges. Look at Pittsburg, KS and the level of support the town gives to PSU.
As a parent considering a college, the town support and pride are a draw. Let's get more students coming in. We could have more school pride all the way around. We have beautiful schools, but bad school reputation. People build and buy on edges of town to send their kids to other school districts. Joplin High School is known to tolerate too much and lack discipline.
Promote out schools as safe and productive.
Stop and find yourself again. Believe in the uniqueness that is Joplin. New people rush in to try and change everything but they don't really know Joplin yet. We are losing Joplin in the rush to modernize. And I am not old saying this.
It was mentioned on the national news, our area has the nation's lowest cost of living. This should be attractive to retirees and working class alike. With the possibility of a influx of potential citizens. we should be centered on growth and financial gain. But more importantly jobs / industry at the attraction of larger scale businesses.
Growth with that comes tourism
Slim
"Joplin could benefit from a large concert hall(-like Memorial Hall). By the way, Please don't tear down Memorial Hall!!!

Also I think Joplin could really benefit from some bike trails similar to what NW Arkansas has. "



"What is the biggest threat facing our community?" | Raw Survey Data

COVID
Our older neighborhoods are falling into disrepair. The city needs to educate property owners of their responsibilities to keep our neighborhoods safe and help them find the resources to maintain their properties. (Grants, low cost loans, etc.) The Olivia Apartments on Moffet Ave is an example of where the city should step in and help the owner restore the property to it former glory. Also, through out Murphysburg and North Heights properties are falling apart and the city isn't making an effort to help the property owner.
Have no general fears for the area
Losing first responders and the trust of the people due to the deceit of the council/manager running the city
Radical conservative mindset in the area
Bums.
Young people living due to the lack of decent paying jobs.
people not wanting to stay here
There are areas of Joplin that are run down or come with risks of robbery or gang violence/racism. If the town can come together to keep rebuilding and restoring all areas of Joplin and bring diversity education to the area this could help.
Probably the amount of theft that myself or other students have experienced.
Close-mindedness and the social unawareness of mask prevalence with COVID-19.
Lack of updated town means lack of updated people. A town that has shown they dont believe in science, or acceptance of change or variations in lifestyle. Need to update the place a bit and maybe attract some updated mindsets too. Build an economy that will attract young educated progressive people.
People moving for other job opportunities.
Honestly COVID- 19, it scares me to see so many people in public without wearing masks!
I am bias, the spread of covid-19 due to blatant disreguard for the health of others around them. I know how resilient Joplin is, how they can come together, they did it after the tornado. I don't see why we can't come together now to help our neighbors stay safe.
Ignorance.
Not a big town, theres still quite a bit of sketchy areas and places one might not feel safe going to/driving through.
not wearing masks.
Limited access to goods without a vehicle
Not aware of community threats
Complacency in not changing
Doesnt seem like many opportunities for college educated young adults to stay in the area. Both job wise and lifestyle wise
fractions among ethnic groups
Covid
When I was employed at a Walmart super center, I realized how many drugs and other illegal prescription medications were readily available.
Covid
Young adults wanting to leave the area due to lack of amenities and entertainment
Unsure
Growing too fast
Lack of public health initiatives and education
Young people are not attracted to Joplin, only married couples are. As a young person who is unmarried I have no intention of staying in Joplin once I have completed my schooling
Poverty and bigotry
Boredom
Racism and sexism. My first day in joplin I saw a man walking shirtless down Main Street with swastika and "white power" tattoos on his chest. My black classmates don't feel safe in town. I (a woman) am always assumed to be a nurse when I say I'm in med school, when I'm going to be a doctor. People really have a backwards look on things.
not sure...
Drug abuse is a major issue in Joplin as well as homelessness
Racism
This is a tough question, and I honestly don't have an answer at this moment.
Big business overpowering small business owners
The overarching Christian and conservative way of thinking is very threatening for an average person. It makes a lot of regular people not want to stay.
Theft. I've lived here for a few months and can't keep regular things outside of my house without them getting stolen.
Division due to ideological differences and a rejection of others based on prejudice.
Losing the history and charm of this small town by expanding too much.
Lower income population
DRUGS. The drugs and crime here are terrible. Not to mention people die in a fatal car wreck almost every.single.day.
COVID.
Not improving and modernizing.
trashy town, eye sore.
Lack of progress as a city and culture. I know people who can't wait to get out of Joplin because it seems stuck and content where it's at.
homelessness and drug addicts
Good old boy network. They are preventing growth because they don't like change
Abandoned and run down neighborhoods
Unjust politics that does not provide incentives for city employees, first responders and police.
Doing things the same old way because that is what we have always done. Also, being so sales tax dependent, losing a significant amount of it causing lack of funds for essential city services. You have to pay city staff well enough to get the most talented people instead of paying the bare minimum so you only get new grads or people that can't find employment elsewhere. We should be stealing from the smaller cities around us, but since they pay less in Joplin, people leave Joplin to go to our neighboring cities. And I am not talking just police and fire, but ALL of the departments.

The ideas that arts and culture will be a sustainable economy here, is there a place for it? Yes, there always is but we need to worry about creating more jobs and small business to help support those other things. We need that small business infrastructure to be our back bone while we try and create new ideas and attract other companies and industries, we do not want to fall behind and allow what is already diminishing consume everything and have a poor quality of living.
The uneducated, those set in their ways who are content with a stagnant way of life. The "we've always done it this way" mentality.
the drug buse
Division
The City Council and the Mayor and everyone else who profits off the back of it's citizens
Smart grid excessive intrusion 5G is not a necessary evil and it is dangerous along with smart meters let's say good bye to such health endangerment
Growth without the added police force. Crime is high and officers struggle daily to answer calls in a timely manner while also dealing with emergency calls at the same time. Community policing is a great way to build a better relationship with the people; however, officers have very little time to do that from a high call load and lack of officers.
The people. I feel like there is currently a culture-war between the white-collar and blue-collar community. Many residents want/need the assistance provided by the government but will vote against the very programs that would help them. I'm not sure how that mindset can be changed. It's so engrained in people here. Our local government is responsible for so much, and the residents expect more and more and more without offering financial support.
Probably the need for the next generation to relocate to find attractive employment
Drugs & alcohol.
Rush to judgement. Lack of knowledge and ALL the information on social problems.
"You, the Slime balls like you, and those who knowingly continue to endanger the population to ensure their own wealth and the wealth of their constituents..

Additionally the global pandemic which your absolute idiocracy has allowed to kill many many more in our community than it ever should have, and you, in the face of the highest numbers in months, removing the mandatory mask mandate. "
Improper handling of tax funding. Directing funds toward entertainment facilities without having infrastructure completely funded at a competitive level.
No big industies
"Ignorance.

Lack of cultural and political diversity."
"Low cost housing.

Low salary for Police, Fire, EMT"
DRUG ABUSE, HOMELESSNESS, BREAK-DOWN OF THE FAMILY
Toby teeter and the joplin city council
The drugs and human trafficking.
The homeless and transients are taking over. And the horrible drug problem here along with this little gang, The Joplin Honkeys, is driving people out of our community. No one wants to chance opening a real business with the mess Joplin is in.
I believe it is the same with what is going on across the country.
Communism
Destruction of our history and historical buildings
Narrowly focused causes of the city council.
Drugs
Not letting stores in and the homeless that are everywhere and nothing is done to clean up the areas in which they stay,
Again, everywhere you look—empty buildings & storefronts. This needs to be fixed - (tax breaks) or something - give them a reason to move into an existing structure.
Mismanagement of money.
The city having too many responsibilities
Fast food and more franchises!
Lack of citizens pride. Too many rental properties and city cant control or regulate their absent Landlords behaviors or them not helping to keep properties maintained and decent. Ruins the look of our city and robs good neighbors their pride in their own neighborhoods
DRUGS
Alt right wing ignorance and division, lack of diversity in the population and leadership.
The crime rate
Ourselves. We are more divided than ever and social media is not a good platform to discuss important issues on.
social and political division. looking trashy and more crime.
Challenging new ways for growth
Being stagnant, not updating with what the rest of the world is doing example moving forward in the tech world
Poor management of finances. City should have no business owning a golf course or a "professional" baseball stadium. City government should never attempt to make money from luxury items. They should encourage private organizations to build by offering incentives.
The City politics and the growing economies in our neighboring communities.
"Drugs and the homeless. People don't want to live in a town that they can't take their families out due to getting approached at every stop light for money.

Drugs are everywhere in the town. I can't take my family to the park without finding needles in the playground area.

Our police arrest them on a normal basis but they just get back out of jail and hand out in front of watered gardens and ewert park.

Lack of vision and lack of goals to achieve the vision. Not becoming open to change and trying new things. Not having the tools in place encourage innovation. We need to develop city priorities that achieves the goals to help implement the vision. It is so easy to lose momentum and much more difficult to regain after it is lost. This has occurred in Joplin before when the city did not have a vision and was not open to change. The city could not compete for jobs, people left for better opportunities and momentum stopped.
Business's closing due to Covid 19
Transients - panhandlers, beggars, homeless wandering around. Shelters that make these activities even more attractive.
Not enough police officers. We need to retain the officers we have and add more positions
We also have too many parks and not enough officers to patrol them to keep them safe for the public to enjoy.
How dirty the city is.
Drug epidemic
self interest of a few council members and Chamber of Commerce Pres.
Crime, if we don't invest in and encourage our police staff.

Drugs
poor leadership, bad science, and too much listening to 24 hour news cycles.
drug
The collapse of the economy.
Loss of residents to other areas. Apathetic feelings to the well being of the community.
Increase crime.
The angry, negative, social bashing of our leadership. We voted them in to office
Walmart quality
Drugs and homelessness. Casinos.
City leadership, there is so much division it bleeds throughout our our community. I think the worse thing the city has done politicize the pandemic. The leadership has not been a voice for the people, they have done the exact opposite and are talking over one another. There is not really any unity. Also think these city meetings shouldn't be aired on social media, it seems to do more harm than good. I hold no position to one side over the other, I just see the division by chosen words and attitudes. Y'all need to keep it simple and quit over thinking each item on the agenda.
Democrats.
I believe the biggest threat facing our community is that as the newer generations, millennial and gen z, enter the workforce and start to dominate the workforce, Joplin will struggle. Members of the millennial and gen z generations value recreation and work/life balance, and Joplin has little to offer in those areas. I am fearful that as those generations will continue to leave Joplin and move to other areas that have more to offer.
Ourselves! When we plan and make changes we need to think it through and having an actual plan that is implemented and carried out not just jumped into. We tend to have a lot of visions however never is it carried out as a whole with one goal. It is pieced together and never followed up on unless it goes wrong.
Drugs, crime, poverty
Ignorance. Lack of importance of diversity.
Politics losing sight of what is important.
I feel the drugs are a big issue in the area and are bringing down the communities and increasing the crime around. Having a strong drug task force and going after the drug trade could help in many different areas.
Division in people and people moving away to bigger towns (Rogers, Springfield, etc.) to work, shop, and spend time.
Being stagnant and complacent. Growth needs to continue. We need to be reminded how great our city is. Sometimes I think we forget how good we have it here. Campaigns to remind people would be good.
Covid 19. Getting rid of the mask ordinance, right before the start of school, was completely idiotic.
Joplin has frequently made bad decision because assumptions were made with little factual basis and lack of data. We built a ball field and they did not come. I was delighted when the Blasters were playing and saddened when they died on the vine. We do not have the population base to support a sports emphasis. Our biggest threat is making decisions based on our desires rather than accurate data.
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Ignorance, drug abuse, crime.
Our city "leaders"
Ignorance and misinformation about the virus and lack of unified leadership. Rising rate of violent crime in our area.
Incompetence of the city management
Covid-19 response by the people of Joplin is scary. About half of everyone denies there is a real pandemic and goes on with life like normal while spreading Covid everywhere. We need another lockdown with actual sameday testing for everyone free of charge!
Over reaction to Covid.
When government forces mandates onto business owners. Government should always stay out of health matters.
Liberal, progressive ideology creeping into our local city government
NOT GETTING COMMUNITY SUPPORT, NEED NEW BLOOD IN CITY. WATCH FOR LOSS MONEY, 418 MILLION IN SCHOOL WASTE, OVER SITE COMMITTEE TO SEE OVER NEW IDEAS AND COST. NOT WORKING WITH BUSINESSES TO COME TO JOPLIN
Meth and Opioid use
Drugs - we have such a huge drug problem here that just leads to all sorts of other illegal activity.
complacency
Single mindedness and old fashion mentality : Seems we have been lacking Innovation, or its shut down by good ole boys mentality of if it not broke don't fix it .
Closed-mindedness. While we can seem like an island to ourselves we need to always be thinking of the betterment of the entire community.
Wearing masks
Violence
"drugs
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Drugs
too many low paying service jobs
drugs, homelessness, mental health issues. Wages need to increase. childcare.
There is a lot of bigotry under the surface as exemplified by the opposition to the city mask mandate. The denial of science among a significant minority, or it may be a majority in this part of the US is very worrying and makes me and my family feel insecure. I have got used to open carry guns, and for the most part people here are well meaning, but there is a real fear of what might happen here after the election. I do not feel safe to put up a Democrat sign outside my home or on my car for example as I have personally been threatened that I am a "baby killer" alluding to the abortion issue. This bodes ill for Joplin to attract high paying tech jobs which tend to be associated with progressive cultural mindsets.
Missouri has been in the international news for all the wrong reasons lately, and that is the fault of a historically gerrymandered state electoral system effectively resulting in one-party rule in Jeff City.
Bigotry and judgement spewing from too many churches.
"drugs/crime/pan handling
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homelessness, drug use, loitering maybe. some areas of town look dirty and ran down and could use sprucing up.
Crime and people getting let out of jail when they should be staying in jail.
Drugs and poverty and all of the crime that accompanies it
Covid ! There is a mask requirement, but not enforced within some business. Only business I saw posted at the door was no Mask- no entry! (Pier One)
Meth, the people who do meth rob and hurt our citizens .
drugs and alcohol
"Current virus scare.

Drugs and drug user's. I've had 3 men try and follow me and my children into my home when they were looking for a known drug house 2 doors down.
Like in all areas now, internal conflict
People who do not like growth and want

Joplin to remain low key.
Decline or stalling of job growth. We must grow. Just look at the many of the communities in our area that have seen declines in the number of jobs. Their towns are struggling to provide good parks, good roads, good schools, good healthcare.
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Drugs and sex trafficking
Loss of job opportunities
Drug use, Covid-19, divisive politics.
Drugs
need to get over this virus thing. Also, because of internet and being a small city, we may lose our mall and other businesses in the future.
People leaving the area because of things mentioned in previous answer.
COVID-19 and people who are not taking it serious. Crimes, drugs, gangs and human trafficking.
Violence!
the negative attitude towards change doesn't allow the community to grow.
Ourselves. We tend to be stuck in our ways and not as open to change as much as I'd like to see us. I would like to see us tighten up a little more as a community and support one another better.
Amazon and to a lesser extent Walmart. Both devour other businesses and the jobs that come with them.
"Homelessness

Crime

Drugs

Pan handling

Poor economics/un-employment due to Covid 19 pandemic

Mental health problems"
Violence and crime. Also the lack of retail choices at our diminishing mall.
The high drug/mental health issues.
selfishness. Inability for people to change.
No new businesses coming into Joplin
"lack of growth-population has stayed the same for years

loss of sales tax to internet

paying city workers a competitive wage/ salary

Brick and mortar stores are disappearing"
Lack of funding and support for police, teachers. The fear of drug crimes, child abduction/ human trafficking in our local area.
Give us the right to wear a mask or not
Politicization of public health
The meth users and drug dealers causing a lot of crime lately, and losing stores
"Social Media.

An effort needs to be made to have a stronger positive presence about the community and the surrounding area along with accurate information being shared because of the amount of old and misinformation that gets shared freely. "
Losing our small/ privately owned businesses to the big stores... (WalMart) There is a definite monopoly. Don't get me wrong... I love WalMart too! I do work at utilizing the independently owned stores and enjoy the diversity they offer.
decreased income and failing businesses
DRUGS!!!! GANGS!!!!
Job Loss, Corrupt Police!
Drugs and crime. There are so many jobs available in this area that we should not have the drugs and crime rate we do.
child abuse and drug abuse, there seems to be a lot of both of these cases in this area.
The Government controlling what we can and cannot do. Its CRAZINESS
homeless and drug abuse
Crime, Joplin has more crime than 96% of the USA. This high crime rate scares away businesses and citizens. We can't realistically believe we can attract quality activities or businesses when they will be putting their lives and livelihood at more risk than nearly anywhere else in America.
Remaining stagnant in terms of growth. Northwest Arkansas is 1 hour away and is constantly growing in terms of activities and recreation. If Joplin doesn't progress, it would be an easy decision to move somewhere else.
People going to Springfield, Rogers, and Tulsa to shop, go to concerts, and spend their money.
Lack of nightlife attractions, activities, theme parks. In Joplin, there are young people who want to also have fun. Most of the young people have to travel to another cities to find more stuff to do
Resistance to businesses coming to the area for fear of competition. Wal-Mart can hold it's own. Bring on some more grocery stores and retail shops. We want to shop in Joplin but when Macy's is the best department store and the clothes and shoes appeal only to older people , we go to Arkansas.
Lack of interest. Too many panhandlers on every street corner. What causes businesses to leave town....
people not wanting to work the lower level jobs
Good ol'boy leadership, small thinking and lack of desire for change.
DRUGS
Covid 19 and unemployment which also increases the crime rate
Taking away our freedoms. This mask ordinance is an infringement on rights.
the homeless not having enough places to stay
low paying wages.
The people that live here.
?? NOT SURE, I JUST MOVED LIKE 2 MONTHS AGO
the government being overly involved in personal health decisions.
The drug addicts which drain our city resources and increase the crime rate to feed their need.
We don't believe there any threats to the community we think that there are challenges and opportunities for improvement we need to stay competitive with our neighbors like Northwest Arkansas Springfield Kansas City Tulsa for enticing young people to come back here after they finish their education and that's gonna take a variety of jobs in the sectors they are interested in working
Drugs in the community.
ignorance
Joplin has a large number of community members who have social determinants and other barriers to moving toward a healthier lifestyle.
Health literacy is low. Violence, substance use is increasing with apparently little success in mitigation thru local police or task force activity.
Maybe we need a different culture, not just more policing.
Crime, homelessness, poverty
Losing our newspaper. It is struggling and we as a community should be asking questions as to what could be done because there is going to come a time where we will be faced with a dilemma. We could be proactive now and turn it around. It is worth saving.
Crime
Substance use and mental health issues that have a direct impact on the community safety.
Fear of other cultures, languages. Apathy.

Community Health scores in Jasper County are not good. We haven't had a great, positive communicator in Joplin in can't remember when?
NOT LETTING THIS VIRUS RUN ITS COURSE. I THINK THAT WEARING MASKS AND QUARANTING PEOPLE WILL ONLY MAKE THIS VIRUS STICK AROUND. WE DID NOT DO THIS WITH THE FLU. PEOPLE ARE GETTING SCARED BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO GET QUARATINED FOR SO MANY DAYS AND POSSIBLY LOSE THEIR JOB.
DRUGS, CRIME,
Drugs and Homeless People. It is hard to go anywhere without being approached. As a woman and having young daughters it is concerning. Also loosing great Firefighters and Police Officers who place their lives on the line with each call and who love their jobs for they want to help people and make the difference in people's lives as well as their community but the pay is so terrible they have to go to other cities that better compensate, obtain other occupations or government assistance to feed their families.
Corona virus and small businesses not being able to withstand being closed for short term and having to close their doors.
Crime
I don't know.
people not thinking of others.
Retention of residents within the community, poor wages, poor economic growth
Crime, gangs, drugs
Drugs and sex trafficking.
Failure to move forward and to adapt to national trends.
Cultural and political divides. I think its a big issue just about everywhere. About ten years ago this tornado went through town and really tore stuff up. You may have heard about it. You may have also heard of the what happened next and it was beautiful. The entire community came together and helped their fellow neighbor clean up and rebuild. It was a terrible time but it really brought this town together. Fast forward 9 years, ask someone to wear a mask to protect that same neighbor and you are met with the proverbial middle finger and declarations of civil right infringement. And thats just one example. Everyone is either for themselves or rooting for the their favorite political team as if it were the NFL. Just a lot of hate, individualism, and self-righteousness. Racism. Again, these things are not a local phenomenon. But it should be something this city can overcome.
Homelessness, crime, and poverty.
Crime (especially domestic abuse and police brutality)
1. Drugs. Drugs. Drugs. 2. Not paying comparable wages. The pay rate here is atrocious. Period. The cost of living here is the same as the KC area. I lived there for 13 years and do the same job here as I did there and make about $6 less per hour. Rent is the same here, groceries are the same here, insurance on my car is the same. So, saying that a bigger city costs more so they pay more is incorrect.
1. fighting covid 19. 2. bringing in more business and industries. 3. getting help for the poor and people with mental illness, it is so sad to see them hanging out and/or begging. We don't need laws to stop them, we need resources to help them and prevent them from living on the streets.
Larger cities attracting younger populations
METH/DRUGS HOMELESSNES
Closed-mindedness. Thinking we are a small town. Fear of failure or success. Racism, drug abuse and trade, sexual trafficking.
"Right at this moment it's the mask ordinance. Many people are protesting this by not shopping in Joplin. This has hurt so many businesses. My husband has had his hours cut because they just can't afford to give everyone the hours that they had originally scheduled them. They have changed all of their schedules and have been sending them home early. I am counting down the days that this changes because we can barely afford rent as it is and now that he isn't bringing in his usual paycheck, I'm really not sure what we're going to do. Outside of the masks, I would say the crime rate. I know it's not really big, but it's still there. When the Joplin Honkees are a well known group that exists it makes me scared to be here. The fact that they still roam around committing crimes is terrifying.

Lack of affordable housing. You built all these wonderful apartments that are so expensive that a single person can hardly afford to live in the area on a minimum wage life.
Covid
over reach of the government
A mayor and city council enforcing unconstitutional "mandates and ordinances"
Underfunded police department.
The biggest threat facing our community in my opinion would be the many abandoned buildings and homes around Joplin, Even if they are historical I feel that the city should clean them up and make them into a museum or something better then a broken building. I feel it would help teenagers not get into trouble and it would eliminate more places for people on drugs to go and do those things. Basically cleaning up the town!
riots, and not having the police support to be able to assist residents, and businesses
The Chamber keeps comparing us to "being like Northwest Arkansas". Although I do agree with that in terms of adding more social, cultural and outdoor activities, I'd like to embrace what makes us Joplin and stand apart from NWA. Lets get the city to rally behind us, not another city to "make us like them".
The lack of people getting out and about exploring the town due to the fear of COVID
loss of our youth because of the lack of employment diversity
In all honesty, the decline of the quality of our education system. We badly need to educate our youth properly so that this community can thrive and grow together.
Also--misinformation and "fake news" breed fast here because of the lack of education, in my opinion.
Losing buyers. Along with the mall, our movie theater hasn't done well in a few years. This is due to cost. Can you imagine trying to take someone on a date with dinner and a movie? WOW...no kids working at a fast food can afford that. Which is causing more to party on their own. Drugs and alcohol. Teens need more to do. Not through churches. They already have their activities. Once they get older to move onto other things.
crime is getting really bad with shooting, murders etc..
"Too many people have no Driver's license because of DUI's.

We need workers that have a Driver's License. Then when they can't work they become homeless. Also, politics. BLM. Please don't bow down to them. Let our police do their duties when appropriate and not let BLM wreak havoc in the streets."
losing any small businesses due to this Covid Virus, Jobs loss is a big threat to any

city or town, they die and grow smaller if there are no jobs for people to help care for their families
"crime, its out of control. We have not enough police officers to protect the city's population and the crime is running over into the other nearby cities.

The biggest threat facing Joplin is the amount of people that have been boycotting the area due to the mandatory mask mandate. The small business of Joplin are the ones that are going to suffer. I also believe that the people that are refusing to go back to work after being laid off from COVID-19 are making it hard for the city to grow and prosper after what we have been through.
Drugs
Not welcoming change and being willing to pay for progress
Citizens going to other towns (i.e. Springfield and NWA) to shop and relocating from the area.
inner city transportation and wealth inequality
opioids
Young people moving away.....not having things for our young community or small families to get involved in.....things that don't cost a fortune for them.
Meth is so strong in the Joplin area. A lot of violence between neighbors and its often due to drugs.
Running small business out of town
Complacency
"For me, employment. If I were to live in Springfield or KC with my same job title, I could potentially make $20-30k more. Due to the area and location, (so I'm told by HR), my current salary is sufficient with no room of growth.

New/young families that consider Joplin as their home often choose Springfield or Rogers/Bentonville instead. I don't know how to stop this, but I think urban design and good health and well being have something to do with it."
Implicit bias because it may restrict opportunities for some especially people with disabilities and people of color. The key is interaction, education, and exposure.
I'm afraid Joplin has a lot of businesses that are not viable for the future. Brick and Mortar stores are losing out to online purchases and jobs like Truck driving might be phased out with automated delivery. Joplin could make an effort to attract new businesses, but it is not for certain if this is a problem we are about to have or a problem that may occur in the next 10-20 years.
Complacency
the crime rate.
Joplin is not forward thinking and loosing population due to this.
Crime. We need to find ways to discourage crime and unsavory behavior in the community.
Not sure, we are still small town but do have a lot of homeless people and some gang activity.
drugs and poor education
Crime
City Council being closed minded and wanting to micro manage everything. I think we need to get new blood in the city council and give younger people the opportunity to their ideas and not be shot down with the good old boys and women's club.
There are known locations such as motels that are inhabited by known drug users. There are thefts every day in our city. I believe our city has too many known drug users and dealers who are a threat to our community.
THE MASK MANDATE. HATE IT. I HAVE STOPPED SHOPPING IN JOPLIN BECAUSE OF IT.
socialism and liberalism.
Homes for those in state of poverty
More and more violence has been happening in our city
People looking for the next handout. I believe this is not just a Joplin issue, but the more we give without allowing people to help themselves lends to a generational circle. Allow people a hand-UP not just a hand-OUT. We need more accountability across the board.
Increases in crime
COVID and criminals
"Poor street travel... Rangeline traffic (nightmare)

Please don't ever defund the police or move money around to other areas away from the police.
No growth in large business. Housing price increases for rentals and buyers.
Meth and the Medicaid lifestyle.
"Criminals. Failure of the justice system. Failure of the city and county leaders to provide the needed support to law enforcement and first responders.

Traffic gridlock ALL THE TIME on our 2 street special."
Meth and sex trafficking
Lack of side walks in areas around schools, people have to walk in the streets, lack of speed enforcement.
"Increasing crime and drugs

large homeless population "
Drugs and homeless
Drugs and poor leadership commitment!! I'd rather spend gas money and time and visit Rogers Arkansas then drive a few miles down the road to Joplin.
Drugs
People moving away to places that have more things for people to do
Over regulation and over taxation.
Gangs such as the Joplin Honkey's. I haven't ever had a run-in with them but they need to be disassembled. We also need population to keep our small businesses thriving. I am really worried about our mall going under.
fear, tyranny, feeling of not being heard by city leaders
Stupidity. The city council cruelly botched recovery from the 2011 tornado, and we're still paying for their mistakes. Whole neighborhoods died out and have not recovered. Other neighborhoods became too expensive for former occupants to afford because of all the new housing going in. The city needs PLANNING, and not from a political standpoint. We can't just keep growing all willy-nilly. We need to take care of the more rundown areas before we tackle new areas, or those new areas won't flourish.
"No, doubt drugs and human trafficking. With the trucking industry heavy in this region, there are down sides to that great industry.

Also, you better beware of groups like Antifa, Black Lives Matter and other anarchist groups that can infiltrate communities. Support the local police!"
Drugs
The lack of trying to bring business into our community along with not enough officers to help clean up the drug problems we have.
I think right now COVID is one of the biggest threats to our community.
Higher cost of living, utilities, healthcare, not

adequate police protection. There's too many homeless being allowed to come in to Joplin from larger cities that just put them on a bus & ship them here. That shouldn't be allowed.
Economic slowdown due to restrictions.
"Oh, you want to look at houses in Joplin?... I can do that but I wouldn't recommend it, why don't we start outside Joplin as the schools and community are so much better"... when we first moved back to Joplin after being gone for 7 years.
drugs
Increased reporting of crimes/violence/drug use. Other towns around us seem to be building/growing while Joplin feels stagnant.
If we're looking at community as not just the place we live but what makes it home, I think the way everything is going online (even before the pandemic) can easily dilute the options the physical community has to offer. And there's something to said for experiencing things in person and not just on a screen. I think we need to find ways to add value that cannot be found online so that people take part in our community and all it has to offer.
Drug addicts. I have had people break into my shed and car so many times. I fear for mine and my children's safety.
"We tried that before and it didn't work."
drugs
Police turnover
Mental health and substance abuse after COVID-19. HOMELESSNESS
I believe crime is definitely our biggest threat. Suicide would be second. If we could allow room for more after school programs for kids and teens that would be a big help.
Turning business and economic growth away by burdensome taxes and fees, and by letting the homeless population run rampant, thus making Joplin less attractive to potential investment opportunities.
Drugs
Crime and growth management.
Besides weather, homelessness
Those who mock the conservative values of many who are the base of the community. It is one thing to be progressive in trying to draw businesses but embarrassing the community in national news mediums over mask wearing or covid response simply divides the community and turns residents against those who might have good intentions for bringing new ideas to Joplin.
Joplin is years behind. People drive to other areas to shop and find things to do
Drugs, Crime and Homeless. We are also losing businesses.
We have to insure our Police are pro Black Lives Matter. Not saying ONLY Black Lives Matter but have the department state they are aware of the injustice and they do not support or condone the abuse by these other police departments.
Trolls. Perfectly said. Negativity of lawyers and becoming like the big city. Those people need to move. We need to keep our people and heritage safe. History repeats itself.
Safety. Having so much crime like theft, robbery, and shootings can be reduced by lighting up the streets and keeping regular patrols on higher crime areas.
Job loss, wages, blighted neighborhoods
Drugs
theft, drugs, crime and the lack of police effort in dealing with the situations. I personally sold my house in Joplin and moved to Neosho because of 3 situations that happened to me and my property that were not taken care of.
division
Wearing masks will take away from community atmosphere
Our local government and school board
drugs
Poverty
Law enforcement not being trained properly.
The value in homes going down because of the properties surrounding them that look like junk yards. Our children going back to school during a pandemic.
Crack heads and people begging for money on every corner.
Not sure
Homelessness and addiction
Having people in government that do not stand up for Freedom.
People leaving the community, negativity.
Need more positivist.
Fever of unknown.
Underfunding out police
Racism/Bigotry
Drugs and homelessness
Covid killing the business
Our fear of change. We can be so rooted in ultra conservatism, that we block our own success.
"Drug addiction and mental illness. Number of people living on the streets.

"1. Homeless destination. Too many services leftover from the tornado has created a homeless destination and is hurting our downtown and neighborhoods.

2. Status Quo. Just because we have been a car-centric, suburb focused city of 50,000 doesn't mean we have to be or should be. Our elected leaders (and older staff) should be sure to educate themselves on modern ways of thinking so as not to create barriers to progress. "
Lack of events bringing outside communities in. A racetrack/speedway would bring people in from all over the world. They would boost the economy really well.
Crime - Light our residential streets
The awful smell!!!
you not listening
Crime. I live in north heights and the crime, street walkers, tweakers are out of control
A lack of senior police officers.
The homeless. Raiding trash cans, destroying property, trashing the streets, standing on practically every street corner. There needs to be some type of organization to either help them get on their feet.
There is a bitterness I have never seen before political divisions, mask non mask. Not at all the coming together as after the tornado. How do we bring people together with economic downturn? We must come together as one to get through all of it.
I feel a talk, a speech to the city that we must come together no more trying to tear others down but boost all upwards.
A downturn in economy caused by COVID, failed trade deals that jeopardize our manufacturing and and transportation industry.
Older, ill maintained properties that detract from the benefits of the town.
the city council
Drugs and crime
The city council, they just blather away ineffectively. The taxes are too high-property, personal and when individuals shop at the mall, make a car purchase, buy tires, furniture, land, etc.
City planners who seem to be more influenced by the amount of money that someone plans to pay for a development than for what is best for the city. There does not seem to be any sort of long-range plan for city development.
Poverty. A lack of higher paying jobs. We need more jobs that pay at least $20 an hour and people trained to do those jobs.
Taking away all the fun stuff like cruising

main St race track carasal park baseball
The unwillingness or disinterest to improve by a big portion of the community
Old "crony" leadership on the City Council.
Being forced to wear masks. We at times are our own biggest threat. Talking the talk, but not walking the walk. If we are going to get things done, set a long and short term plan and start crossing things off the list.
"Joplin has become / is becoming a giant run down strip mall. When I am back home I am shocked by the amount of liquor / smoke shops.

I don't know how one addresses this issue.... maybe thru ordinances on the amount of liquor stores within the city? I'm clueless on that.

I thought the murals around downtown were a nice touch to sprucing up that area and making it feel cooler and more hip to draw more businesses + residents there. "
ignorance
Over reaction to contrived racist problem; which is playing the "race card" in and of itself.
"I don't feel our community is threatened.
Businesses not opening back up because of covid..mainly

Homeless population along south range-line"
With the virus effect, the closing of many of our retail, resturants and bars the sales tax revenue is going to take a hit. Must do something to keep them open. Maybe just use social distancing than than capacity%
Puddle effect from the covid issue
Barriers to entry for small businesses and employers, combined with a sense of lack in direction
The city council and chamber of commerce
Disharmony created by the mask mandate.
General apathy and overall ignorance of residents.
Bigotry, misinformation, and a lack of education.
Manufacturing jobs leaving. Missouri as a whole is not business friendly. We might get land locked. We may have to grow geographically.
"We need better employment opportunities.

We need to work on building better communication and trust between our city leaders and our citizens. "
Crime
The struggle with losing jobs, increase in drugs, low average income for a family, and citizens not wanting to see change in the community.
Non mask wearers, increase in drugs and loss of good jobs
Loss of well paying jobs and an influx of drugs
COVID-19 obviously. this has affected many restaurants and bars and other service industries. Otherwise we need to continue to invest in new jobs, to grow other sectors
Schuber Mitchell.
Especially with Covid, local restaurants and businesses are struggling to stay open. Those are the types of businesses that help provide a unique experience for visitors.
Poverty. As center for services Joplin pills kn lower income people. It is letting surrounding communities get the new Higher level housing that increases property tax revenue and brings people with $$ to spend. We will always have some level of poverty but demographics are out of balance.
More focus I tourism and less on the community.
Hate and division and power hungry people in positions of authority
it's stinky smell
Declining sales tax revenues (C19, online sales, etc...) in a municipality that is fueled by primarily one tax revenue.
Vacant ugly commercial land all over town from the tornado. City council ready to give tax dollars away to out of town companies to develop beautiful land that is not in the tornado area, And calling it "blighted"
"Drug use

"
Communist, socialist, and Marxist ideals.
Letting it slip away into a "white trash" place by not diligently seeking growth!
Covid-19.
METH DUH!
The fear of chance and the nay sayers. We can be better! Let's go Joplin.
Drug use, unequivocally. Methamphetamine, Xanax, and opioids are a scourge in our community. We need additional community resources to combat addiction.
Homelessness, drugs
Resistance from those who view change as the scariest thing in the universe.
Ourselves and the people who want it to stay the way it always has been out of fear of growth.
small town politics
The lack of urgency in taking opportunities to grow both physically and to grown the average household income.
stagnation. high taxes. over-regulation.
Unsure
Uneducated young people.
Failing to adapt to new economies, we have to understand the how and why of new business.
The virus and people not wearing masks
Clean up front of the house and no vehicles parking front of the house. Also, the trash bin on front of the lawn not allow period of long time...
Fear of BLM protests with destruction of businesses and property.
Drugs
"Drugs- violence has increased,

A marginal police Dept, no fault of theirs.

Low pay, they leave and go to smaller cities and make more.

They biggest threat to our area is big stores taking our business. People shop there and when they can't find it there they go out of town, taking their money elsewhere.
drugs
Joplin City Council
Sickness right none
People operating in fear
Crime has risen drastically the past few years
People are moving out instead of in.
Toby Teeter!! The local government does NOT listen to the residents, they have their own agenda.
Loss of personal liberty
Fear of change. ALWAYS has been.
following a hoax
Drugs. Lack of industry. Leaders unwilling to work to bring new life to Joplin
local businesses shutting down and layoffs due to covid
People not taking chances
Drugs
There isn't any threat except the pandemic
Very limited socializing places available
Not having more selections of stores etc
Cheap manufacturing jobs that don't raise people out of poverty. Go after manufacturing that pays big $$. You might loose some tax revenue,

but a vibrant middle class will spend more $$ in the area.
Environmental impacts of industry long term to air water quality
It's stagnant, too many chain restaurants
Specifically during this time the biggest threat is small businesses not reopening. More specifically locally owned restaurants and shops.
Child and human sex trafficking
Homelessness – so many people on corners panhandling
"Jomo status quo.

Be willing to expand but with legitimate input and not the old guard. The old guard doesn't want Joplin growth "
Division.
Willful ignorance. The belief that science can't be trusted. The belief that media can't be trusted. The idea that the best government is no government. People unknowingly voting against their own best interest.
Right now awful spending of funds on bad investments like baseball stadiums and stuff the general public must pay to use.
"Leaders who put the cart before the horse. I've set on many boards and in many brainstorming groups of folks that have vision and want to push the vision hard.

The thing they lack is grassroots engagement and opposition arrises...

We must understand where joplin has been , where joplin is now so we can better craft where joplin can go in the future. Without this I think we will always continue to get stuck in the mud. "
Old ideas.
Racism, intolerance, close mindedness, and naysayers
"That's the way we've always done it." That rhetoric...we need to embrace change, risk and progressive ideas.
Government overreach
Poor newspaper and local news I can get my AP Stories online. I would like a local paper that gives local news, human interest, etc. Local TV news is heading that direction as well
The people who live here
Giving in to protests that force the agenda by making our law step back to destroy our livelihood
Covid, refusal to engage in progress,
The non-masker people who are purposely endangering all of the area for their selfish acts.
inequality, low wages. A division of people, rich and poor. Housing.
People who stay stuck in old ways of doing things.
The biggest threat facing our community COVID. Besides that, probably drug abuse and homelessness.
METH & DRUGS. BAD ACTORS walking up and down our streets and alleys looking for anything to steal/vandalise or structures to squat in.
Allowing our 'poor' population to increase while not providing resources for them to use and develop into constructive members of society.
Ignorance and closed-minded decisions in leadership. Personal agendas are just that... personal. The greatest good should always be the deciding factor.
"Outdated infrastructure. Outdated ways of thinking.

Crime."
My son is black. Right now he is young and cute. What happens when he is older? He needs to know he will be welcomed into this community as a black teenager and a black man, and given the same opportunities, respect, and freedoms as his white friends. This will only happen with ongoing public conversations from our leaders and systematic change.
Toby teeter
Socialism
Fear is our biggest threat. Fear of progress, fear-driven hate, fear of people non-white and non-religious community members.
People fighting wearing the masks
The mask ordinance
100% the mask mandate. So much tax revenue being lost.
The masks
Nothing to do
Political divisiveness and no action to help curb climate change.
In this present moment a distinct disregard for science as it pertains to the pandemic. This was particularly apparent in recent backlash against the wearing of masks in public places and adhering to the previous stay at home order. Outside of the pandemic and overall definitely a lack of social services. Joplin has an incredibly high crime rate, one of the highest in the nation, and I believe this stems from a lack of services. There are not many good paying jobs, rent is incredibly high, with options seeming to range between decent dwellings that are out of most of the population's price range and substandard ones that are still difficult to afford despite being lower than the former, our electric company charges a higher rate than, say my family in Kansas, pays, public transportation can be difficult to attain for those without a vehicle, childcare is extraordinarily expensive (and while families may qualify for subsidized assistance through the state their monetary contribution has not been adjusted in years and has certainly not kept pace with the rising cost leaving many families still unable to afford it), access to mental health services is difficult to attain especially for those who are uninsured or under insured, dental care is extremely difficult to obtain for anyone without private insurance (my family does not have private insurance as my employer doesn't offer it. My children were only eligible to see 1 dentist in Joplin and in the wake of her murder last year I had to drive them to Springfield for their semi-annual appt, as for myself the only place that sees adults is Access and the last time I called they told me they were so booked they hadn't even been taking new patients for a significant amount of time), there is a significant homeless population with seemingly little resources from them city to assist them, and a reputation of rampant drug use and again with seemingly few proactive or supportive services in place to assist those fighting addiction. It feels as though a good part of Joplin is poor with few supports in place for improvement.
Homeless on every corner, beggars & homeless downtown streets. It scares out of towners. Do like Ok.City did yrs ago... move homeless shelters, etc to area away from downtown.
Racial tension, COVID-19 ,unemployment and low wage paying jobs.
meth and drugs
Hate. There is ample hatred and closed-mindedness in the community. So much so that it's a national expectation/stereotype. Also drugs but that is not necessarily much of a threat as it is just an ongoing issue.
Not going after what maybe a potential prospect be it business/entertainment. Too many naysayers can stall Joplins progress.

Many of the people of Joplin seem disgruntled and angry for some reason. Morale seems low.
Lack of responsibility & civic mindedness
We are getting a bad rap for our town from the crime. We keep seeing the same people getting slapped on the hand and nothing being done. I do not feel safe going out for a walk with my kids. I live next to a drug house. Who actually had a drive by about a week ago. I live next to Junge stadium, how does this look when out of towners come here for football games? Also, they could also do something about all the ran down places. Let's fix them up or tear them down. Not to add the homeless community. Standing on a lot of street corners begging for money. What can we do to help them? Is there enough resources?
Unlawful mask mandates
Covid-19 right now. And people who are more concerned over themselves and their money.
The divisiveness between different groups of people.
Conservative conspiracy theorists and their ilk who threaten and push their ideas. Example: a few people are trying to get some fired for their harmless Facebook posts.
Meth. Increasing number of drifters on street corners.
Being scared of change
The divisiveness of the Covid 19 response.
The media
Crime, drugs
Drugs-specifically meth.
To much government. Allow commerce to grow.
Lack of public services, the morale of the citizens (basically messaging about progress).
"The division of the under educated and their affect on social media.

Also the Chamber President being allowed to ask a friend to write a slam piece about Joplin"
Divisions in race, religion, economic status, and respect for the police. As like any other growing city we need to keep continually looking at programs to help keep this city connected at all aspects. Whether that means some are reaching up or others are reaching down to help out those that need it. Cultivate the neighbors helping neighbors feel. The city so has been welcoming and a nice comminity to fall in love with.
People leaving because people don't support the town and small businesses. Also drugs and crime.
Lack of affordable safe housing. Also jobs that pay a living wage.
Economy
METH
FOX News and the people who believe everything on Fox News
Pride and egos. I think the people newly appointed to city council are not doing a good job at involving everybody I the community in their push forward. It seems t be catered more to the loud people on social media and not see in a direction that will actually help our community grow ND bring business back
Those who defy the mask ordinance and believe all the Covid deaths & cases are a hoax...and a useless Governor.
Criminal activity and lack of unity, do not promote Black Lives anarchist group.
Walmart
The mayor
Racism/refusal to accept others views. (Or, you know, science)
Our old white oligarchy that opposes change and wants to keep the status quo as it is to benefit only a small minority.
Not drawing in venues for families to spend their off time here. While there are things to do, there isn't that one thing you just gotta do. Another area is the exodus of restaurants and retailers. While the current COVID-19 event may hasten a few departures, it's been a slow event for some time now.
We have a lot of communities dumping their homeless on Joplin. I love that we have such great support services in place, but I fear we're just gaining more homeless at the end of the day.
THE COMMUNIST CITY OFFICIALS WHO UNDERMINED THE CITIZENS
Economic losses due to COVID response or employers closing or leaving the area.
The city government.
Lack of growth. Growth in Joplin appears to have declined over the last 20 years. Our residents are leaving to live in areas that have less but they feel more at home in.
This is trump country. Republicans that do not value diversity and change
The unwillingness to change.
Violence and division regarding Covid-19
Divisiveness of personal interests above and beyond the interests of the community
Overreaction to Covid, forced mask policy, Antifa
Liberals. They take over and turn clean areas into ruins. The "God Bless" sign guys at stop lights should end. The promotion of LGBQT is disgusting. No groups should be promoted. Joplin has done just fine without an agenda.
Drug users
Dividing people over a mandate.
The people with in that do not want to see change.
Division
Our community is full of uneducated people who refuse to comply with scientific evidence and facts.
Covid-19
Big homeless community due to increased opioid/meth addiction numbers.
City officials passing on opportunity.
Drugs homeless crime
Keeping businesses from being open to capacity. They can't stay open much longer if we limit their service.
Too many Walmarts. Too many under played employees.
Corrupt politicians and city council members
Stagnation and ignoring any segment of our population.
Racism
Besides the covid crisis, limited choices when grocery shopping
Communism and socialism rising up. If we continue to allow the government to control us we will loose. The other counties like Neosho have no restrictions and that's the way it should be in Joplin.
Health issues Jobs, downtown business, mall closings,
The collective financial aspect of the churches to push through and marginalize believers of other religions and the LGBTQ citizens.
drugs
Meth and other illegal drugs bring more crime to Joplin.
Right now it's the Caronavirus. Long term it's finding manufacturing jobs and keeping the Mall open after Sears left.
walmart
If there isn't more for people to do here, they'll go somewhere else or get into trouble doing things they shouldn't be doing.
Division
Small businesses drying up and closing.
Fear and intimidation by those wanting to take citizens rights.
Lack of concern for one another. Poverty, no

incentive for people to work, no good paying jobs. Nothing to keep young families here. Loosing your police, your small businesses, your people.
Drug addicts and panhandlers making our city look bad. People don't want to live here r stay here because of the amount of drugs addicts and pandhandlers walking the street.
N/A
Lack of grocery other than WalMart
Drugs and homelessness.
Politics
"Covid 19. I think to much has been made of it and doubt if all the deaths are do to Covid 19. Old people die everyday.

Lack of trust of city government. In past history there has been a lack of candor with the people on proposals for tax proposals. The most successful have been transportation tax. City laid out specific projects that will be completed if the tax passes. Also successful have been parks proposals. Unsuccessful was a proposal to convert Memorial Hall for the Joplin Museum, proposal was written in such a way that the city could have converted the revenue to improve "any historical building" not just for the Memorial Hall conversation. People would have supported the proposal if it had been specific for the Museum. In the recent passage of the proposal the for the pension reform, city hid the fact there would be a 3 million dollar windfall because payments already being made by the city to the old pension would be freed up with passage of the tax. Support for the first responders outweighed the lack of candor by the city. At the same time the finance director was pushing for the online sales tax because the city did not have enough revenue. Around the same time the city paid off previously issued bonds several years early, because the revenue was greater that expected. Citizens have repeated rejected the online sales tax. the city should stop trying to find a way around the wishes of the citizens. When I buy something online it is because it is not available locally, not because I am trying to bypass the city sales tax, I often end up paying shipping fees that over ride any savings on the city sales tax. Retailers who complain about it being unfair should look for ways to be more competitive. Not necessarily just with pricing. When I need something for my business that is not available locally I can order it thru the local business and wait a week to 10 days for delivery OR I can order it online and have it tomorrow. The city always says they are trying to make if fair for local businesses by passing the tax, when in fact the city's only real concern is finding a way to get more revenue. Be truthful with the citizens.
Our inability to expand. Correction: Our unwillingness to expand. As long as we continue to stay in the Box, people will take their business elsewhere. Why are we not inviting new ideas and businesses to come into Joplin?
Obesity and poverty
Drugs, poverty, beggars on far too many intersections. Too much low income housing was built after the tornado, instead of middle income housing.
"There are a number of threats facing this community:

1. Lack of strong leadership in our city government: Joplin needs open-minded leaders who want to move the community forward.

2. Poverty: Joplin must adopt more of a ""hand up, not hand out"" attitude. It must help the homeless and impoverished to become self-sufficient.

3. Crime: Drugs, theft, vandalism, violence are all present in Joplin. The city needs to support and pay our police force and emergency service personnel to protect the citizens.

4. Pollution: Air quality in Joplin is a concern with many manufacturing plants in the city. There has been an ongoing issue with odor in the air from these plants that has not been completely resolved. It is very concerning to step out of your home and breathe in these odors on a regular basis. What exactly, besides the odors, is present in the air we're breathing?

5. Lack of city code enforcement: It all adds up to messy neighborhoods when these codes aren't enforced: big blue trash bins left out at the end of the street on a regular basis with unsecured trash flying about, overgrown lawns, lawns and driveways with an accumulation of junk that make them look like junkyards. You don't have to drive far in Joplin to witness this scene. City codes aren't enforced strongly enough. Joplin, in many areas, is neither clean nor appealing."
Fear of change and growing our town.
Racism
Crackheads
Crime
Division/lack of unity
Traffic
Poverty.
Letting businesses from out of town buy up all our land.
Jobs being moved to outlying areas to avoid persecution by city officials/ dope and no bail judges
Little or no growth.
Currently, the unknown with the virus is the most threatening.
As stated before, I believe our poor education system along with the rise in homelessness and drug use along with the poor structure of the Downtown area are our biggest threats.
Move off our young talent base. Increase in property taxes. No growth with MSSU student population. Slowly economy in near future. Lack of water source unless we can tap into lake water
Homelessness
Breakdown of the family
tsunamis
Walmart
Homelessness and inadequate care in certain neighborhoods, whether it's street lights or potholes.
Being stuck with the same old same old mentality
rapid growth
Homogeneous employment base. Hostile low educated citizenry.
Drugs, homeless people, businesses leaving, city council overstepping their boundaries
Small-mindedness, economic downturn and closures of independent businesses
I can't think of one.
Racism
Division over politics and social issues.
Capitalism
Not socially gathering. Wear masks but it is impossible to live life hibernating in our homes for eternity. This leads to depression and poor immune systems (need Vit D).
Unhappiness.
The City Council, possibly.
No growth
Politics
Not sure
We have a large percentage of our population who vote against everything. We

need to do a better job of getting voters to support bond issues and tax increases when needed.
Trumpism
N/a
Growing crime during hard times
Crime continues to be the biggest treat to our community. Within months of living here in South Side Joplin, I had stuff stolen 3 times already!
Young adults/Executives leaving due to lack of upward opportunities
Currently it's ourselves.
The lack of giving cops a good wage to keep them around and bring new cops in
High electric utility rates causing less income become put back into the economy.
Losing young citizens, who move away to have better activities available. I hear "there is nothing to do here".
The number of homeless I see on the streets is growing.
Crime. Sadly my neighborhood (as many others) have increased activity of people trying to break into homes/sheds by people using drugs, it is disconcerting to find drug paraphernalia in our yards, alleys and front walks, especially used needles.
"Small thinking closing us off from not attracting best and brightest.

If we lose the Chicago flights or don't continue to expand our airport this will almost absolutely kill my business. "
drug usage
Funding to improve/expand roads.
Dont know
Drugs
Ignorance. It's keeping Joplin from moving forward.
Meth and republicans
Racism
People with skills moving away.
Rentals
Poverty and declining neighborhoods within the city.
People spending money elsewhere because there are very few limited options to shop currently.
Currently I think homeless population could get worse due to current health situations.
We need more housing for lower income and more help for those in financial peril.
Not enough choices or things for people to do!!
Racism
"Any and all hate mongers.
Crime.
Drugs
Isolation, cyber crime, selfishness
People not caring
Complacency – homeless situation – no new business coming in – not enough recreation for young people and families – young people seem to leave the area after they get their education
Apathy and drug abuse.
Making it difficult for businesses to come to Joplin. But, I think TIF money isn't always a good way to attract. Businesses have to be willing to come to Joplin and use their own money for investing.
Covid 19 people not wanting to wear mask or social distancing
our city counsel.....
Being a Walmart controlled town. Too many controll issues.
Losing businesses
Homeless, city council (they mean well but it's a bunch of Karens), meth, crime, panhandling.
Blight, meth and crime
Going back to school this fall with Covid-19.
Increased homeless population
lack of unity
I am not sure
drug crime.....there are parts of old Joplin I will not drive down at night.....more revenue could bring in more police and pay them more....a solid wall of Blue could make this a safe and desirable community.....
The crime in this city is amazing. Criminals have no worries because they go to jail and immediately get out. Over and over. Businesses downtown are repeatedly broken into and vandalized by the homeless and drug addicts. They shoot up on the sidewalks at 9th and Main constantly.
Lack of investment. Meth problem. Joplin looks more like an intercity depressed area
N/A
Political and racial issues.
"Allowing people with agendas that are harmful. I had a friend accused of being racist because she had a rope for her grandson's swing in the tree. A female reported all over Facebook she had a nose

Posted pictures of her house and physical address encouraging others to come check it out. This incites violence and fear. It is out of hand. "
Drugs
Too much large chains restaurants and not as many local eateries.
A single monopoly to shop...Walmart!
Support for education.
Hate and unrest
Covid
Small businesses failing
Stupid people who won't follow guidelines when it comes to protecting the community and its citizens.
Meth, racism, poverty, Low wages
Fear
Walmart setting the market standards
People dividing due to covid
Being complacent.....quit standing still....
Meth use
High amount of drug use
City Council. Narrow minded. Needs to hear what the community wants and not what they want.
At the moment I'd say Covid 19
The older buildings being wasted. Not utilizing them
Lack of funding
Na
Covid 19 & compliance with citizens wearing face masks.
We have a narcotics problem, especially among the lower income population.
Racism, exclusion, hatred
Cory that doesn't listen to the needs of or town
Dying businesses
Racial inequity and political partisanism to the point of ignoring scientific facts, morality and good sense
"Kevin vanstory

Racism

People who refuse to wear masks"
Meth and the loss of freedom thanks to the idiotic and unconstitutional mask mandate
Leftist ideology and Toby Teeter. Ohhh wait a minute that's the same thing.
Younger people having to move away to make use of the education and job skills.
Lack of diversity in the population, restaurant choices, and things to do.
housing shortage. ageing pipes.
The biggest threat facing Joplin right now is also facing our entire country. This pandemic is devastating our economy.
COVID19 and the idiots who won't wear masks
I believe our dependence on sales taxes is cur-

rently under stress. The loss of big box stores in the mall is going to be a significant hit to our sales tax revenues. The city should work with mall ownership to try to find new businesses to fill vacant spaces.
No diversity
Long time residents and people in power resistant to change and innovation.
Scaring away diversity (scaring away TALENT and business)
Fear of change and growing and doing something out of the ordinary.
Again, Joplin can be a very racist, and not welcoming to diverse populations. Strongly anti-LBGTQ. The city cannot build its future on 1950s values. It needs a new and welcoming image.
low wage jobs and no opportunity to advance. And please don't respond with, go to higher education. Educate at grade school so opportunity to poor and uneducated feel that they have a chance.
"The people on our city council. They don't like change. They don't try to bring Joplin into the future, like Rogers or Kansas City. We are basically a service town. Not fun.

Jobs
Drugs and idiots
Crime/drugs
Not taking care of our neighborhoods.
A lack of critical thinking is practiced by many citizens and perpetuated by city leaders who make decisions for the city that display very little critical thought or willingness to question tradition or status quo. If we want to see real change and progress happen in our city, our leaders have to be open-minded, creative, and critical thinking, and they must communicate the reasons for their decisions with the people so that the people will begin to understand and appreciate forward-thinking ideas. Promoting new ideas also means promoting new and diverse voices that are not just white and Christian.
Panhandling and drug users in my neighborhood can get violent ..I live at 6th and moffet.. this needs stopped
Young people leaving. Build things to keep young people here and buying houses.
The low-water bridge. The gates are closed all day long blocking access to a dry road. This creates redirection of traffic which puts our neighborhoods children at risk.
"Diversity and lack of mental health availability. Yes we have facilities but the wait time is huge.

Violence.
Low wages, too much city bureaucracy
"having our freedom's removed.

Citizens deciding to simply go to their back yards and forget the rest of the world around them. Whether we like it or not we are all interconnected. Eventually what happens in our city affects us. Ways for people to get involved.
Unemployment
Complicated health care. We need to do better with informing the low income community on how to seek assistance for basic needs.
Fiscal austerity mentality prevents sound investment needed for growth. Lack of leadership and complacency with status quo
Keeping younger individuals and families here.
The loss of young and educated. They are the job creators and future taxable income. They have the highest opportunity to invest in housing and the community.
"Lack of education and empathy. Clearly, we have a large segment of the community that is combative to science, medical experts, healthcare providers, Council members, taxes, and people of color.

I think a lot of this is rooted in a lack of education and socio-economic opportunities. Which ties in with our MAJOR issue of public funding. People don't understand that you cannot have both low taxes and well-paid police/firefighters. There seems to be a disconnect between how we pay these beloved community members because you can't demand lower taxes and then complain we don't pay our city employees enough. "
Government infringement on people's rights
Ignoring marginalized populations.
Not wearing masks and following social distancing guidelines.
Authoritarianism from the federal government. The degrading of democracy, representative government, and the rule of law. Cronyism, capitalism run amok, greed, fraud, corruption and the like. Not necessarily threats particular to Joplin, per se. But threats nonetheless.
Right now, the pandemic and recession/depression. After that is not having a plan and moving forward. We are disjointed in our approach so we wind up doing some things halfway.
Pandering to the loud voices screaming to get their way.
"Three things:

1. Our unenforced building maintenance codes are allowing for aging homes to continue deteriorating, leaving the core of our city looking more and more ragged, which encouraged people to build new outside of the city limits. If we had quality housing, people wouldn't feel the need to build or buy outside the city.

Allowing special interests and developers to determine the look and feel of our city rather than following a comprehensive plan.

Deteriorating infrastructure in our city's core, especially sidewalks. We continue to cater to projects like Wildwood and continue to expand outward without taking care of what we already have."
Goddamn buffoons who believe the things they see on facebook and support that orange failure in the white house.
"See answer to #3.

And small town power plays against "newcomers", which as far as I can tell refers to people whose grandparents didn't grow up here. "
Covid-19, shooting
Poverty.
extreme negativity
Poor infrastructure
GOP and tRumpers
Drug and crime
You
Drugs
Unsure
Education
Apathy of the public to the direction and long term goals of the citizens.
Allowing Tobias Teeter to remain in a position of power in this community. You will see a diminished community response in any event or solution he is involved in.
Crime and the COVID BS
Get the bars
The biggest current threat is a lack of innovation. The city government has no new ideas for dealing with a pandemic, just like the national government. Health experts

deal with a virus on a global scale like they would in a hospital. The world isn't a hospital. We need to organize our resources around protecting the vulnerable, ensuring they have safe places to shop for groceries and other necessities. We need innovation on dealing with the homeless and poverty crisis which is on display every day in our downtown.
Prevalent use of drugs and resulting child neglect.
DRUGS! Increase in crime connected to that. Lack of safe low income housing.
Drugs
"1) The notion that road building = growth.

2) Low wages prevent many residents from enjoying a healthy (physically, mentally, spiritually) life

3) Small-town thinking (Joplin can't have nice things)"
The pandemic and destructive economic crisis it has caused
Not legalizing marijuana
Apathy in our city government thinking we're big enough, etc. Infrastructure expansion will be a challenge, but doable.
The evil in ourselves going unchecked. We need support for our chuches
Old ways of thinking. Old boy network. Lack of willingness to follow expert advice and to invest in our future.
Corruption
Entitlement. People who think they are owed something because of who their name is or because they feel their cause is important to them. We need to look at what is best for the community as a whole.
Drugs, lack of police, serving to the older generations instead of the youth. The youth all want to leave.. there is little to love here.
Communisiom or drugs
Media fear
Corona virus problems affecting reopenings...schools, businesses, industries.
Mandatory masks might help.
Our President who is purposely dividing us.
Let's see about actively creating a legitimate separation of church and state. This is crucial. People are voting with feelings and fables instead of with education and critical thinking skills. When a mayor is faced with a healthcare challenge such as a PANDEMIC and must concern themselves with the health and safety of a whole community, there is no place in that conversation for scripture. It's non-inclusive, dangerous, and confusing.
The virus . And ppl not thinking its real
Laws that go against the constitution
Meth heads
Increasing homelessness, vagrants , theft
Death and violence and then drugs.
"homeless

drugs

crime / arson fires to vacant structures "
Falling debris from the old Freeman Hospital at 2008 S Sergeant
Defunding police and inconsistency in the courts. So very many repeat offenders who know the system. We have great law enforcement / first responder teams - however, sometimes it seems they are fighting a losing battle.
Overzealous council members
Old school thinking, racism, good ole boys
Division of people. It will always be there, but right now it's getting worse. Politics and the pandemic are ripping the nation apart, but focusing on the city itself it's also true.
Be okay with talking with the people about it with medical professionals to keep people educated about it. Don't pull punches to look better. Remind everyone that in the same way this town came together before they can do it again to help with these issues. No one will ever agree 100% with each other, but right now I feel as though small towns are suffering the most from misinformation because city leaders aren't taking the time to address how everything is happening locally. Division and misinformation are the things that can tear a whole civilization apart so imagine what could happen to a small town. But also, being smaller means that it can easier to find middle ground where most people can be happy. So don't be afraid to have more local communications about what is going on and how to fix it.
Our own city council. They seem to meet their own needs before the community needs
Uneducated, untrained individuals. Too much government intrusion. Lack of pride, self worth in self, community and country
If we keep letting senior citizens dictate what happens in this town.
Lack of foresight and progressive thinking. At times Joplin and our area in general can be to conservative.

Drug usage, failure to support the police department, and being a homeless magnet
"Respect but that's everywhere.

meth and the rise of violent crimes
Clovis 19 and racest people
We should avoid selling our souls to corporations coming in to look for tax breaks, and also deter the consolidation of available land into the lands of a few property owners.
Drugs
Drugs and poverty.
Too many people in power who is controlling the City. They don't want Joplin to change.
Nothing for young middle or Senior ages to do here.
"DRUGS!

Panhandlers"
Terroristic white nationalism, which is based on fascism and racism. We also face a lot of poverty, and a great portion of people affected by poverty are people of color or non-white.
Confederate flags make the city uneasy as the confederate flag represents a group of states who could not agree on a future without enslaving black people. Black people and people of color are most likely to receive violence, hateful speech, fighting words, and be detained when they retaliate, protect, or act in self defense.
Being FORCED to wear a mask is going to hurt lots of businesses. That's a pretty big threat to the business owners and their employees and joplins ECONOMY isn't it??
LIBERALISM AND SOCIALISM
Drugs and underpaid law enforcement and emergency response workers.
"Our community.

Yep. I said it.

We've trapped ourselves. Almost in amber. We blame city staff and council for everything... forgetting that the offending staffer our council person has probably been out office five years ago.

We have a lot of people with deep feelings on things, but we truly lack leaders. That's not saying that we don't have them, but that kind of leadership is tricky and often comes at a cost. "
drug

Community breakdown
Poverty.. joplin is a third world community that's why drug dealers can make big bucks in joplin!!
"Meth

/drugs "
Improper use of city funds. No thought for the long-term future of the city. Turnkey projects
Neighborhood blight, poverty and drugs
Drugs
The division and overreach from our city leadership. Lack of transparency
Political agendas
A large portion of our community is scared of change (ie: Right vs. Left, Conservative vs. Liberal, 'Everything is great as it is vs. We can be so much more)
Mask mandate I do alot of my business in joplin and honestly I am partially deaf and if I have to go somewhere I am forced to attempted to communicate w a population that I cant I can just stay in my own town where I can have freedom to do what I want not be fined for doing something that makes my life literally 50s x harder on me i wont go and I know I am not the only one
The biggest threat is crime and drug addiction it is going up fast a lot of homeless people walking around we should have strict laws but also shelter and help Also our dependence on trucking business for the future
The city council and chamber of commerce not listening to the citizens of Joplin.
Homeless
Inconsistent government and the refusal to grow
COVID-19
Racists and homophobes being given a voice
Drugs, crime, low income, obesity. Businesses have a hard time attracting people for professional positions because the pay is low & there isn't anything to do after work. So they end up pulling out of Joplin & relocating to places with more culture and activities.
"Lack of thriving businesses. Many many vacant commercial property.

Our mall.

Homeless "
Not supporting businesses, large or small, that would be interested in being a member of the community.
Lack of education and fear of progress.
Crime - mainly drug crimes
Trump.
The communities negative attitude! Folks who are so stuck in complaining they forget to put effort in helping make things better.
Overreaching from the city government.
Crime. There are a lot of homeless and drugs. Needles and drug paraphernalia in some alleyways and under overpasses.
The city council members except the two that have been there the longest they are wonderful
Speeding cars
METH
Those who don't want to see/embrace change
City Government
Being divided
Lack of unity
The smallest of minority and I don't mean blacks I mean minority of the people
Every race isn't created equally. I want to see inclusion and unity in our community. I want my kids growing up knowing they're safe, not racially profiled by law enforcement.
Our fear of change. The status quo.
Illicit drugs all over without proper law enforcement
Becoming a ghost town because most of the liberals that want the mask and things closed down don't have jobs so they're not going to be spending much money here and a lot of the conservatives are going to other towns to shop and spend their money and there's a camel eventually move out of Joplin
Walmart
Lack of revenue at the city. We have said "no" to too many excellent projects.
Coronavirus and people not wanting to wear mask
Losing small businesses because we have a lot of them.
Divisiveness and drugs
Partisan politics trying to make health crisis and race relations political disasters. These thing should unite not divide. Shut down and wear a mask because black lives also matter
Foul airways that Protein Solutions is allowed to pollute. I can not comprehend how this has been allowed to go on for years.
Probably the same thing that is threatening all communities, people being driven apart because of strong political and lately hearing social beliefs. These differences have always been here, but individuals were able to engage these topics as just that, individuals, and go on to another subject and so on. Mow there ate horrible, hurtful slurs that aren't humorous in the least actually naming a complete political party as felons, mobsters, whatever. Saying that sort of thing is driving neighbors, friends, cities and all the way up. To me as a 60 year old lifelong resident of these central Ozarks, is truly saddening. I wish people would pull together as seen after The Tornado and start helping without question. In the middle of tragedy, that was beautiful.
Covid
"Homelessness

Job loss

Poverty

People being idiots about covid
Socialism
The city being divided. I don't feel that we needed a huge billboard saying Black Lives Matter. But, since they put that up, there needs to be one that says "Blue Lives Matter" or "All Lives Matter". Thete is no respect for law enforcement anymore.
Lots of stealing in all areas of town and the police don't seem to care. Also, this mask ordinance is making people divided as well.
People overreacting to virus etc and causing fear and panic.
Coronavirus!
Willful ignorance and stupidity in the face of scientific truth
Covid. Our local and family businesses seem to be hurting :(
Besides COVID? I think it would have to be broken homes. Broken homes lead to drug and alcohol addictions, educational lapses, crime rate increases, and over all a lack of compassion and understanding.
Meth and thieves
Drugs and covid-19 wear a mask!
20 something that have multiple kids w/ multiple people w/ no education or career ambitions.
"Government overstepping by mandating masks. You're hurting our business and economy by mandating. I for one Will NOT shop Joplin if wearing a mask is mandatory. I spent the weekend spending my money in surrounding communities because I refuse to let city council

Strip my right to choose away. "
People moving out. Citizens tired of the city

taking over our lives.
Our city leadership. We are the only town/city that I'm aware of that doesn't actually elect the mayor. That needs to change.
The good ole boy rotation system doesn't work. Because there have been several that were not qualified enough to be in charge of Joplin.
Meth, gun violence, blight, unintegrated neighborhoods. More than that, I'll liken the cities residents to children who need care, structure, comfort, rules, recreation,
Radical groups and their violent agendas.
Sometimes I don't feel safe in Joplin. The virus will go away sooner or later, these groups will continue to hang on.
Drugs. Turnover with police force.
Mr Teeter's ability to change council members minds
Young professionals moving away
Losing any of our large companies and many restaurants who are struggling to stay open!
"Downtown is dead

Losing our young people

No one really shops enough downtown

Missing out on tourism opportunities

Need new residents"
Fix things in ques 2 and it should be reduced
People being stupid and not wearing masks
"Income disparity between the wealthiest and the poorest. More people with a disposable income creates an economy that " raises all ships"

Need for ongoing education of all citizens not just those going to college"
our rights as American citizens being taken from us
Our rights being taken away from us
Nobody wants things to change. The community itself is divided with a us vs them mentality. Change can not happen if we can't all be on the same page.
Division. People making every single thing political. Unkind interactions.
"Fear of progress.

Homeless

Drugs theft,
Innapropriate use of local taxes and a failure to invest in community interests. Excessive policing and inadequate homeless shelters/programs are examples.
Walmart? We have a pretty wonderful community. (Once this division over masks passes.)
Economy dropping somewhat because of mask ordinance.People are shopping in near by towns.
Division
Mask people protesting and rioters
Decrease in local business
I dont know nothing
Division. I feel as though our city has never been more divided in my lifetime. I saw a city that pulled together to rebuild and heal after a terrible tornado, but now can't unite for the safety of public health over something as small as a face mask. Information on topics like the mask ordinance could be streamlined a little better.
The loss of industry and the loss of tourists. Both have an extremely significant influence in our city and our area.
Police harassment to generate revenue
The ignorance surrounding COVID-19. The face mask laws need to be enforced until our numbers start dropping. That may mean some angry people but positions of power should use common sense for the health and well being of everyone. I know you can only do so much but leading by example is a good start.
President of the chamber of commerce
Panhandlers scaring off new business, and to some degree probably the drug use that got some of those people to that point in the first place.
repressive thinking
Judges and lack of cops helping citizens
"COVID right now.

In a normal stance - bigger cities. They have better shopping, attractions and restaurants. When I want to do something worth doing, I feel I need to go to AR or Springfield. "
Meth and child abuse
The lack of communication from the leadership. The lack of knowledge to our community and the strong influence of politics.
Division
Council is not helping nor the chamber director people are leaving
City council dividing the people in a way that the city of Joplin suffers and loses so much revenue that it essentially becomes so over taxed that no one wants to live here.

Bringing big city policies to Joplin that are guaranteed to bring big city results. For example, the current push to defund police is beginning to be pushed by a small but loud group. This will bring about the same failed policies that are destroying St Loius.
A year ago, I would have said the smell from pollution.
Drug dealer s and the mask orderience and homeless population
Honestly, citizens who are afraid of change.
I've seen and heard a lot of really hateful things lately because "they" are "ruining" our peaceful town. There have always been issues in the area but people are becoming more vocal and angry as things change and I'm really afraid that our city will never be allowed to progress when so many citizens behave this way.
Fascism and communist take over of our personal rights and freedoms!
Drugs and Crime
The police.
Lack of involvement. Not caring.
Masks! We are breathing in our own carbon monoxide wearing them. You are literally forcing us to poison ourselves!
"Neglect

Drugs

Homeless "
"Certain areas of the city needs assistance, more police in these areas.

City need to continue to give citations to residents that does not keep residential areas clean"
Individuals ignoring health experts on covid
Being seen as the "big city with problems" throughout the region by the neighboring smaller communities.
Economy bust from wearing masks. Violence is ramping up.
Rogue politicrats not putting the constitutionally protected freedoms of their (former) constituents before faulty science and not looking at the data from an educated statistical position. Just saying there are more people positive does not tell the complete story. If you test 10 people and 2 are positive and then a week later test 100 people and 4 are positive, sure there are more cases, but its statistical meaning is completely different.
Declining property values and resulting eco-

nomic development decline due to physical, social and economic conditions of neighborhoods, low wage growth, and high rent to income burden.
Homelessness and meth addiction.
Lack of transparency by elected officials / self dealing with insider knowledge on future city business / acquisitions. Lack of confidence in city leadership. Example: within 2 weeks vote down and then authorize a mask ordinence (absolutely the correct decision) but have no compliance mechanism. If you want to get back to normal shut down some of the violators and issue fines for non compliance. This is a public heakth issue and should be enforced. If enforced the effect would be less infection / transmission and getting back to "normal" quicker. Its not a freedom issue when other peoples actions can literally cause the sickness / death of fellow citizens. As an older resident don't I have the right to expect a safe city to shop / live in?
Drugs
Too much sprawl
Small police force
I think political and religious tensions are at the forefront of our division in Joplin. I think more efforts should be made to recognize the minority groups' voices.
Allowing concert houses to operate in residential neighborhoods. It's an excuse for people to host drinking parties for pay.
Becoming stagnant or falling behind with the things we offer. If we overlook our are afraid to think big and take a chance, then other communities around us will take advantage and leave us behind.
The decay of older buildings, forgetting the town's history, and weak relationships among neighbors
Ignorance and apathy about the current pandemic
Wearing mask
Drugs, homeless, not enough options of things to do.
Crime and division.
Racism and concern only for the individual and not the community. Communities with an "every man for himself" attitude die and that is why this community is rotting. It's feeding crime, drugs, and violence because poverty is rampant and people are desperate for any way to survive and desperate to escape the suffering. Communities don't prosper when everyone is thinking of only themselves and helping their fellow man isn't done.
Poverty
Illegal drugs and increased criminal activity
Crime, city council, & media
Lack of work force will affect attractiveness to business
Racism and ignorance
Bigotry, racism and religious prejudice. It's well known outside of Joplin. When I told people I was moving here the most common remark was, "why would you go there? They're prejudiced, hateful and despise anyone who is not of their faith". Keep in mind that I am an ordained minister answering this. Even Jesus was not a fan of zealots. And this area has a very definite reputation for that. Fortunately we do have some more tolerant voices in our communities. But as long as the perception is prevalent, people and business will be reluctant to move here. Without new businesses with WELL PAYING jobs, this area will die.
Socialism
People who think only of themselves. Especially the larger greedy companies that are trying to pollute main street.
Close minded selfishness of people who aren't willing to look at themselves and find any fault.
Not supporting our law enforcement enough
Currently, COVID-19. Our area (Jasper, Newton, McDonald) continues to see increases.
I'm very glad the mask mandate passed.
Being scared of each other due to fears of covid
"The job situation with covid 19

And all the restrictions we have concerning it, with surrounding town they can go and find everything they need..

Fear of progress
Resistance to change
Silencing of the public's voices and votes.
Walmart
The lack of community. It feels "every man for himself" as of late. There is a lack of consideration for your neighbor. Many seem to want a handout instead of working for something.
Covid-19
Covid, Republicans, fake news, racist people.
In all seriousness, viewing addiction as criminal before viewing it as a disease.
meth
Racism, Bigotry and social class segregation. People selling and leaving. Small businesses closing at a high rate and leaving town
Diversity in which not all are willing to accept.
Currently, the divide in the community caused by the JACC and the council. Then add the everyday issues of drugs, crime and panhandling and it makes for a volatile environment. The Justice for Joplin group needs to be dismantled. They are causing more of a divide than the JACC leader did with the WaPo article.
The biggest threat Joplin faces is that our community is so divided in every topic that arises. Racism, Politics, the quality of our local Government are all topics that people fight over constantly. Differences are supposed to be celebrated, but in Joplin, being different or having a different opinions is something you have to hide. Social media has only made that worse.
Misinformation
Suburban sprawl. Concrete cities. Big box stores going under that leaves retail wastelands.
Covid, and a Federal Government that has deviated from classical republicanism. Our community could be doing a lot better than we are now under this pandemic. City leaders took too long to enforce a mask ordinance. Our leaders are our biggest threat at the moment. I will vote against every one of them.
The mandatory mask mandate. I think it will hurt small businesses the most.
Not having a place such as a sports area or concert venue. All that revenue goes to Springfield or Tulsa
The trash on the ground
Drugs, dealers and homeless, crime
Our local government, the homeless and panhandlers that trash out town, they should be moved away from the public eye. Main street is a terrible place to have the homeless, and drives the public away from local small businesses, and makes the public feel unsafe.
Covid, because we can die. Obviously.
Inequity - political divisions, economic disparities, racial challenges
Loss of jobs, especially local owned businesses
"Our town tends to not support things. MSSU gets very little attention. I am glad to see Third Thursday work. Free. That helps.

This town is fairly poor."

Panhandlers. They make our city look 3rd world.
Drugs and invasion by illegal immigrants. We are seeing a large influx of illegals which also leaves open an influx of south of the border drugs. Investigate both and put in place a plan to combat both.
Poor planning
Meth
Not sure
Addiction. We need more options for people who need in house treatment. Drugs (prescription or illegal) are everywhere in our town. There are limited rehabilitation centers & resources. We have a liquor store on many of our towns corners, more than we have schools. The ran down & old buildings & housing need to be removed so that we don't have people with addition staying in them or causing issues like the old abandoned hotel that caught on fire due to squatters rummaging threw it.
Tobby Teeter
Increasing hostility from BLM & associated groups. Yes, racism is an issue everywhere, but hostility, threats, and property destruction only makes it worse.
Social media has everything so polarized and political that good people are no longer communicating effectively or in some cases at all with each other.
Our blind eye to drug issues is definitely a big problem. We have so many people that are panhandling and we need to find better ways of helping them become an integral parts of our society again. Job opportunities, such as caring for our main street area as mentioned above would be a great way to offer jobs to those in need. We need to conquer our methamphetamine problem in this area. Before I moved to this area, I was warned that the Joplin area is the methamphetamine capital of our country. We need to be known for greater things than that.
Not being able to provide mental health and health or housing to the homeless population.
Meth
Division on racism and COVID-19. There's a serious lack of education. Way too much spewing of hatred due to politics. Neither of these issues should be related to politics. We need to find a way to be unified.
With the pay of firefighters and police so terrible the turnover rate is through the roof leaving only old firefighters and police just trying to finish and retire and new inexperienced firefighters and police in their place who quickly get the needed experience and then move on somewhere else.
The city leaders who don't listen to the people and force a mask mandate
Meth and apathy
lack of officers to keep crime down.
The meth addiction in Joplin and the homeless population. Tweakers and homeless in front of businesses pan handling and everything else on our main roads of 7th Street and rangeline are a eye sore not just for the community but visitors in town or passing threw. Need to have a government funded rehab facility like Tulsa Oklahoma does and when cops arrest a alcoholic or druggie the cops give them two choices go to the rehab and get admitted and help or take charges and go to jail. And in Tulsa if u get out the rehab facility 3 times and keep failing to be clean than your banned for a year and arrested and took to jail no option for chance to get help
Lack of high paying jobs!
Goverment control
Drugs, violence, lack of police respect or any community respect.
Losing small businesses
Casinos.
Our local businesses closing
Sprawling outward causing unnecessary strain on our economy . Allow for taller buildings for population density to serve our businesses. Aka becoming springfield is not a good idea.
"Lack of quality higher paying jobs.

Without those jobs th city will lack growth"
Complacency to let businesses fail and properties deteriorate without a vision for future improvement to maintain a pleasingly beautiful, thriving and welcoming city with a hometown feel.
Being stubborn in old ways of thinking
Drugs and crimes...and it seems the judges tend to offer sentences that are exceedingly light. Younger folks make it a goal to leave here because of lack of desirable jobs
City council that gives in to out of town radicals.
Trying to control by fear and misinformation
Complacency.
Disunity, meth, heroin and the Joplin Honkeys. Also the infiltration of the Mexican drug cartel
Businesses going under
Lack of leadership, apathetic city development, mismanaging of funds, an extremely vocal minority of people who are never happy with anything.
Covid
Meth..pills...Tomany on welfare.
Drug abuse , homelessness and waste of lots of money after the tornado!!!!
Democrats
Mask mandate is going to cause Joplin to have less diversity and a big loss in small business and revenue.
The citizens stupidity.
making people wear mask
Fear and division
Mandated mask orders, city leaders who do not like change or only like change if it fits their agenda
Ignorance (willful and not) and a lack of care for others that leads to breakdown of community.
Drugs and Crime
I believe the number threat to our community is poverty. This is a very impoverished town, and it's only getting worse. The wealthy people all move to neighboring towns.
Businesses shutting down.
Greed
Blight. Homelessness. Alcohol and drug addiction.
We keep electing people that are reluctant to change - this will stop people from wanting to support our city.
"1. Our crime rate and lack of police / low wages and ability to attract them to improve our towns quality of life

2. The chamber of commerce has always led us down rabbit hole after rabbit hole. They need less influence in politics and more emphasis on jobs."
Springfield and NWA attracting shoppers and diners away from Joplin.
Division between the Joplin for Justice movement and the other citizens who live here. They preach kindness, and inclusion but if you do not share those beliefs they will ostracize you and shame you. There is a bigger need for youth activities and things to do.
Democrats and the left.
Issues above. Plus people not taking this pandemic seriously/people not being properly educated.
Divide. Especially as of late, our city has become so divided over things like blm, masks, etc. Every hot topic is causing more division

rather than unity.
Apathy
racism
The city spreading fear due to political propaganda.
"Drugs and lazy people. Homeless sotting.and begging g.o. corners

Loss of freedoms and economic impact of people shopping elsewhere. Forcing mask usage while in the city doesn't make them continue to shop in Joplin. People can choose to shop elsewhere in other cities, counties, and states and many are doing so.
Losing all our young bright talented folks to northwest Arkansas, Austin, KC, Tulsa because Joplin doesn't encourage them to stay or support their passions.
Ignorance. People being ignorant towards each other and towards the masks that are necessary to protect us.
Making everyone wear mask will separate is and hurt our small businesses.
Tweakers
The govt
Ignorance
People moving. City Council
The fact that no one has a back bone we wont stand up to anyone.
Masks because you will be driving tax dollars out of the community, then the city will want to increase taxes to make up for the loss of revenue from their previous decision.
I hate to say it, but it is a new generation of ideas and creativity, but Joplin is still lead by men that hate change. This is a huge threat. I appreciate Toby at the Chamber is full of progressive ideas and is willing to create change in our community. I wish the Council members that aren't progressive would embrace it.
"DIVISION. People working for their agenda instead of what is right for the community.
Failure to listen, failure to communicate. Failure to see beyond themselves.

Also, our schools need competent teachers and leaders who are willing weed out those who don't meet a high standard. Our teachers need to be able to teach. "
Lack of information. We live in a very religious town. Where people will stop besides you and say Jesus loves you which is nice. But the same people believe God will protect them from the Corona virus the town threat is not being informed how to protect themselves
Racism and Trump. Both are causing huge divisiveness. I had no idea how many racists lived here.
The chamber & council
"Negativity, so many citizens only want to offer complaints and critiques and shortcomings.

Young people leaving for better "scenes" elsewhere.

Cost of living going up. "
Drug use and the associated crime.
A culture of willing ignorance both in our population as well as in leadership (stinnet, Shaw), and about seeming acceptance of the status quo among city leadership. If you don't take the initiative to keep the city healthy and continue to find innovative ways to grow it, key partners will leave the city and the city will die. That would make me sad.
Joplin is such a wonderful small city that is ideal for many.
Mask mandates
Ignorance, hate
Right now? Covid-19. But in general, it's a lack of civic-mindedness among residents and a distrust of any city-led efforts to make the city more livable and sustainable.
Poverty
The biggest threat facing our community, right now, is peoples inability to do what is right for all humans beings. Being a more conservative area I think that equal rights is a threat.
Apathy
Lack of residential lighting
Hate and discrimination. We shouldn't stand for racism, or fear of others. We are a community and should be willing to think of all people as humans!!
Right now, ignorance towards science/statistics and understanding factual evidence. As someone who is a trained statistician/scientist, it is alarming to me the amount of people who do not know how to look at things from a research point of view. But guess how this changes? Through public education. This can be through supporting the public school system, local colleges, the library, the Joplin Globe, having speaking events, etc.
Masses of homeless driving away potential residence. Methamphetamine.
CoC leadership and the wimps that cowed to him
Drugs and hatred. And the lack of Police officers to handle it.
That people have to wear masks to make everybody else happy
People trying to take away the small-town charm and make it standard big box commercial city.
Drugs and homelessness
The mask mandate is causing Joplin to lose a lot of business.
Corruption of public officials, followed closely by the drug problem.
COVID-19 and the re-opening of schools in the fall.
Not moving forward, not changing. Also the crime, meth and homeless are a problem.
Need a modern police with more focus on mental and public health. I think there is too much focus on Rangeline. Use other streets, spread things out, use the whole city. Rangeline is congested
right wing fascism and corporatism
Systematic racism and covid
Drugs. Lack of care. Joplin acts like they care, many do not.
Masks
No entertainment. Panhandlers. Homeless. And drugs and crime.
Meth
People strung out on drugs.
Loss of business and revenue, Disunity, lack of trust in leadership
Extreme left socialism mental thinking.
A city that votes one way and then changes that vote the very next meeting, regardless of the reason, it creates skepticism and division in our community
Those with the authority to make change but refuse to do so! We need leaders that are determined to keep this a great place to live! Maintain a strong police force and keep our city clean!
Hate and misinformation
Horrendously low taxes, underfunded schools and underpaid teachers, and stupidity
Stupidity. Theft of liberty. And normal urban crime
ignorant white people
Republicans, tornadoes, and low taxes.
Liberalism! We need to keep our conservative beliefs. Thankful our city has not had major rioting or destruction of property.
Also preserving our historic buildings and places.
Drugs and homeless situation.
Lack of oppertunities

Bigotry and racism
The city of Joplin not listening to the community
Businesses closing due to covid
Meth heads and thieves
I think we need to make sure that wages across the city keep up. We are a very inexpensive place to business on a national scale, even a regional one. But prices for goods and services are going up, as are home prices. We need to make sure our inexpensiveness does not become a liability through wages becoming too low.
A development pattern that is economically unsustainable. We can't continue to encourage development on "cheap land" on the outskirts of town. Building and maintaining miles and miles of new streets, sidewalks, sewer lines, water lines, etc. adds millions of dollars in maintenance obligations onto out tax base. We need to encourage development upon our existing infrastructure (e.g Form Based Codes).
COVID-19, but once this is over, poverty, and the symptoms of poverty.
White Males over 50s in positions of power. Things will NEVER change. Another threat is the City of Joplin intertwined with local Churches. Nothing will ever change with WASPs being in positions of power. Maybe by the time my kids can vote things will start to change around.
The Race wars. I'm a mixed female and I've had my experience with racism and it's hard and we just want people to stop it. It hurts.
Funding. We have funding for a city of 50,000. We can provide services for a city of 50,000. The issue we face, is that there's 250,000 here during the day. As a journalist, I once took a look at what our police per citizen number should be, it's not quite where it should be for a city of 50,000, and it's way off for our daytime population of 250,000. I imagine firefighters and other first responder numbers are the same. I know it's difficult, but we must look at ways to balance how we protect this community.
Everyone having to wear masks. I can't even go to the gym now because of it
Right wing politics which cares primarily about money at the expense of people and lives. Some extremest religious organizations and racism that has held tight since the Civil War. The marriage of our schools with Christianity. While I have no problem with religion, there should be a fair and balanced representation of all religions within the school district because while we have Christians here we also have Jewish people, Muslims, Buddhists and Pagans. Leaders from within each community should be asked to participate in the various activities that go on within the city and all should be encouraged to worship in whatever way they feel comfortable. It would be nice if we are going to begin events with Prayers / Blessings, that each religions leader be on a rotation type schedule and allowed to deliver the blessing for said event. Inclusive acts promote our common good rather than separating us because of cultural and ideological differences. When leaders show inclusion there tends to be a ripple effect within the community and the effect is that some people will actually open their hearts and minds to our similarities rather than the constant barrage of differences.
Conspiracy theorists who don't listen to actually science and doctors. They need to wear masks, but they'll listen to any excuse not to have to wear one to avoid the inconvenience.
Division among the community
Drugs. Panhandling. Loss of freedom. If you don't have an N95 mask, you are just kidding yourself
Currently covid
Fear. The community is being run by false media and it's the city's job to stand up and let people know that we aren't going to go cashless and let our small business friends drown.
Drugs
The smell of the town and the masks.
People not wearing mask
BLM and covid19
Losing retainers. Meth and drug addiction users.
drugs.
We have increasing violence and crime due to drug usage and a lot of it starts with youth who are not involved in their communities. A teen community center would be ideal where they can hang out and receive mentorship from trusted adults. So if home life is not the greatest due to drugs they can be shown a better way before they get involved in the cycle.
Discontent and division over city council decisions when it feels we the people are not heard!
Toby Teeter Chamber of Commerce
Progressivism.
"It depends on who and where you are. For my neighborhood it's meth-heads. For my black neighbors it's police. They are routinely stopped for no reason. Stopped for ""walking on the wrong side of the road"" or pulled over for ""looking suspicious"" (18 times in ONE YEAR! without tickets, warnings, or arrests). Could you please tell the police that it's the super skinny white people acting twitchy and stealing things from my yard that are the meth-heads and not my black upstanding neighbors?

Joplin's biggest threat by far, even beyond the drugs, is intolerance and hate. It clouds just about everything in this city."
All of the panhandling on every street corner needs to stop. We need to clean up our street corners. It makes people feel bad when they do not give to these people that are staring them down when they are waiting at a stop light. If that is fixed maybe it will get rid of some of the drug issues. If not that is the next thing that needs to happen.
Bigotry, ignorance, poverty, underpaid fire and police personel, drugs and criminals
covid 19...Keep the mask ordinance!!!!!!!
Mayor Ryan Stanley, Mayor Pro Tem Keenan Cortez, Council Members Christina Williams, Anthony Monteleone, Dr. Diane Reid Adams, and Chuck Copple.
Our city officials
The segregation. The lack of respect for the town and people.
DRUGS
Meth and Joplin honkies
Addiction. You cannot go anywhere in town with seeing someone strung out on drugs.
Organizations like the CVB that are acting like they're changing their colors while still supporting members who harass and professionally sabotage new people in the community making them not ever want or be able to stay in the area.
Government control
The mask mandate, people will not shop here and it WILL affect the community.
Crime, drugs, people with no respect for the law. My experience with the Joplin PD hasn't been the greatest but I still have great respect for what they do
I would say it's complacency. If people are satisfied, they don't change.
Government control and loss of freedoms.
Over zealous city council and out of touch woke

chamber.
Uncompetitive work force, unity in zoning with counties, young families leaving because the cities agendas don't meet their needs. Focus on entertainment, outdoors and community
Drugs
Drugs and crime, homeless people.
Not sure
Heat exhaustion and more crimes wearing masks or any other face coverings.
Coronavirus and stupidity
The new mayor and majority of the city council.
Drugs!
na
Masks and other mandates that make you sheep
Businesses coming and leaving in short period of time. This town needs a BIG Industry.
Drugs, lack of employment, lack of community growth
Meth.
High utility bills
City Council. Business shutting down due to lack of patrons.. (Mask issue) we don't shop in Joplin anymore until it is lifted
Division, racism, crime.
We are doing extremely little about known drug houses and illegal activity. Joplin citizens are spending hundreds of thousands flipping houses and cleaning up neighborhoods. All this is for nothing when known crime hubs go unchecked.
homeless druggies, meth traffic, panhandlers
meth, homelessness, crime such as stealing of vehicles, bicycles, and shootings.
Nothing to attract a younger crowd.
Short sighted leaders
Crime, meth, and leaders without vision.
Crime
Lack of better paying jobs.
Poor police training on.mental health and poor training on the Constitution of the United States the laws and the laws there to Serve and Protect and for the police to know that their public servants that they work for the community not for a condom you nor a business
Bigots and people who pick fights for having a difference of opinion
Security. Whether it's street lights, more funding for JPD to have more officers patrolling, safer sidewalks, less drug use, less homeless and/or drunks roaming freely at night... we need your help. You're truly in a bad position, and our family quite literally prays for you- because this city is falling apart and I'm not sure you won't end up with most of the blame, publicly. Our Chamber of Commerce is a joke- our small businesses that could be the heart of the community have no support. There's too many Chiefs, and not enough Indians. I love that you care enough to put out a survey like this and I look forward to seeing you take the challenges of our community head on!
Homelessness and drugs
Drugs, crime & just not being up to speed on family activities & entertainment!
A city council which in the past has pretty much stunted the growth of Joplin.
Apathy and poverty. We have a few industries employing a large majority of our work force and not balancing this out can lead to issues with our local economy. Apathy in the disconnect with our community as well as bias towards those who are the loudest voices regarding the direction for the city. This is beginning to improve by looking at examples such as Fayetteville and how their community thrives.
Racism, people here are surprised when i tell them the things that are told towards me, one time I was closing up and I was outside with my manager when these men in a red truck with 2 Confederate flags on the back drove by yelling "fuck you nigger" my manager herself said she didn't realize ppl were racist here in joplin after witnessing it. Or one time I heard my coworkers talking politics aka trump and I was interested in hearing and they cut it short by saying you people don't like trump anyways... mind you I've never uttered a bad thing about the president. I want managers to take racist situations seriously. I'm currently in a legal battle when a coworker and a supervisor was trying to justify the word nigga cause they grew up in the hood and that they considered more white people as niggers than black people, meaning she still considered black ppl as niggers regardless, I told the owner of the cleaning business there was no apologies from the owner, the supervisor eventually texted me apologizing while using the word nigga thankfully I had proof
Mask order, homeless people crime. Listen to the people, most important stop trampling on our rights as American citizens.
Homeless and drugs
Crime, rebellion, from city officials overreach. Businesses losing income because shoppers will be & are taking there business to Neosho where freedoms are respected & understood
There is nothing to do, everyone leaves this area to do things.
Drugs and the people using them not having enough time in jail! The judges have made this town a joke
"THEFT- for instance, just last week, a man's 20 foot shed with his motorcycle was stolen overnight! How does this happen?! Nobody thought it was suspicious or stopped the thieves?

I, myself have had my moped stolen. Nobody ever followed up with me. It's not taken seriously. "
Currently, the pandemic. The mask ordinance was a wonderful decision, regardless of what the naysayers think. -Long term, I believe it is getting souls harbor off main street, which would eventually bring more venue to the city.
Definitely sounds like a contridiction.. but the war on drugs and Meth/Heroin addicts..
Wearing mask
"Drugs

Homeless

Democrat oriented governance

Economy collapse

Possible deep state/BLM/commie operators in city government

Business moving away"
"Political members stuck in their old ways who do not let joplin grow and be more diverse.

We also need creative ways to assist the homeless. "
Face masks
homeless people and drug addicts. No more slap on the wrist, get them out of here. You can't drive downtown without seeing homeless people every where.
Unwillingness of some citizens to pivot to change to the future to grow
HATE JUDGEMENTS UNCARING. INSTEAD OF SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES WE WOULD RATHER SUPPORT SMALL CITIES SINCE THEY HAVE NOT TAKEN THE PEOPLES RIGHTS. SO JOPLIN WILL END UP BROKEN OR ABANDONED BUSINESSES

DUE TO THIS MASK ORDINANCE
city council
Cities near by passing Joplin in opportunities outside of factory and trucking along with better community offerings.
"Over population of homeless. We have great organized sources for homeless to better themselves. Watered Gardens, etc.

Panhandling only enables them. I have seen the same people 2+ times a week working a corner for a few months, then move to a new corn for a few months. Because this is allowed, the panhandling crowd had doubled, maybe tripled in the last few years."
Meth
Drugs
Drug abuse, teenage drug abuse.
Worry about our small local business's.
Economy so low with covid . don't want see our small businesses going under especially places in main Street.
The mask ordinance. It is illogical and poorly thought out.
Not enough innovation to do things new and in a different way than they have been done in the good old boys club.
Inability to listen and care for each other
Division.
DRUGS. And crooked council members.
Not enough trained officials
The leadership, if that's what you'd like to call it. It's rather comical. Drugs are also a huge problem.
COVID-19, Racism, Misinformation
Apparently from I have seen, people have complained about the homeless and panhandlers. Which I dont see the issue in panhandling. If people want to give money or food...let them, if not...they can just drive on by. I hope that doesnt become an issue to where it has to be reverted to being illegal. And I will say it again, our youth needs more activities. Entertained kids are happy kids.
Biggest threat is the democrats
The few that run the city council
Drug dealers and pan handlers
All the businesses going under, exp in the mall. Mall is a great attraction for not only shoppers but walkers, college students, and others.
local politicians and city council
Homeless. Foot traffic at night all over the town .
Drugs, crime, and city leaders who ignore the will of the people.
People not wearing masks, or maintaining social distancing, and lack of finding for schools & law enforcement & Mental Health programs.
Old ways of thinking, elderly city council members, too many Republicans. For real.
The juvinile court with the pony show between the attorneys, Child Services and juvinile dept. Would love to talk more
Community safety and the homeless over running the center of the city.
Drugs/homeless/incredibly slow HUD housing, affordability of places to rent that are safe (my 72yo mother lives next door to a self proclaimed gang but it's all she can afford)
Lack of growth leading to rise in unemployment and homelessness. Joplin May be a smaller city, but we could always grow.
Not enough entertainment to bring in young people.
Property owners with no sense of obligation to maintaining their abandoned homes/lots.
A city that can't find the time /staff for the staff to enforce the ordinances that would assure these places were cleaned up. I love at the start of the historic district and it is an embarrassment to see what people have to drive through to get to my home. If we want to attract more families to the area for work then we have to present a pleasing picture that shows we all care and I think the leadership of that effort has to come from the City.
Covid-19
People are not wanting to stay local under current orders
Masks
Meth
Drugs, and criminal activity
The lack ot togetherness. These days most people in this community will only help each other if there is something in it for them.
Our biggest threat is the elected officials not listening to the desires of the majority of the city. Joplin used to be a beacon in the 4state area. These days it has become a place of convenience, not a destination where people WANT to go.
Crime and obesity
Rangeline taking away business and tourism from small businesses.
Crime
A lack of partnership and coordination between the city, schools, and businesses to improve neighborhoods. A strong distrust of government and authority that needs mended.
Low pay
Currently, the biggest threats are: division of the people, the Electric Monopoly draining our pockets, and overall loss of trust in our leaders due to the ridiculous taxes and government overreach our civil liberties.
I believe if we allow only retail and service oriented businesses to build in joplin, it will drive residents to other communities that have more entertainment and family events and activities. Which could have a chain reaction and lead joplin to become a run-down commercial zone, while surrounding communities reap the benefits of joplin only hosting commercial and industrial areas.
Trump and his ideology/racism/bigotry being adapted by the people here.
The people in the city offices
the division politically and prejudices
racism, poor education, Alt-Right conservatism, really what im trying to say is, the biggest threat for Joplin is the residents of Joplin.
Republicans
Meth - ignorance and gang activity and crime
Closed minded, almost cultish attitudes. People and businesses won't want to come here.
The police and city not listening to the community needs
Drugs. Citizens with no regard to their children's lives and wellbeing.
"Brain drain is a big issue. A lot of the brightest local students - high school and college - expect to move outside the area after they graduate. We have to figure out what quality of life issues are important to millennials and gen z.

Crime and poverty are also serious threats and they go together. We have to be proactive in addressing them and not just rely on police enforcement. "
Division. We've seen in recent issues how divided and frankly, stubborn, the citizens of this town can be. We need strong leadership that will value the town over their place in the public eye. We need leaders who will point the town forward, even if that's not a direction some community members are not wanting to go.
Toby Teeter, Ryan Stanley, Keenan Cortez, Anthony Monteleone, Chuck Copple, Diane Reid Adams, Christina Williams
Lack of diversity. In every way, we don't have a diverse population, we don't have diversity in things to do. Not much changes here and it

sucks.
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Climate change and science denial regarding covid.
Bigots, right-wing partisans, and rogue individualists. I do not want to live in a community that actively wants me dead and many others feel the same way. I suspect this city will suffer from the loss of young people looking to move to more diverse urban areas.
The Racist and Prejudiced people.
Allowing national news to drive citizens apart and not supporting our police
Crime and the shortsighted city council.
City government
Mask mandate
"1. The closing of the mall. Because of the coronavirus nobody wants to go there anymore.

2. Low rages

3. I think we need to face the truth of kids staying home and being schooled over the net. We need to change our whole way of thinking about education. What will work for home schools.

4. Movie houses are probably going to shut down too. Start a roku site for the movies that they were going to show.

5. Start a babysitter bank for kids being home schooled. So parents can get a babysitter if needed.

6. Make sure all roads have bike lanes or running lanes.

7. Most importantly, make everyone wear masks where ever they go. "
coronavirus and the lack of willingness to wear masks, follow social distancing guidelines, etc
Drugs, abandoned houses/slumlords. Technically more than one but they go hand in hand.
"Right now, having a major outbreak of Covid-19. I don't feel Joplin, or the country as a whole, is handling the pandemic well.

Other than that, we need to continue to grow by attracting new businesses and supporting the businesses we have. "
Toby teeter, the president of the joplin chamber of commerce.
The city council..
Drugs and poverty
Right now, the virus
People's negativity, not thinking towards the future and being stuck in the current issues/times, the growing homeless/beggar population which make people not feel safe and want to go down there.
Chain businesses and lack of community support
Toby Teeter
Homeless
Like our country, divisive politics is the biggest threat to the community. We cannot allow the opinions of few to outweigh the opinions of many. There must be middle ground.
Brain drain because other communities are doing more to attract and retain younger, diverse citizens. We need to do more to integrate the universities into the community and hold onto more graduates
THE COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO VOTED FOR THIS MASK ORDINANCE AFTER THE CITIZEN AND BUSINESSES TOLD THEM NOOOOOOOO WE DID NOT WANT IT 2 WEEKS BEFORE!! THEY DID IT ANYWAYS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! BIG REVENUE LOSS FOR THE CITY!!!!!! NO MONEY FOR THESE DREAMS YOU WANT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
COVID
Below standard housing and lack of high paying jobs
lack of vision. failure to act. inertia. trying to please the naysayers.
The overwhelming homelessness and begging on numerous street corners. Joplin has become known as a place to go if you are homeless and want to beg. I have witnessed helpful people bringing food to a beggar who had a sign saying he was hungry, and after his helpful friends left he threw the whole meal as far as he could. It's all about the money. I know there are many places to help the truly needy, but many who are begging don't want to hear that. Joplin tried recently to address this, but gave up when the uproar saying "anyone has a right to beg" became too great.
Currently? A pandemic but hopefully this will pass. I think housing has been thrown into a sellers/renters market, due to many factors, one of them being the universities. Each enrollment year adds more buyers to the market. I think this could threaten the livelihood of the local people, and that wouldn't be fair. Rent control?
Right now it's covid with sadly stubborn populace that refuses to care much about other citizens
Joplin is well known in surrounding areas like NWA for the amount of meth heads and overall trashiness of the area. Work on cleaning up the citizens in the community.... increase the decent paying industries so people have more opportunities.
As stated above, the homeless is a very big threat and has been a threat for awhile now. There has to be compromise. We just can't keep allowing more and more homeless to feel like we embrace them with open arms; especially when a lot of the homeless are bringing drugs closer to our Main Street than ever before. Its disgusting and not kid-friendly.
Fear of change. It's normal for anyone to feel trepidation over changes that they have no control over. I'm glad you are asking for input, but the next step is crucial. What you do with the suggestions will determine how much help and community support you get. I would suggest trying new ways of getting resident input and then YOU narrow down the choices and put that back out to the public for feedback. And ANYTHING that would allow citizens to be involved, gives them a sense of investment and ownership. Going to work in a park? Ask for citizens to come help (carefully, of course). Carl Junction partnered with Liberty Utilities and invited the public to come help with a "seed stomping". Anything you can do to have public participation (I know that's a tall order) or partnering with area businesses to involve their employees (trickledown involvement keeps the energy moving) will hopefully help over come the fear of change.
I know liberty electric is driving a lot of people out of Joplin because if their constant rate hikes.
Lack of interest, the anti anything attitude, Poverty and the progressive left agenda
BLM and other Marxist group infiltrating and influencing local govt
MAYOR CITY COUNCIL AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
"Masks. Kidding.

Being reactive rather than proactive."
An overreaching city council
Drugs!!!
Drugs and Thefts are worse. while bringing

in more factories in restaurants it may bring the city revenue Joplin have to be creative to help bring in tourist. I think it's safe to say that over 50% jump in residence travel to Tulsa, Springfield, Branson, Kansas City, NW Arkansas for things to do because Joplin has nothing.
Can not think of one
The divisiveness of our city Council. I was never interested in city politics until I started watching the last two meetings. I am appalled and embarrassed at the behavior of our council people. I have been active in the schools and will stay active in the schools to keep our children safe. I cannot believe that Joplin would allow this so-called "justice for Joplin" to a erect billboards and become such a deciding factor in decisions.
Racial divide, political issues
Being another Midwest town.
the fact that the city council has let Toby Teeter who isn't even on the council threaten them with calls to the Washington Post if they don't do as he wants done. He is too radical left for Joplin
Lack of community focus, coupled with a resistance to change is the greatest threat. . This has caused so many brilliant projects to die on the vine. There is a new brilliant young populations of citizen emerging. Connect to culture and the Spiva center for the arts are the fruit of their labor. My worry is that we will not have the courage to nurture their dreams and aspirations.
Division. We have too many major issues going on and we are trying to act as if we are a big city such as KC or St Louis. We have division over the masks issues and we recently have seen division with the BLM protests. The city leaders need to find a way to stay neutral. By picking sides on such matters, we are making more of a divide in our community and feeding anger.
Closed minds; selfish self-interests over greater good
The mask
Not protecting the People's liberties.
Citizens who don't care about the look of the community. Panhandlers and run down homes make Joplin unappealing to prospective new businesses and residents.
Loss of small business due to mask mandate
A city council that trampled on its citizens rights.
Drugs and our City Council
As of right now the biggest threat I see in our community is, the fact that I am not going to participate in your mask wearing and I am probably going to be looked down upon. And my reason for not wearing a mask is none of your business.
Stanley, Adams, Cortez, Williams, Adams, Monteleone, and apparently Teeter. Also your staff?
Malls are a thing of the past, needing to find ways to attract outlining towns to frequent our town to help support the sales tax revenue, clean up the poor housing ares that are a big isore
Drug use. Sometimes it doesn't feel safe to use the parks or take a walk in the neighborhood because of random individuals wondering through who are high, or at least acting like it.
Apathy
Dictatorship
Drugs
Crime and safety
the virus right now. The mask being mandatory is a step in the right direction to control that. People need to be better educated about the Bernier of mask. We need to inform everyone when someone has been at places that have the virus.
Divisive speech. People are rude and arrogant. A peace maker would be someone able to help people recognize our similarities and come together. Respect and kindness!
Crime and violence.
Low income and education levels.
COVID-19.
The liberal agenda of the chamber and city council. Complacency with status quo on employers and industry
"Hatred and bigotry, because it leads to divide and only harms our community.

Federal, State, and local representation that does not reflect ALL members of the diverse Joplin community contributes to divineness and exclusivity. Families, professionals, and individuals who appreciate diversity to not want to move to a place that is divided and behind the times on cultural and social issues. "
Ignorance, resulting in the spread of COVID-19; mistrust of our Police department; malfeasance in our local government, leading to the unchecked criminal activities of cartel organizations which employ gangs like the "Joplin Honkies."
The homeless that I see sleeping all over town. Kids can't even go to parks without the homeless sleeping in the pavilions.
President of the chamber of commerce.
Homelessness, drugs/crime
Covid and small business shutting down
Poverty, drugs, student dropout.
Over reach of government, dividing people instead of bringing them together
"Complacency of government / Political bias / Political agenda over what's right and just / Potential for a lack of leadership / economic downturn based on government restriction...

We need strength in our community to not waiver. Always focused on balance / equilibrium of righteousness for all and not special interest / projects.

Somebody to make righteous but tough decisions. Let's face it...all decisions will come with opposition. It is the nature of things. "
Stubornest against change and growth. If we don't become more up to date and even more modern we will go backwards fast!!!
The crime rate for Joplin rivals that of much larger cities. The odor of Protein Solutions is also a concern.
"Climate change.

Lack of progress. Many residents and employees fight tooth and nail to maintain the status quo so that no one is challenged, no new residents come in, or systems are not improved. Without evolving, Joplin will not grow. "
Ourselves. Joplin has nothing to bring it together as a community. No annual festivals, no major events. Joplin is the largest metro within 80 miles in every direction yet we have no real tourism draws other than weekend shoppers. We continue to reward and praise subpar job creation like low-end manufacturing, dog food plants, and animal waste recycling. Homelessness is a huge issue and a severe drain on the cities resources. Blighted residential areas that are allowed to left for years. I have been taking my probationary employees to the same three or four residences for at least two years to show them examples of dangerous buildings.
Lack of cohesiveness
The lack of educated people to work higher paying jobs. And the lack of these kinds of jobs.
And right now, corona!
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Loss of tax base due to people moving and of

course the Covid-19 problem. So many businesses can't survive
The homelessness issue and the myriad of issues that it has brought to this community, along with the deterioration of the appearance of the part of the town that hasn't been revitalized.
Being taken over by gangs and not supporting the Police
Becoming too expensive for residents. Privatize or eliminate unnecessary services
drugs not covid 19
"Complacency

People just don't care because ,""that's the way we have always done it."" Without enforcement, people will not do anything more than they absolutely have to."
Drugs
Drugs and thieves.
For the community, it is not being able to provide services that most expect. For the government organization, it is the lack of funding to provide those services. I believe the Use Tax is a major factor in this and is a dilemma that needs to be solved soon if we expect to maintain or improve on services provided to the citizens.
"Increasing rate of COVID-19 cases but delayed public action and lack of prevention efforts.

To take a COVID test as indicated by Joplin's public notice (DoINeedaCOVIDTest.com) takes more than a week to take the test and get results due to full schedule. What if person had symptoms and were positive? They would not be in isolation for the majority of their contagious period. "
I think a threat would be if our city government were to defund or reduce police forces including School Resource Officers.
As I have witnessed the opposition to wearing masks during a pandemic, I conclude that ignorance is our biggest threat.
Crime and homelessness.
The growing homeless population.
Currently, the loss of small businesses which is part of the fabric and character of the community. Continuing the mantra of 'we can't do that' or 'we can't afford that'.
Pay. Throughout the years as a city of Joplin employee I have had multiple opportunities to leave and make more money and have less responsibility and workload. I haven't due to the opportunities I have been granted as a police department employee. I have been treated extremely well on a personal level and have had great mentors who have helped me advance myself.
"Drug and alcohol addiction. Crime with an extremely high recidivism rate. Blight because of a lack of enforcement of building and property maintenance codes.

The very real threat that one day there won't be anyone left working at the City who's capable/motivated and city services begin collapsing one by one. Low wages and poor moral caused by previous policy changes are a significant problem for all City departments and they have been for the last 15-20 years. Wages have to get fixed, not just for one year, but forever. Employees have been promised time and time again that this issue will be fixed and it never gets done.
The answer to the wage issue isn't an easy fix, but we're past the point of trying to give employees just enough to make them happy. Moral has never been lower and promises to make things better stopped helping two City managers ago. We need a vision for the future and a plan, developed in conjunction with all employees instead of just a select few, in which the employees can believe.
The amount of dangerous structures in our community
Catering to the homeless folks. don't get me wrong, there is all kinds of needs for the less fortunate. But we do not need to attract them and make Joplin a destination.
"!. Rising crime rate, outdated infrastructure due to lack of personnel to do the jobs that secure essential services.

2. We are being outpaced in housing by surrounding cities at an alarming rate. We need to attract housing development.

Also, the Main Street / Arts community. I like pretty things, I like things to do, but I don't believe that the majority of our residents covet downtown as much as the outspoken perceived minority. Our tax base comes from Range Line. Perhaps we could spend less money downtown and more in the areas that bring in the meat to encourage use of those areas. The typical Joplin citizen doesn't live and breathe downtown Joplin. Zero high demand businesses are there. "
Drugs and Violent Crime
Thinking within the box as it pertains to financial revenue sources. We live off of sales taxes, which appear to be on a downward trend, even though job creation might be growing. There is a shift away from on-site retail experiences, exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.
Homeless and losing tax money And crime rate. We must keep being aggressive in attracting new businesses.
Recovery of tax revenue loss due to lack of people from outside of our community spending money in our stores and restaurants and hotels, more burden on the actual residents.
1)Reduction in sales tax revenues due to online sales. 2Homeless transients 3) Reduction in city workforce to provide services to the city and it's citizens.
Homeless, drug/human trafficking, and just being run down. People are willing to drive an hour away to Bentonville or Springfield to experience a different atmosphere. I think Rangeline being over populated is a big one, we need to spread businesses out.
Government regulation on small businesses that inhibit economic growth
"Spending money on things that are useless. It always seem we continue to spend money on things we "hope" work but don't do the due diligence to ensure we can make the city's investments profitable.

The other biggest threat is the homeless community. We are continuing to allow that community to grow and grow. These people are coming from far and wide because of the services this town has for them. They are on every street corner begging for money. They are starting to fill up the city parks. You go to Ewert Park and the pavilions are full of homeless people and their belongings. You could never take your kids to that park and have a picnic or sit in the shade. We have to get control of the homeless in a bad way. "
Crime
Honestly it is a threat of finances. Most of the contentious issues in the last few years have surrounded money or lack there of.
Uneducated narrow minded individuals..... that are actually more of a threat to themselves. If you hang around "dogs with fleas" you will get them yourself.... those who feel threat can prevent that via themselves, associates, etc. In regards to burglaries / armed robberies / rapes... there are ways to better protect ones self in order

not to feel a "threat"
Civil unrest, a sense of entitlement by many in the community.
Expansion without a game plan.
drugs/crime
homeless, drugs, and slum bum housing
COVID destroying our economy
Breaking the cycle of a certain group of our residents regarding life style changes, eg smoking, drug use, lack of work ethic, through education. Restoring pride, pride in oneself and ones belongings.
I don't think I've seen any.
Good ole boy club
An inevitable increase in crime as police officers are unfairly demonized nationwide. THIS AFFECTS ALL COPS !! Ask them.
Resistance to change. Too many people think everything is fine how it was, or think art and bicycling are a waste of money.
COVID and the city administration. We could drop off the radar for highest rate of COVID infections by mandating masks and sanitation processes. But you would rather have a better perception by saying "okay our police are lean, no masks". Fuck you! This is why I am leaving joplin. You pander to those that spew hate and biased facts. You really thing o2 levels drop when wearing a mask. If so you're a fucking idiot. I had a relative die because someone didn't wear a mask and gloves. Fuck you. The biggest threat is the city admin. Pay the fucking police, defund the police with militarized spending, reallocate funds, and start protecting your people.
Resistance to change
Not sure
Substance abuse and addiction and poverty
Our own people
The treat to defund the police. The chain restaurants and payday loan storefronts taking over local businesses, and providing lesser quality products at higher prices due to the lack of competition.
A generation of kids who were 11 when the tornado hit and in college when the coronavirus hit. They will believe that there is no use in trying. In Joplin, it's easy to become discouraged. A mindset is our biggest threat.
Provincialism, closed minded, narrow minded, short sighted thinking. Reliance on only the church sectors to set the agenda.
Apathy
"Judges and prosecutors who do not have a backbone.

Drug problem.

Homeless problem.

Crime.

These massive schools with crappy education. Schools that would rather spend millions on what's cool and pretty versus our kids education. "
Lack of smaller businesses- restaurants and stores. Downtown is improving greatly, but some local places are closing permanently. Downtown has lots of potential.
Covid
Drugs!!! Some gang activity.
Trying to change, change, change. Demolishing everything historical. Saying it's too expensive to fix anything. For example Memorial Hall for a very ugly and modern arts building. Union station left to rot.
Homelessness and drug/alchol abuse brought on by low paying jobs. Some of the current monopolies in place aren't productive either. Examples include. trash services, internet/communications, and electrical power distributions.
Fearing change
Narrow mindedness
"Liberals.

High amount of low income families and homelessness. "



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variety in restaurants and more local events (monthly festivals or block parties)
"Over the next 5 years an investment in neighborhood revitalization with removal of invasive trees and a focus on property improvement.

Over the next 10 years an increases effort to attract more retail and businesses to the downtown area.

Over the next 15 years we need to develop a strategy to attract more people to move into the city limits to increase our tax base.

Hyvee grocery is needed
For our city council to fufill their empty promises to the very people that keep our city safe
Continued improvements in infrastructure and development of downtown area
Quit making it harder and harder for businesses to build and survive here. Like my ridiculous zoning issue that got changed to R3 in a C3 while it was being used commercially and for 80 years. (14th and Joplin East side).
City Counsel seriously seeking big businesses in both upper management and skilled labor being so close to Bentonville I think it should really invest in its downtown like they have and make it a place people want to visit.
I'd like to see more areas cleaned up and hear of less incidents of people trying to enter into other's homes. I'd like to continue seeing businesses moving into the area and being successful. I'd like to see the parks keep developing.
I would love to see Joplin blossom into the medical area that it can become. We are already the biggest hospital in the surrounding area, but ones you throw the dental school in there then people in the surrounding communities should have every opportunity to have access to health and dental care.
An increase in diversity and culture. More spaces catering toward the college and medical school aged population.
More modern. Grow an economy. Have more things to do.
Dog parks, community involvement, fenced homes with garages.
More small businesses, not just chains.
I'm not a long term resident so I don't believe I can answer this question
Street lights are needed, the infrastructure needs to be regulated. There are too many random houses/buildings that are not upkept and in random places.
"More things to do, growth within the community, bigger/better parks where you can just go and run/walk on a trail. Schifferdecker is already pretty cool.

Considering that this is a small town that now has a medical school in it, itd be nice to see the city council and those people take health concerns seriously. for example, the current lack of mask mandate and the fact that it didnt even pass the first time. You can have a town with a medical school and love the medical school and then decide to not listen to their medical advice when you dont like what you hear."
beautification
Ease of access to major points of retail, medical care, etc.
Multiple parks, running and walking trails, and disc golf courses
I would like to see Joplin grow commercially and economically.
Increase in outdoor activities like walking trails. Something to promote a more healthy lifestyle
more public shared spaces with thoughtful programming that includes all
More diversity and more jobs
I wish Joplin would have landed the new Tesla factory, but Joplin does need something to that effect to bring in more jobs and more money.
Continue to grow
New businesses to improve the downtown area
More activities for young adults/college students
Add side walks, add more apartments near KCUMB
"Better water quality

More strict on trash along roadways/littering

More public health policies (That are truly enforced)

Better/more accesible recycling protocols

More lighting along neighborhood streets

More cultural and community events. I feel like I have not been able to get to know many community members outside my school since I moved here.
"Decreased homelessness

Improved infrastructure

More parks and trails

Places to go on weekend nights"
More social activities in the city and nearby
Public transportation, more local restaurants, more ethnic cuisine.
accessibility to recyling!
I'd love to see more sidewalks. There aren't many around town. I'd love to see biking paths/lanes or biking initiatives. Perhaps community biking stations where you can rent bikes and drive them around. Even scooters. I think we need more grocery portions like a sprouts or Trader Joe's here in town. I'd like to see more parks. I'd like to see the downtown area cleaned up so that it can come alive. I think we need to plant more trees to replace the destruction from the tornado too. I would like to see less power lines in Joplin (they are everywhere

and ruin the beautiful Midwestern sky). I'd like to see more traffic circles instead of stoplights too. More fountains around town would be beautiful.
Be a bus sling town with things to do and places to see and places to eat
increased night life for students, seasonal attractions, grocery store other than walmart/aldi (trader joes/whole foods/kroger/etc)
Overall more parks and healthy eating spots would be so incredible, as well as less public smoking. Second hand smoke is very damaging.
I would like to see a more open minded community, less discrimination, more education, better environmental/recycle programs
The crime rate to go down and the overall population caring more about their health and the health of those around them
Expansion and development of businesses aimed at a younger generation.
Preserve the small town charm while keeping everything accessible. More mom and pop places, less chains.
More variety and I would like to see increased popularity on main street. There is a lot of similar food options here that get " old " and main street always seems dead.
I would like Joplin to become more modern! Get with the times. Diversify by adding restaurants that have different ethnicities.
Expansion of small business and cleaning up of the city; modernization
More restaurants, more housing development, more shops
make it a show place
Better maintained parks, more culture and events, bring some businesses or film productions or corporations here.
Cleaner city , better shopping options
Maintain amazing park system; continued revitalization of Main Street stores; more local restaurants; more entertainment options (improve. Movie theaters, bowling alley, etc.)
Downtown and rangeline
Growth in the technology related businesses. With NW Arkansas so close and 44 as a easy access point across the country we need to keep and attract workers.
"Get the ""let's do it the cheapest and the old way"" council people off council and get people on council that understand that you get what you pay for. And aren't afraid to make the hard choices to make things better for our community.

I would also like to see our businesses contribute to the quality of life. The city can't afford to do it all. So if we want to be like NWA, we need donors to step up to pay for trails, artwork, amenities, etc. "
Where to start, a better small business infrastructure is a must. Would like to see the city be more involved in update things such as the Little League fields we play on and make it reasonable for such leagues to use those facilities. Would like to see the city be a leader in child safety, we have lost to many kids to simple fixes that people don't want to fix or talk about. I would like to see Joplin continue to grow and make the necessary changes to become better and continue to help the surrounding areas become better as well.
5 years - a booming downtown. 10 years- increased trails, a walkable community for health, improved infrastructure prepping Joplin for the future/incoming tech. 15 - Man added small businesses and larger ones who decided to take a chance on Joplin. A booming downtown and more entertainment for all varieties of people.
anything that will help the city grow
Nothing is perfect; but if each one were to make a positive impact for just one moment, for just one person, I believe that-that could be the "breeze" that gets the ball rolling towards the right change (if any is needed)
A complete non biased investigation into the fraud that the city has been part of every since the tornado.
Authority and jurisdiction needs to remain local vs. state interfering in our business and in our health decisions of not moving into the smart grid. We need to stand alone and let the rest of the state wonder why we are healthier or opting out of a telecom industry and utility industry trying to drag us into surveillance and degrade our health plague our children and wildlife and insects with 5G or smart meters We need to draw the line it's our town let's take it back from state control!
A better variety of restaurants, entertainment and less homeless. Also, a stronger police presence.
"I would like to see Joplin figure out who it is. It feels like we're in an identity crisis right now because those vocal in the community seem to want us to be Bentonville, or Tulsa, or Kansas City. We need to figure out who we are as a community and embrace it.

Focus on improving the quality of life of those who live here. Break the cycle for those who settle for "good enough" so that the next generation will strive to want more and be better. I believe having that mindset shift will set up Joplin for so much future success."
Continue to improve downtown and surrounding neighborhoods which can deteriorate quickly and become undesireable
"Continue improving roads.

Establish better traffic flow on other streets so 7th, 20th, 32nd street & Range Line, Connecticut, Main & Schifferdecker are less congested.

Improve West 32nd St. To Wildwood.

Enforce speed limits.

Improve pedestrian pathways."
Totally eliminate the sex trade running thru here everyday.
"Deep, intrinsic socialism. The ousting of slime bags like you, seeing workers seize the means of production and the prophets they incur, paying into a government that sees to the welfare of the poor and disheveled.

And a special prison for those who led us through the covid crisis with nothing but profiteering as their motives"
"Better managing of funds, competitive infrastructure,

Reduction of taxpayer funded entertainment, promotion of private industry entertainment options. "
Bring in big industry to emplloy lots of people
More political and cultural diversity, 25% growth in population comprised of higher paying jobs at the $50-$70,000 level or more. Highway 249 designated as interstate 49 with new exchange at Carthage.
"Bike/walking trails. Nice movie theater

Events on Main Street

Make 7th and 15th Streets more appealing. 4th Street more park like"
BEAUTIFY AND LANDSCAPE BETTER, MORE AND BETTER OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND LOCATIONS
Removal of Toby teeter and the joplin city

council
Clean up Main Street from 15th Street to 7th Street. Too many condemned buildings, homeless people. Not many new business would want to open stores if it looks unkept.
Homeless and transients gone and businesses that will pay a living wage. The rents here are ridiculous too.
Increase the police force and keep the community safe from drugs and crime.
I want to see the crime rates go done. So more police and more funding for them to launch the investigations they need. I want to see community programs orchestrated by churches to help the community battle addiction
Build it's tourism by building on the historic draws
"Less Walmart, more local/small businesses.

Less crime.

We hope to be gone by then. This isn't such a good place anymore. "
Crack down on drug abuse and crime. Seems they go hand and hand.
People want choices. When you don't let big name stores in town that's a shame. we go out of town to shop and the tax money goes to another town. Clean up Joplin's homeless areas and keep them out of neighborhoods, they trash our yards and steal what they want out of our yards.
Infrastructure repairs & filling empty buildings and storefronts before building more structures.
New age thinking people to lead the city, not the old school way of thinking. That's what got us here in the first place. Focus on building and becoming a better Joplin. Cut loose of the historically non-profit things ie. the golf course.
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Keep growing in the arts sector, maybe the ice skating in ewert Park like the one in bentonville would be nice.
"An interactive website that shows the many benefits of Joplin. We have a lot going for us but it doesn't show.

Thriving destination area offering nice family values with restaurants, shopping outdoor seating in green spaces and

entertainment venues for active youth, young adults and families. All of this in walking distance within neighborhoods or pockets in the communities. Stuff to do after 9 pm that isn't just a bar having drinks. "
STIFFER PENALTIES FOR DRUGS, ALCOHOL, THEFT, CHILD ABUSE. THEY GET AWAY WITH A SLAP ON THE HAND.
Better paying teaching jobs. Better historical museum and features. Diversity. Authentic diverse communities
Everything but in a positive demeanor
More local events, better trails, a trail system, safer ways for bicyclists to travel, better small business support.
continue cleaning up the city. it has changed a lot over the last 17 years I have been here for the better and looks better however the transient population has hurt us
Continue with trails improvement
I think we need to use NWA as a model and try to find was to incorporate our natural surroundings in expanding
Less low quality parks. I'd rather see a few really big parks than a lot of small ones.
Downtown needs to continue to be revitalized. City workers, specifically public safety, need to be compensated properly for a city that swells to the size that Joplin does.
"Adding things to encourage more visitors like a convention center and more sporting facilities. Improve the draw to live in Joplin so the residential population can support the local economy vs the heavy reliance on non Joplin residents.

Less homeless wandering the streets.

Improved public safety."
"I would like to see Joplin become a better place to raise my family. It is dirty and unsafe to live here. The crime rate per capita of Joplin is way to high. I can not blame some one for not wanting to visit the town.

We need to stop the handouts to the homeless so they will move on and we need a prosecutor that will actually hold people accountable.

The police have such a high turn over rate because they can make more money in neighboring cities with less work. The call volume for our police on duty is a lot. They can make the same money in another city and do less work. Joplin has become a training city for officers to move in and make more money in other cities close by. Improve our safety this will improve our community. "
Create a strategic vision for Joplin. Develop and implement goals and priorities to ensure the city's limited resources are use wisely to achieve the vision. In my opinion the city has become a reactionary organization without direction over the last several years.
Improved roads
Common sense development. Better maintenance of city sidewalks, streets, etc.
Would like to see more emphasis placed on public safety. Additional officer positions, better officer pay for retention and recruiting. We should be leading the pack when it comes to officer pay and benefits, not trying to match other cities.
Better roads. The main roads are terrible and need repaved.
Modernize north Main Street to include more entertainment and upscale restaurant options
reduce number of panhandlers throughout town, remediation of the cause of the bad odor the permeates Joplin, ability for citizens to elect a mayor not be appointed by counsel
Looking forward to the new Civic Center off Main to enable more cultural events to be brought in to enrich our appreciation of the arts. Decrease in homelessness. Have the city stop cutting down mature trees as the center of town is sorely lacking in greenery after the tornado; plant more mature trees in the path of the tornado.
Replace Joe Becker with a multi purpose ice skating arena. Attract minor league hockey. Allow for recreational use and possible concert venue.
more pro business measures.
free dog park and free pool
I would love to see more and better-paid police officers, more of the beautifications that have happened in the past few years, and maybe an entertainment area (performing hall, surrounded by bars & restaurants, etc.)
See #2.
More bike lanes, more people choosing to stay in Joplin after they graduate HS/college.
More grocery options
Maintain a strong police force.
Entertainment, most of this community and surrounding communities are heading to Northwest Arkansas for entertainment. We are missing the boat, instead of buying masks, use $65000 to bring in entertain-

ment when it is safe to do so... we are losing revenue to Arkansas, Oklahoma casinos just because of this very reason.
More events in the community. More fairs, carnivals, third Thursday, maybe a food truck day like Carthage has. Just more things to bring people together.
I would love to see more recreational opportunities, nightlife opportunities, and revitalized housing. I would love to see more small businesses that are unique and local to Joplin that make Joplin attractive to young people.
A tourist trap! Lol. A place people come to visit. A great downtown, convention center, concerts, sport tournaments (not pro or semi pro), Route 66 activities, and shopping. Also better access for hotels at south range line for pedestrians!
Push towards A green City
A more educated populace.
Less drugs and crime. Increase in wages and job opportunities especially for educated persons.
The sense of community and bringing individuals together. A wider range and more publicized community events.
Just continued infrastructure improvements. We need Fiber optic WIFI options.
More green spaces, more things to do for entertainment, better paying jobs, improve the appearance of blighted areas, better road upkeep, more sidewalks, more affordable housing.
In five years I would like to see the number of empty buildings and houses significantly decreased. In ten years, I would like to see a huge influx of professionals to staff our growing hospitals, University, medical school and dental school and a vibrant artistic center downtown that rivals Fayetteville. In fifteen years I would like to see a significant industrial growth that supports the artistic, educational, and medical communities.
More greenery in the city. It's just pavement and fast food.
Becoming a more tolerant and progressive city that is clean and free of drugs and crime.
Get rid of our city "leaders" and our city council members that are supposed to represent us (the people Joplin). You know the ones that pay your salary. We don't need you telling us what to do on our own property.
Neighborhood improvement. Clean up of abandoned run down houses. Neighborhood events to bring neighbors together. City wide yard sale or large craft events. LARGE farmer's market.
Fixing historical landmarks like the Memorial Hall
I would like to see more tech jobs and faster / cheaper Internet. Our roads are awful and need fixed. JHS tornado funding mismanagement needs investigated and those crooks need prison time. JPD needs an overhaul and better training, not this warrior training, this vs us mentality. We are all in it together.
More small / diverse business. A city council that cares about it's citizens more than it does about stealing power for itself.
Improving community unity, businesses etc.
back to basics, smaller, leaner city government sitting on a cash surplus or at the very least a balanced budget
UPGRADE OUR TOWN, GROCERY STORES, ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY. INDOOR POOLS FOR ALL AGES TO SWIM
Cultural events, decrease in unemployment, decrease in drug abuse, decrease in homeless / panhandlers
"Decrease in homeless, panhandling, and drug use

More activities – trails, arts, events

attitudes ! We are not Joplin Webb city Carl Junction Duneweg . We are the Crossroads of America ! Employ someone to promote Joplin. The current promotional effort is dismal . Hire a new events planner. we used to have large softball tournaments The Mother Road Run through 3 states . Stock Car racing . We need something to draw people from out of town not just entertain the residents
Cultural diversity, community gardens , curbside recycling , a booming downtown retail and entertainment district , community support and pride of the local university and hugh school.
Expanded arts scene. Draw people in from a greater distance than 15 miles.
Common sense used in making decisions for the public. Limited terms of office
More parks and kid-friendly areas
i would love for there to be something fun to do, like i said the attraction
Things to do with family, bring a Top golf to Joplin
more manufacturing
Streets and park improvements, more jobs, more help for the homeless and mentally ill.
More ethnic diversity! More focus on modern high-paying jobs. More focus on upskilling the workforce. Too many people here are poor and in bad health from a lifetime working two or more manual jobs just to make ends meet.
Churches being held accountable for their racism, bigotry and hate. Police reform. Accessible and free treatment in a timely manner for mental illness and drug addiction availability to everyone.
same as above
yes, some. I really like the community events that we have (pre COVID). The tree lighting, movie nights, pools in summer, youth sports, fall festivals, farmers markets, Third Thursday, Art walks, ect. These are strengths of Joplin and events my whole family enjoys. I'd like to continue seeing more of these.
The judicial system in this town is a JOKE
Clean up on the western / northern side of town.
Less tolerance of run down properties all over town, especially north of 15th st. and in the areas surrounding Main.
ways to bring tourist to the area so small business, large business (retail) can survive. To many business starting up and soon closing.
less meth use, cleaner communities, more things for children and teens to do, cheaper health care for workers and seniors
clean the streets
"More police control with correct attitudes.

More good activities for teens"
Stop allowing city counsel to have as much power as they do. They have all these grand plans that either don't end up working or they never follow through.
That it would be a city of the people with active participation
More local businesses and industries providing jobs.
Continued development of downtown and events. Clean up some major street ways. Litter and unpainted curbs make the community appear low class. We're not but we need to focus on making Joplin a clean city where people are proud to travel throughout it.
"Better connected park system for walking and bicycling.

Decrease traffic. Too much congestion. I know its not Dallas but rangeline is too congested."
more family friendly places, all pools open during the summer, more family friendly main

street where people can go park and walk downtown to get ice cream, dinner, shop.
the cleanliness of our town
Less crime, more social supports for those in need, increase outdoor activities and maintenance of those areas.
Less drugs, and more community expansion more beauty more growth
Move the homeless away from our Main Street. Just a few blocks away would be helpful since there's already Salvation Army, Souls Harbor and others. A central post office would be nice so that you don't have to go all the way to North Joplin. They apparently don't have enough staffing to keep the south PO adequately staffed. Better wages, get the eye sore buildings down if no one is going to renovate them and keep them up. Look at Hidden Acres right there on Range Line. How long has it been vacant???? Now we have a beautiful restaurant "On The Border" sitting vacant but no one caring for it....not even the landscaping and now Casa Montez is sitting vacant with no intentions of re-opening! The old Walmart on Maiden Lane sat empty for years....
Finding a better place and help for the homeless to better themselves and not to continue to live like that.
I would love to see more outside trails and developments for the family (similar to Bentonville). We have to drive to be able to do those things in our own backyard and keep it local!
more activities for families. more dog parks.
more surveys like this or in person to truly hear from all members of the Joplin community.
Wages, more jobs, and more citizens. Hopefully we can pull off a Big industrial company eventually. May need to expand retail more to get there. Let our people see some smaller activity first to build trust.
Our leaders will need the wisdom required to identify long term opportunity for our citizens and those in surrounding areas.
"More business

Better roads

More entertainment

Less vacant buildings that can be used for opportunities."
More family friendly.
Provide more care for drug and homeless problems.
make it easier to have new businesses come into the area offering jobs and services. Was disappointed to see the Menards deal did not go thru
"Population growth

New business growth"
I'd like to see our community grow in family owned business, entertainment, and commercial sectors.
More attractions (Joplin has nothing)!!!!!
Develop the scenery to not feel like an ugly patchwork of commercial spaces.
More activities for families to do
Larger variety of events happening in town instead of having to go to Springfield or KC or another state.
"Simply put..... Pride in our Home Town!

Cont'd Clean up along Main street from 8th street....south.

Please stop building new mini malls and fill the current ones w/ businesses !

Mandate / Request / Demand / Require.... businesses clen there properties better.

Encourage ""neighborhood cleanups""...

I did not have the chance to think on this subject as far as a 5,10,15 yr plan... but I like the growth as it's been happening in the last 8 yrs."
growth and involvement
Helping homeless
Have Police investigate true crimes and criminals, Not harass the population paying their salary and treating them like criminals.
Bigger and better police force that would be able to chase the drug culture here in Joplin to somewhere else.
I would like to see it grow into a safer small community that it should be.
Pay increase!!! Families cannot make it unless both Parents work- even then its hard. so ..Who suffers?? Our Children, mom not home when they get home from school, no involvement of Parent in school functions. Therefore we have wild children running streets ..Druggies, because no one home to guide them.
clean up the town and provide more family entertainment
Lower crime. Build activity areas.
More biking/hiking/walking trails
Again, more grocery stores, a venue for concerts, build up of west 32nd area.
In five years, I want Joplin to have more nightlife attractions, and more outdoor activities. In ten years, I want Joplin to keep those attractions. In fifteen years, I want Joplin to still retain those attractions.
People will be moving to Joplin if there are activities for them to do while not at work.
More commercial growth ,big and little.
Community togetherness, and great place to live,work and relax in
Improve our teaching in schools--get higher level push on our kids
More trails, outdoor eating, entertainment venue and better parking downtown.
SEE all the above responses.
Be more welcoming to bigger businesses so they will come to Joplin.
n/a
larger shelters the provide education services to assist getting people back on their feet
I personally hate to see all the beggars on the street corners
I wish that the city would stand up for the community and not be pushed over by the few.
ACCEPTANCE FOR DIVERSITY
less government, more guns and private industry.
Increased number of family oriented activities both indoor and outdoor.
If we were to look at Joplin in 5 10 or 15 years I would see infrastructure include a bypass which basically ring the city we currently have good roads on the south and the east side but north going to Pittsburgh 96 needs to be widened and JJ down to I44 where they meet up that would allow a lot of future growth. If we were to construct some of the other infrastructure convention center sports venues I think would be able to retain the type of middle to middle upper income jobs that are currently being performed in other cities I don't want to lose some of our manufacturing base but we need to grow our higher tech positions more earnestly.
high class shopping, more beautiful housing communities.
adding housing, entertainment, and family friendly activities
Expand to a job market offering career paths and more than minimum wage opportunities. We have a university here - there should be jobs available for the grads.
Improved public transportation.

Large venue for events & music, weather museum, more low income housing
"Beautiful green spaces all over our city.

That the homeless have homes.

That we have a vaccine for covid.

That we have more women in city government & other leadership positions.

That recycling services are free to residents."
decrease in crime, drugs
Continued focus on employment and financial opportunities while supporting families that choose to home school or private school.
Better housing quality. Shuber Mitchell homes have been a blessing some ways but no one has the courage to enforce, monitor and oversee quality issue and there are problems in several area subdivisions (well known). Have codes, inspectors and raise the standards of quality please!!!
DOWNTOWN JOPLIN NEEDS A FACELIFT FOR SURE. THEY CRIME HERE IS OUTRAGOUS. I LIVE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE NOT A DAY GOES BY THAT I DONT HEAR SIRENS.
CLEAN UP OF NEIGHBORHOODS, NOT JUST THE INFLUENCIAL AREAS - PEOPLE DRIVING INTO TOWN FROM ALL DIRECTIONS THE FIRST THING THEY SEE IS EMPTY BUILDINGS
Better leadership with city management and financial management. There seems to be a lot of conflict of interest with some obtaining large financial gain with no repercussions and at the sacrifice of lower city employee. Then these same people making 6 figure salaries are rewarded unreal amounts to leave instead such as Anselm was paid. Unexpected audits and investigation should be done. Paying consultants large amounts as well as spending large amounts on things such as free masks when taxes are increased or budget cuts are made is ridiculous.
more businesses opening
Growth. Better shopping. More restaurant choices.
do something about empty retail areas, do something about run down neighborhoods, empty buildings and overgrown landscapes, continue to advance to Arts, promote the private schools as well as public. I do appreciate everything that has been done to create and further trails and outdoor spaces na
I'd love to see businesses from larger metropolitan areas come in and bring more job opportunities for citizens. I'd also like to see more competitive and livable wages for our necessary jobs (healthcare workers, first responders, etc.)
More industry, jobs
clean city
Larger spaces becoming more and more filled with diverse findings of new and older customs. A retail area with products that are made in state. Home for more and more artists.
New jobs, new industry, restoration of historic buildings downtown (DON'T LET THEM FALL!). This city has so much potential and I though 9 years ago it had a blank slate to really make some change. A lot of that got squandered. I see change happening now though. Fresh, young, members on the city council, a new city manager, a progressive president leading the chamber of commerce. I see upgrades happening now. Things that the citizens should take advantage of. Continue to bring culture and attactions to this city. Let those living here want to enjoy them. Let those from all around want to come here and enjoy them.
"I would like to see the run-down parts of town redone.

I would like to see traffic laws enforced.

I would like to see a tougher crack down on drugs and crime - it's amazing how much a small town like Joplin suffers this compared to KC which is far larger.

Greater police presence.

Put money to keep places like the mall open and functioning - getting out of the house will be important when the pandemic is over.

I would like more educational opportunities for adults and more resources for families in terms of activities

Crack down on smoking in public places."
Better funding for schools, community programs, and LGBT groups
Pay rates need to go up so people can afford to live. The drug issue is a black mark on this city. Joplin could be a really beautiful, small city but we have some issues to clean up.
Growth, understanding of over cultures. More activities. Cleaning up Joplin, by getting rid of buildings and houses that are vacant and be on repair. More parks and green spaces.
Educational and business opportunities to keep our graduates in Joplin
CLEAN UP DOWNTOWN AND MAKE IT A THRIVING AND BEAUTIFUL PLACE TO BE.
Increased population, increased amenities like trails and bike lanes and parks, more water sports, more car shows, people protecting each other and watching out for each other. More access to primary health care services.
I would like to see more things to do. I went to school in Idaho and there was so much to do I never had a day to just relax and do nothing. Here I feel like that's all I do when I'm not at work. I don't know what there is to do around here and the things I do know all cost money which isn't something I have very often.
recreation places with things to do
If you want to build the infrastructure, you need to build the traffic support to handle it, otherwise you will be doing nothing but playing catch up after the fact.
trust your citizens, help the homeless veterans
Removing state at home orders, never locking down the city again for a virus that has a high survivability rate, and never mandate face coverings again.
Institute previous suggestions, which I understand won't happen overnight.
The change I would like to see are things I have already wrote about in previous questions. The town needing to be cleaned up, old buildings being town down or put to better use, more entertainment which would also give many more people job opportunities, and another thing, hopefully less drug use being done in and passing through our town.
increased police, and more people to move into town creating more businesses and jobs
Richer cultural experiences, unique "foodie" restaurants and bars, more opportunities for the city to expand celebrations (like an arts fest, cultural celebrations, etc). Better communication with Joplin residents about these opportunities.
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A new high end grocery store; new department store chain on Main street (think Nordstroms); develop bicycle trails to keep them off of narrow roads with no shoulders (like west 20th

street); greater variety of jobs for our children
The things I mentioned above--social progress.
"More of main street's building remodeled. I have to admit, I don't shop main much. I need to try more.

An individual or committee that has a vision for the future.
More Growth, Commerce and Industry.
increase in job opportunities for the future generation
MORE POLICE OFFICERS and MORE FAMILY ATTRACTIONS
I would like to see Joplin welcome more conservative groups to the community
"5 yrs: Stronger police/drug force.

10 yrs: More outdoor activities that engage all ages and not just the parks. More festival type events bringing in more tourist thus additional revenue for the city.

15 yrs: Larger music events/festivals with bigger named artists. "
I would love to see a unified vision of growth with all the major players supporting it and leadership selling it to the community.
Business development, better working relationships with the Chamber of Commerce, revitalization, lower utilities, and improved healthcare services.
Better housing, transportation, bike/walking paths
the whole town itself needs a makeover
Cultures that are more diverse
"5 - Growth on the north side of Joplin including airport drive area.

10 - Those leaving for education to return and keep working in the Joplin area.

15 - a safe and beautiful place for our children to live and play safely."
Public recreation and park systems
More robust meals and entertainment venues. Continued focus on downtown. Talent attraction through livability focuses. Business attraction through in warehousing, transportation and manufacturing. Continued support of the medical schools.
Better city design, less negativity towards JHS, the 5th/6th largest high school in the state, significant raises for teachers, a greener city, more easily accessed and safe outdoor activities for families/individuals.
Greater public transportation
"5yrs: The immediate glaring issue is that Joplin is trashy, we have areas with debris and vacant buildings. This should be a community driven effort to fix this, but Joplin could incentivize this.

10yrs: A hard look at what opportunities we want available for people and new business that have scalability in the future. Also a education system that focuses on training and hands on learning for children in their careers of interest.

15yrs: Joplin has a terrible traffic problem, with all the roads in the city it would take a long time and lots of money to fix, but if Joplin is to grow then this problem will only get harder to fix. A plan in how traffic should be directed in the future should be worked on now and implemented slowly over a long period of time. "
More housing for the homeless ,more technical training for people of employable ages .
People need to feel useful ,a job would help a lot of JOPLIN CITIZENS
Less crime, more family activity areas,
All the things I mentioned above.
"5 yrs-reduction in pan handling/loitering/homeless

10 yrs-growth in shopping/entertainment/community activities

15 yrs-growth in middle class jobs"
Keep the small town charm, safe walking trails more activities for families.
More grocery stores besides Wal-Mart.
I'm not sure
I would like Joplin to offer new and exciting opportunities to new businesses and their citizens. I would like to see salaries for our area increase and I would like to see the city council really take and interest in what the people of Joplin want for their future.
MORE SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES.
"Increase in the police dept and police pay within 5 yrs.

Allow the enforcement of laws created to keep people safe in our city.

Research and attain more employment opportunities by bringing niche businesses to the area."
More green trees
More walking trails and more open air store front dining
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If we aren't careful, the city center will become desolate just like so many small towns. Housing isn't properly cared for and businesses move or go under. I would like to see MOSO grow. I would like to see Joplin High School have a larger athletic following and more community support. I would like to see a paved trail experience like NWA. I would like to see Christ be the center of our community.
Clean-up main street/downtown and the areas (like 7th St) that weren't affected by the tornado.
Getting everybody into a house and no one on the streets
Plans for cleanliness and maintenance requirements for vacant businesses and buildings
We become more green and use sustainable energy sources for business, schools and homeowners. Greensburg, Kansas did it after their tornado.
"Growth in a sustainable direction. We have may opportunities for bringing in new residents and business. Support of the (health and behavior) systems providing the opportunities for the incoming students of the med school will provide stability for the students and a home for them.

Resident engagement in what is happening in our city.

Support for the shelters in our community. We have a significant sized homeless and poverty level population. Our shelters need support to be able to meet this need.

Business starting to go in outside of the 2 street special - Rangeline and 32nd - thus beginning to alleviate the traffic back up.

Better support of the law enforcement and first responders. They are the heart of our city and deserve the very best from all of Joplin residents and elected officials.

More efficient recycling options."
Get the panhandlers and homeless off the streets.
Allow a reduced library card amount for non-Joplin residents or payment options
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More traffic police, get back the positions

of code enforcement for neighborhoods, it's starting to look like we have no codes, like RV's in front yards
Harsher punishment for recreational drug use and a decrease in homeless vets
Fewer homeless people
No drugs
More family activities, sporting events, more law enforcement present, 5k runs, & God present in the community!
I would like to see better roads in our main areas and smoother railroads to drive over. We also need to bring some fun to our town. I find myself always going out of town for fun and giving my money to other cities. A Dave and Busters would be nice or some other form of entertainment. We also need a bigger place to hold concerts and since the place went under on 66 heading toward Galenda, we really don't have anything for our children.
I would like to see a return to basic municipal functions and away from Wallace Bejali style wastes of money. A focus on civil efficiency that could lower the municipal tax burden and encourage growth.
Economic growth and more activities for people to enjoy.
be more for the people of Joplin, not the agenda of the chamber, city council and older members of office.
Higher paying "low wage" jobs. Better traffic flow during the day, when the population explodes. Expansion of the Sunshine Trolley system, because we need a more wide-scale public transportation system. A new movie theater (though now's not the best time) because Northstar is wrecked and it would make a great $1 theater, but we need something new to keep up with the times. And on a personal note, we need a drive-through soup place. I really need to not have to go inside a place just to get soup there. Someone please open this business.
Having a few more solid companies set up facilities here so the younger generations will want to stay in region, earn a good living and raise families. You don't want to grow too big or too fast. You want to keep the solid family-oriented, hardworking values for future generations.
Business growth, the mall is closing and what do you have to bring people to Joplin when you have no shopping or attractions
There are too many big box stores allowed to go out of business or build them a new property. They vacate properties and don't take care of them properly while they sit empty & decaying. The USPS needs a new facility...what can you do to help them achieve that and move the homeless from Main Street to a few blocks away from Main?
"Outdoor, healthy living promoted by parks and trails system (5)

School(s) and Tech center fueled by city and local business to be a regional inivation center (10)

Mass transit loop in city and to surrounding communities (15) similar to european electric trains"
"I would like to see more local businesses and less Wal-Marts, etc. I would like to see support for the local police department as well.

"5 years- better communication with the citizens and city

10 years- more out door activities. along with it being family orientated (allow older people to have things to do)

15 years- N|A "
"1. Stop frivolous spending.

2. Invest in youth and skills training for the underemployed/underskilled, work-able demographic, in order to stop brain drain and draw more employers to the area.

3. Homeless population better served; consider converting non-used spaces into mini-homes/housing center."
more resources to help children
The amount of crime and drug addicts
More sidewalks, bike lanes, crosswalks, and otherwise safer space for pedestrians and cyclists.
More options for entertainment (kids, adults and families, too). More cultural offerings.
I would like to see more family oriented outdoor activities and sports facilities. More retail, restaurants and an actual grocery store (not just Wal-Mart). Main Street revived.
Transportation. More housing. More events to bring the community together. Better collaboration between business, religious affiliations, and mental health/substance use services.
Place for families to spend time together, update parks, more locations for low income housing and day care.
More infrastructure in regards to our already excellent roads and expanding on them as we grow in a logistical manner, lower crime rate, more for kids/teens to do after school, and much more industry here.
Higher pay increase for police and decrease homeless activity
Revitalize the downtown area. Bring in restaurants and bars, make it look like a place where people want to walk around.
More infastructure
Development plans to assure a safe and health community. Considerations and connection to our community services and growth to allow us to flourish with a plan to manage with continued development.
"5 years: Clean up the city of the homeless population and pan handling.

10 years: Invest in advertising the city

15 years: Provide attractions such as museums, arts and culture centers, small business district development whereby small businesses could have a pedestrian friendly block or district in the city with plenty of parking, open air park spaces and small business stores to promote shopping and investment into the community."
More opportunities for kids/teens. There is nothing here for entertainment. Also, more pubs/breweries, outdoor entertainment, things to get people out and about.
I would like to see more jobs. Larger Mental Health facilities. Larger Shelters and less to none crime. I would like to see no homeless people suffering, because they would all have jobs and placements.
A positive attitude about living and working here from the generation ages 21-50.
Neighborhoods cleaned up and thriving, vibrant main street with local stores and AFFORDABLE housing in a mixed usage environment. Jobs in the technology field expanded.
More attention to its citizens, more opportunities for employment and education.
Less stop lights and more round-a-bouts. Better street lighting and more family events.
Just more diversity. Bring in more businesses from different walks of life.
Get back to the small hometown feeling instead of trying to compete with the big cities be what we are a small Midwest town and be the best at it. Grow our hometown pride, have

more family activities, more safe places for families to live, better community spirit.
more business, more attractions, things to do, hopefully old building renovated, or torn down to provide locations downtown to have activities, to bring more revenue to the city
More social opportunities for married couples without kids
Less meth.. however, I love the small town feel Joplin has. Even while it continues to grow
First responders, cops, fire personal all get raises.
get rid of the pan handlers they are everywhere and if offered work don't want it. I would like to see more entertainment opportunities, concerts, plays or other things
The landscape. Personal property not looking junk yards. The roads not feeling like old farm roads that are full of pot holes. Unused rail road tracks being taken out and the roads fixed where they are so cars aren't getting damaged going over them.
Please refer to previous questions
Events to attend.
continued revitalization of downtown. increased activities for youth. increased work on trail systems, i.e., shoal creek area, wildcat park, frisco...
Better grocery stores brought in. Hate Walmart is every where.
All government officials to be relieved of their duties and new ones voted in that have a passion for Freedom and small businesses.
Thriving community with outdoor events and shopping.
More things to do for individuals and for families.
more industry, less homeless on the street, more things for kids to do
More large retail stores like Menards. Water park. Amusement park. Bass pro
More industry, more inclusiveness for people of color and LGBTQ
Better outdoor trails, cleaner streets
Population. If we can attract 2,000 people to Joplin per year, we can continue to attract industry, increase tax base to continue to build and expand our infrastructure and break into the next size of community where the opportunities are endless.
Continual economic growth, more renovation of the downtown area, substantial increase in drug task force, more renovation and use of existing structures.
Walkable, bike able throughout. Our "storm water" creeks to be rethought to be water destinations. Thriving downtown with great energy and historic properties rehabbed and in use. Main Street with two lane traffic and larger sidewalks. Clean and friendly with a diverse and creative population.
Build or restore Route 66 speedway. Take away parks that no one really goes to.
Light our residential streets
See above
coming together
More things to do, tear down old dilapidated businesses/houses, clean up the city
A police force that is mature. We keep hiring new officers that have no experience. They gain their experience at out expense and then move on to become outstanding officers at better paid agencies.
Get rid of slum lords, make people keep their properties up. Makeover abandon old buildings or tear them down if that isnt going to happen. There are alot of eye sores.
5 year want to see downtown booming as it was a year or so ago , more restaurants and boutiques downtown. I want to see a calm and pride amongst the citizens of Joplin moving forward. The new Cornell Arts complex with Spiva having first class shows. The new mineral museum with a location downtown. MSSU in the old library with events open to the public regularly so it is a downtown asset versus a building for the campus you walk by only. Trolley running evenings. 10 year – boutique hotels downtown, more vacant commercial buildings full of new businesses. More tourism coming to .joplin. 15 upgrades inside of old apartments downtown to keep up with progress of the era. Shuttles running around connecting downtown to rangeline, and back. More tourist destination assets.
"Establish a more vibrant downtown along main street, Pearl, Wall and Joplin Streets that encompasses work, entertainment, and housing in a safe, low needs transportation. Establishing an opportunity type zone in this area to attract tech businesses and increase our areas focus on technology, medicine and education. Possibly 5G or fiber downtown. We need something that differentiates Joplin from other metro areas. Cleanup the blighted housing and commercial properties in the area. Create zoning for single family housing in areas that are blighted.

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the city council being recalled now
Fewer homeless, higher paying jobs, more professional jobs.
Greenways, public service improvements, shopping and eating opportunities, improved motel/hotel housing, quality of life, reduced tax on elderly people, the tax base is too high, it needs to come down to influence expenditures.
"Better traffic control and planning. Some sort of downtown re-vitalization, particularly between 7th and 20th streets. It's too bad the Cornell center isn't being built in this area.

Tear down Memorial Hall or fix it into something to be proud of – right now it is a filthy mess. It is disgusting to go to something like the Quilt show and see the lack of maintenance. There is no excuse to have a floor which looks like it hasn't been mopped in years. Either take care of it or get rid of it. Keep the actual memorial on the west side of the building to pacify those who have a sentimental attachment to it."
"5-years: I'd like to see more green energy and buildings that meet higher energy efficiencies. I'd like to see more trails linking us to other communities.

10-years: More high tech jobs available and more affordable housing.

15-years: Greater access to high education, technical education and medical care."
Put fun stuff back for family's
More walkable, bikeable, connected.
My zip code is CJ, but I have grown up in Joplin almost all of my life. You may or may not remember me, I am Craig Smith, good friends with Barry Sanborn and know your mom from 1st UMC really well. I see an opportunity for some of the broken downtown or close to downtown buildings to come alive again. First off, The Olivia Apartments. Joplin wants its' downtown to thrive? Then bring some business hotels to the downtown area. For example, turn the Olivia Apartments into a hotel, with business facilities. Turn the old Y into possibly the same. There are also other older apartment buildings that could be great opportunities to be revived. Parking.... obviously, there needs to be MORE parking downtown to get people to come and stay. Why not a parking garage? We need something to bring people to Joplin. The old

Train Depot, turned into a Science Center and Museum. This could be great to bring in area school children. Having event there could also bring in out of town visitors. Moving the downtown post office back to its' original building next to the old library. It would have been nice to build a downtown baseball stadium to bring in the USA HS Baseball American Tourney to help host. This could be a multiuse facility for other sporting events, soccer, football, etc. Again, this brings business to the new downtown hotels we could have. Bring a legit trolley back that goes from 1st and Main, where the train depot is located to 20th and Main. Sorry to say, and not to be rude, as it serves a mighty purpose, I actually stayed there myself when I was a younger child, but move Souls Harbor. I know that TAMKO would love to get on board with some of these events since the home office is located downtown. I would even say try to get a big name department store to move downtown.....These are a lot of ideas, but all legit and doable. Also, taking better care of the Spiva Park, there was human feces on one of the steps there this past weekend. It would be nice to see the fountains and colorful light show within the park. Host 2-3 times a year MAIN STREET FIREWORKS event. Have the local shops have specials, restaurants would be busy and end the evening with a firework display from the newly renovated Train Depot. Joplin can be a "hub", but we have to find what is special for us. Lots of good things out there to do, we just need to do it.
"Carthage has it's Maple Leaf Festival... what yearly weekend event could Joplin host that would bring people into the city to spend money and rediscover the cool elements Joplin has. I think at one point we did a Route 66 Festival.

- Entice more companies in to offer good quality jobs.

- More community events that give residents something fun and interesting things to do and also bring tax dollars and awareness to historic elements of the city. (route 66 etc)

- Big yearly event that Joplin can become known for.

- Specific zoning requirements to help address the overall feel of the city so it looks and feels less rundown and less like one giant commercial strip."
More Diversity. Technology growth. Economic growth and and recruitment of semi skilled and skilled labor. Gun manufacturers e.g.
"Growth. Bringing in good foundation for businesses ...like shopping

Become a distribution Center in 5 years, and consolidation of the smaller communities around Joplin
Make the businesses that cause the horrible smell either shut down or work to remove the smell. Bring in better business for workers. No more retail or food chains. Clean up 7th street and the drug problem
Continuing improvements in education opportunities and an investment in recreational infrastructure(concert/event venues, trails, etc.).
New city government
I am concerned what it will be like in a few years if socialist ideas/government overreach continues.
"I wish the community would become more progressive.

I think the city should provide high speed internet for all residents. "
Put a stop to the bigotry by actually cracking down on people who engage in hate-speech and actually enforce ordinances. Also please put an end to Gary Shaw. He's just the very worst kind of person and he has no business being in politics.
Continue to grow. Do it at a reasonable rate... not too fast.
"More young families wanting to make Joplin their home.

More manufacturing brought to our area.

More money put into our schools. Not just new buildings but, making sure we have competitive wages for teachers and that all schools have all the tools to help our students succeed."
Dont know
Make it more community based. Work on cleaning up the city & helping the homeless get established in the city
I would like to see a strong community, with city events, and expansion in activities for families.
I would like to see a large event center attract concerts and community events
"5: Infrastructure on the north side. Integrate with Webb City and Carl Junction for extension of 249 for a north loop. Downtown parking garage. expand 7th street to 5 lanes from Main west past Pearl.

10: Start on the west side by-pass. Need to improve MO 171 from Pittsburg to Joplin."
An open Outlook to allowing entertainment in town which means a safe clean and tolerated night life. Maybe an entertainment district along the lines of a Westport.
Large venues and sports complex built. Keep expanding bike and walking trails.
Aggressive effort to annex areas that bring/create room for higher end housing and amenity growth. Focused effort on advanced manf and logistics. Current long term supply chain shift offers opportunities. Find ways to leverage health systems with mSSU and KCU to increase actual research here.
More walking and biking trails. A splash pad for special needs children. City fields that support youth baseball.
Less government control, more family friendly, more happiness and togetherness
it's stinky smell
"5 Yrs: Plan for reducing expenses, eliminating waste, and new tax revenue opportunities.... there are many other tax revenue sources other than just a sales tax.

10 Yr: Reassess the situation and results and determine what is the next step. It will be at least 10 years for economy to recup and able to produce accurate data.

15 Yrs: Not even on the horizon. "
"Get new people on the city council who are compassionate and caring about the people and the environment.

The odor problems from 32nd street must be corrected. "
More walking and biking areas, pocket parks, etc
More conservative leadership.
More positive attitudes towards the community
Less side walks. Joplin seems to be really into sidewalks and round abouts. I have heard of more accidents in the last fews weeks, esp roll over accidents. Police need to monitor traffic,

people are out if control.
Would love for all the sex offenders be killed or at least put in prison.
Every vacant tornado lot with a house and residents in it in five years. Supported by the industry's that will come in five years if we step up.
Downtown growth, growth and development to the south
City beautiful, Cleaner, safer environment
MSSU downtown campus, road diets throughout downtown, emphasis on rehabbing empty structures rather than granting tax incentives for new site development. Becoming known as a regional cultural hub.
I want to see a thriving downtown much like so many others across the country. I want to see higher taxes (where ever that needs to be) so we can provide better schools, roads, and housing to attract others to move here before they move to NWA, etc.
"leadership

In addition to the above listed, a) City Limits expanded to the east allowing for urban development along 249/49.
"bring in businesses appropriate to a city twice our size.

sunset all new taxes. protect our traditional conservative values including the US Constitution. limit government overreach."
More industry for better paying jobs
More retail stores, bypass around the West side of town.
More Business friendly and Family oriented programs that create a place for all of us for the young to old and poor to rich.
Again hard to plan with the virus.
"Stop violent guns, crimes and drugs...

Want to change and beautiful city of Joplin"
Better parking to enjoy the Falls, bike trails through town, help to get homeless off streets.
Get rid of the violence and drugs in this community
"Jobs, jobs, jobs.... get companies in here. And the tax revenues will solve everything.

Better parks, better facilities, better schools will all be possible if you get companies to come and invest in the community "
I would like to see more small shopping markets, more craft centers for kids, and maybe a pool for Webb City.
more grocery stores that aren't walmart everything
More walking g trails and very very nice ones
Better wages for those in charge of our everyday life, police and firemen
Back the police with the funding and necessary means to ensure safety amongst the residents of our community.
"Grocery store!

More police. It seems our crime rate is up."
Local sports team, new industry, better variety of restaurants and grocery stores.
Council to not be political, but truly listen to the majority of the people who elected them thinking they would do so.
This survey started because of the "bring Hy-Vee to Joplin" movement. That's it in a nutshell, bring options to Joplin. Love to see a large manufacturing plant establish here.
a better quality grocery store
Grocery options other than Walmart. New jobs. Clean up the older parts of town and make joplin more than just a magnet for national retail and restaurant chains.
additional grocery stores, 10% population growth, new businesses.
To grow bigger by adding better things. You can't continue to close things and expect people to stay around
Growth in industry so we have better jobs to offer
Get more people to come. More restaurants and activities place
More Coulter variety businesses open
We need variety of grocery stores. Also adding more restaurants downtown would be nice
Grow the city!!!
Improved schools, healthier population
Better entertainment and food. Better parks and trails
Bridge the gap of quality of buildings, maintenance, etc on Main St. from downtown-32nd street (really between the gryphon building and 20th looks like crap compared to downtown and 20-32nd st.) It is way scarier to walk those parts.
Improved HD cameras and security systems throughout the city and entry points from into the city. Especially the Interstate.
Side walks on all roads and less panhandling
"Expansion of city limits, sports hub, bigger medical hub, improved infrastructure, pushing local businesses (I know we are an interstate hub so we need national), making Joplin a town of murals for art work. A town of bronze statues worked

In Edmond and brings people in to see things "
A branch of the library on the other side of town, like we had. An interactive museum of some kind would be good for children and adults. No more empty buildings. Less focus on "the arts" and more on things for families to do.
There need to be more opportunities for career-focused professionals. There are so few jobs right now for people who want to live here without sacrificing upward mobility. Also, I would love to see more local businesses thriving.
Definitely more investment in the outdoors for future generations.
"More trails and connectivity.

A Main Street that doesn't take through truck traffic

More hep for young entrepreneurs, keep them here and get them brick and mortar space.

Penalize commercial property owners who do nothing with their buildings and let them rot!

Traffic safety. Hopefully. EDirect that. I was a former supervisor and crash deconstructionist for the JPD traffic division for several years until my retirement.
More music, more family's and eclectic experiences, and no longer a home to the ugly parts of American society
See all of the above.
Safer and better maintained neighborhoods. The homeless included as part of the city instead of an eye sore to hide.
Watered Gardens are champions for the homeless.
More family friendly activities. Better boutique shopping.
Deug enforcement
Additional bike trails along the rivers
More parks, affordable housing, openness to new ideas.
More medical marijuana opportunities to teach people. We need a non-profit to work with people to help educate, do case management to help people get medicials cards etc.
"sooner than 5 years, more grocery options,

stop catering to old school joplin members who have their own agenda. WE NEED grocery markets besides wal mart.

Community development. More culture.... more things to do that are family friendly.
I would like to see Joplin embrace more evidence based practices on addressing heroine and drug abuse, like safe drug use centers and investments in mental health programs.
The restoration of The Olivia, Downtown Y, and Roberson Apartments. City employees being paid equitably with lower level pay ranges raised to shrink the gap of higher level ranges. Places for kids (21 and younger) to have fun that is not sponsored by religious organizations or is "Christian" based.
"5- More locally owned stores and businesses/blueprints for providing resources to homeless/'poor' population

10- Resources and jobs are provided to all citizens, fair wages, and less used areas cleaned up to attract more businesses to those areas

15- All areas in town refurbished and flourishing. Next to no homeless population due to resources and education."
Joplin is bare. Rang line is an ugly concrete wasteland of traffic congestion. It needs beautification. Joplin needs to make an effort on its appearance.
"I would like to see a more forward way of thinking.

I would like to see more things to do here across the board."
Diversity!
All new city council
real patriotic Americans running it
"City government that is representative of all groups. City laws that are progressive.

Improved pedestrian and cyclist paths.

Incentives for property owners to improve their homes and neighborhoods."
Downtown and mall updated. More outdoor recreation and park areas. Better tennis and golf opportunities
Rally behind our school sports
More fun things for families and more farmers market/farm fresh related business!
No masks
More entertainment businesses
More eco-friendly, diverse in peoples and cultures. Better public transportation and sidewalks.
The increase in social assistance referenced in question 4, increased embracing of diversity, job (and wage) growth.
Parks in better shape, trash picked up, Murphy street low water bridge dug out so it doesn't flood in 1" of rain. It's all clogged, unsightly, trashy. Nearly always blocked off with small rain.
Better job opportunities, more entertainment for families and diversity for all ethnic backgrounds.
entertainment, something to do for families
I want to see it just explode with cool things to do. The metro area will naturally grow, it has great suburbs and for that reason I think it needs to become more of an urban city. I want it to be like Rogers or Springfield etc.
Lots of businesses and things to do for all walks of life.
Joplin can grow if the right people are on the same page and have one goal in mind. Make Joplin a place potential businesses want to locate to and raise their families.
More activities for people of all ages.
I'd like to see growth in the community & area - with that comes job opportunities, educational & cultural opportunities
The crime rate to go down. For this to be a place people want to come to other than going out to shop and eat.
Government that actually cares about the constitutional rights and freedoms of the people of America
Seriously, put some interesting things around. Also work on getting big names in entertaining around, would be great.
More openess between different groups of people.
"5: more diversity in the population

10: more diversity in career opportunities

15: more diversity in the leadership of diverse companies"
Improve downtown. Finish cleaning up vacant spaces from tornado. Attract more businesses and retail.
An updated, walkable downtown. More outdoor recreational activities. Diverse things to do. Not just restaurants.
I'd like to see Joplin have more family friendly parks, perhaps adding a bike park to the giant walking track near 15th and Murphy Blvd. and continue to become more bike-friendly
I would like to be able to protect my home with a privacy fence that goes to the front of my home.
More family activities
Im not from this part of the country, so interesting when family and friends come to see it. I get to see Joplin through fresh eyes. They're amazed at the beauty, affordability, and friendly people, but they're also shocked by the slums.
I think we have to do something about the run down houses in north town, because it's dragging down all of the homeowners that have great pride in their cottages. I saw many areas in Florida that turned run down cottages into great "Key West" like art districts. Too many people in that area are working to bring it back to live, but there's too many run down homes. We have an old apartment on Jackson that could be gorgeous, but every year it gets worse and worse. The apartments next to the old YMCA, the Olivia Apartments, and the old Freeman Hospital are dangerous, yet they sit there year after year, getting worse. We either need to Save them, or tear them down. Once we get our town looking good, we need to get the word out that this is a great place to live.
Bring in some competition. Grow with jobs.
Diversity
Cleaner public spaces, more recycling facilities, more small.business support, police force improvements -solving crimes not financial persecution.
"More affordable transportation

More affordable housing

More education seminars for the community at large"
To new to the city on this one. But making sure or retail, businesses, and manufacturing sectors grow and thrive. That way we maintain jobs and population. Make it a place where people want to stay when they graduate. Not look to KC, Springfield, Fayetteville, but look as Joplin as long term.
Less drugs and beggars. Less crime. More successful businesses in downtown. Clean up old store fronts on Main Street so new businesses can use them.
I would like us to grow in a very planned and strategic manor to keep and attract a culturally

diverse community with focus on the arts and education.
Technology work, and internet for public
cater to small business, locally owned businesses. Quit catering to the drug clientel
A thriving East Town Entertainment District connecting MSSU to Downtown
I would like places like watered gardens to quit profiting off homeless people and our city actually do something to end homelessness, not just sending police to break up campsites, but helping these people to get back on their feet.
I would like rent to be affordable with a single income and less police stops for things like no tag lights, and for Freeman and the police to quit profiting together by sending people to the Stephens unit unjustly.
Getting more police officers, better 911 system and fighting the massive drug and illegal gun problem.
Return of small businesses. Better schools teaching history that is true so the citizens are not led into Marxism.
Bring back small businesses
More things to do and the dirt track open back up to where we can bring monster trucks back and a rodeo and tractor pulls etc
I'd like to see it become more diverse, I'd like to see main street become a place people want to go rather than a line of closed down businesses.
Better or yet, more public transportation. Something worked out with the municipalities in the Joplin Metro Area, a bus or Trolley system with stops in the other towns. I would like to see a larger grocer come in.
1. Revitalization of downtown attracting diverse restauranteurs that will have outdoor front and alley sitting spaces. / 2. Walkable and bikeable City / 3. Annual celebrations of our diversity / 4. More women as City Council leaders / 5. A Language School / 6. A boutique hotel with a convention center downtown / 7. SUSTAINABLE CITY with curbside recycling, more investment in clean energy and free charging stations for EV's
I would love to see some of the abandoned buildings addressed. I believe Pittsburg had a process of giving building owners timelines to clean up the buildings or they become city property that is then either sold to a developer or torn down. I don't remember the details for how it worked, but it must have had a big impact since Pittsburg's downtown has made huge strides over the last 5 years.
GETTING ALL CITY OFFICIALS WHO ARE COMMIS OUT OF OFFICE, AND GETTING OFFICIALS WHO ACTUALLY BELIEVE IN FOLLOWING THE CONSTITUTION INTO OFFICE
Relocated employers, new housing developments, strengthened and expanded downtown area, more community and cultural events.
Better trails, quit doing stupid stuff, educate people on bicycle awareness on roads, listen to the public, make things more like NWA.
I would like to see fewer empty buildings, more business, and a more family-friendly environment. We have numerous businesses and industries in Joplin, let's create a city that not only retains residents but draws new residents, too.
Joplin empire market expansion. More restaurants on Main Street.
In 5 years I want to see us bring in two manufacturing plants. In 10 years I want us to expand and develop to our north and east. In 15 years, I want to see a partnership with Webb City to build a hospital on the north side of the city for better response time and ease of access.
"5- clean up the city

10- improve the infrastructure

15- attract a skilled labor force "
Greater diversity in leadership and government positions (race, ethnicity, ideology)
The will of the people followed, not just the vocal liberal minority.
A city where citizens do not fear walking through any part of the city! Rid illegal drugs. Community citizen watch programs. Make Joplin the safest city to live in.
Not sure
Freedom.
Opportunities for employment for marginalized people, an avenue for our growing homeless population and taking care of the many historical blighted buildings. I spend all of my college years living at the Olivia and she should be preserved. The Robertson and countless other buildings need a developer and quick.
I would like to see a variety of new business, local owned and more of a variety of grocery stores.
"I would like to see the downtown area come alive, more young people to come into our community and share their cultural experiences, and for Joplin to become more of a hot spot for culture.

Would love to see more trees planted in the tornado zone
Finish filling in the "tornado zone"...a new shopping/entertainment development, less crime.
"As a city turn hearts towards God.

Stand firm on morals that the area has stride for.

Actively grow towards greater retail and industry. "
Homeless off the streets. More businesses downtown! Joplin has beautiful buildings downtown
A police force that cares and can put a stop to crimes, drug use, etc. pay them enough to get good ones and retain them.
Growth! Good paying jobs! Competition!
Some different businesses as mentioned brought to town
5 year - increased communication from every part of our city. 10 year - new diversified companies. 15 years - improved inter/intra city transportation.
utilize the land across from the airport that previously house the tornado residents to bring shopping to this end of town. Partner with neighboring communities
More entertainment places for families, Hy-Vee store for value, HEB store for compitition
Better grocery stores, then Walmart. More businesses coming into our area to create more jobs. Our taxes to go down. You're taxing us to death. For the small businesses to get help do they can stay open and not shut their doors. The list goes on.
Big venues, Attracions, Updating structures, setting up help on cleaning up housing areas.
Reduced indoctrination of generational standards that hurt people who have different beliefs and cultures. Overhaul of leaders in the hospital and education systems.
be more friendly and open to new opportunities.
Better roads, a concert venue, more walking/bicycle trails
We need another independent grocery store like Shnucks or Hy-Ver
Hy-Vee, work on drug problem
See above comments.
More employment opportunity - Many previous citizens would like to move back,

but there are no jobs available.
Hy-Vee grocery store.
Short term, being knowledgeable about citizens rights more than those who attempt to take them. Long term, being able to have negotiated outcomes that provide for all citizens.
Older neighborhoods being maintained. Slum lords not being responsible for those they rent to, decreasing property values and resulting in unsafe neighborhoods. They wouldn't live there but don't care how they affect those that have lived there for years
I want is to be a gateway to the North, East, South and West. I want to say heck yes I am from Joplin and it is the best place in Missouri to be. It is where you can feel like home the minute you drive in. It is a thriving town with a beautiful history and is still adding to it.
More tracery store. I would love to see a Hyvee!! Something other than the regular franchises! We need something more. We have nothing here. We have no night life. There isn't anything for the 20-50 or even for children age groups here. We are to big of a city to not have any of this!
Better jobs in this city
Develop other areas if town, similar to Tulsa. Spread retail out.
At least one if not two major supermarkets located to the north and to the south so we do not have to rely on Walmart for our needs.
Growth, more community improvement, more business opportinity
"I really can't think of anything except I would like some competition for Walmart.

"Growth, Growth, Growth.

Encourage new businesses, remind city employees part of their job is to find ways to make things easier for the citizens, not more difficult. Encourage residential development. contractors resist building in the city because of difficulties dealing with the permit & inspection issues. Not necessarily the requirements, but the attitude of the employees in the process. Again their job is not to discourage, or make it more difficult. Attitude of city employees can be the greatest asset OR impediment to future growth. The recent rejection of a proposed Menards TIF not only stopped development but sent the message to other potential developers to STAY AWAY from Joplin. The developer spent tens of thousands of dollars trying to put the project together only to be rejected. The city finance director seemed to have a personal interest in killing the project. Not sure what the back story is, but again the job of a city employee should not be to discourage growth and development. The developer had a good reputation in other communities where he had developed commercial properties.

Continue to encourage redevelopment of old abandoned commercial buildings, possibly some form of tax incentives. There are properties in the city that will never be developed because city codes make it impossible for a business to develop and make it profitable. (Property on the west side of Rangeline near 22nd street is an example)

Clean up the city by encouraging neighborhood pride, organize neighborhood improvement groups. DON""T try enforcement by sending a city bureaucrat around with a tape measure the check the length of citizens grass. it creates resentment and is counter productive to the goal.

Excessive enforcement creates more abandoned properties.

Realize there are some citizens who are on fixed incomes and the working poor cannot afford to make major expenditures on their homes. It would be great if every home it town looked like it was ready for a photo shoot for a magazine, but that is unrealistic and won't ever happen. Try to foster volunteer groups to assist those who cannot afford repairs.

Encourage businesses to provide trash receptacles on their parking lots

We need more choices! More activities to participate in, more places to shop, more options for the general public to get out and be a part of the community. Not more restaurants. We have some great ideas here... For example, the new axe throwing local businesses. You know how difficult it was to get those places to open because there was no funding? Ridiculous. That's an amazing idea that has brought in tons of Revenue! We could be seeing more and more of that if Joplin would reroute its ideas on how funds should be distributed.
Growth other than restaurants
Recycling as ordinary as taking out the trash. The cost would be divided among all residents making it low cost per capita. Each residence would be provided with 2 receptacles - 1 for trash, 1 for recycling. If they were provided, they would be used by many more people than are willing to make the effort to recycle on their own.
"What would I like to see change in Joplin? I'd like to see this city start moving forward and provide its citizens with the resources that surrounding larger cities have. I frequently hear other people from the area speak of going to Springfield, Tulsa, and Kansas City to seek services or shop for items that they can't find in Joplin.

I moved here 27 years ago due to a family member's job transfer. We moved from the Kansas City metropolitan area, and to be honest, I miss it everyday. In all my time of living here, Joplin has never evolved to a level anywhere near that of my hometown, K.C. If it weren't for the evolution of the Internet and our ability to connect to the outside world for shopping and other services through it, we'd be very limited living here in Joplin.

I recall hearing a life-long Joplin resident say years ago that at one time, Joplin was a bigger city than Springfield. He said Springfield city leaders were open to change, but Joplin city leaders were not. Springfield grew larger than Joplin and became the city it is today.

I'd like to see Joplin grow to be a city with a unique, historical past that's also a future-oriented city: A city where you can find all the services you need without having to drive to surrounding cities. A city with CHOICE: For example, as it is, Walmart is just about the only game in town for most shopping needs. It would be amazing to have other options such as Hyvee or Schnucks or even a Super Target!

For YEARS, I have listened to the city council discuss what to do with Memorial Hall. There's always lots of talk and no action on such topics. When I first moved here, there was talk of renovating the Old Train Depot near First and Main. To this date, I've heard nothing more about it. So much could be done to promote

and build upon this city's rich history and develop tourism.

In the end, it all comes down to people making the change, and to do that, we need the right people with the right mindset to do so. Without forward-thinkers, Joplin will continue to lag behind our neighbors."
More growth, more opportunities, more museums, more art district fun, a big event center so money can come into Joplin instead of our money going to larger cities for concerts and such. Water parks like we had talked about doing at one time.
Need a full service grocery like Hy-Vee.
Total revamp
Opportunities for tourism dollars, a safer place for those tourist, Image the hotel district catering to pedestrians, with a high end movie theater, shopping that includes a full service grocery store. This town could be a beautiful safe place to raise a family. Revitalize downtown, there are too many empty buildings, offer incentives for businesses to restore them, there is so much history & culture being lost. I would love to be able to spend a Family Day downtown shopping, dining, soaking in live music & culture. Currently it takes about 2 hours to shop boutiques, there are only a handful of full service restaurants, only culture are the homeless. The schools are behind in academics, most of the schools are newer buildings which is great, the high school has impressive technology that other schools would be envious of, the high school staff doesn't take full advantage of it to make the kids education experience deeper, or prepare them for the next phase of life, they use it to make their jobs easier. Imagine if we had a greater school ranking by the state, families would have another reason to want to move here, with better education comes better opportunities which equals less drug use, teen pregnancy & less crime.
A trend toward restoration rather than replacement of buildings and structures. More, better, and safer sidewalks.
Growth
More green spaces, more opportunities for grocery, more family attractions.
I would like to have more choices for grocery shopping. Also, Walmart has taken over other shopping opportunities, too. We need to encourage other stores to take on the giant.
More real policing all jail inmates must work stop the dope
Probably won't live another 10 to 15 years.
Improving and beautifying what we currently have in place.
I'd like to see Downtown become a thriving cultural area that attracts tourism and encourages local business and creativity. I'd like to see the ratings of our schools improve. I'd like to see a decrease in homelessness and drug use and a better trained police force.
Better road surfaces on city streets. City Charter change to allow citizens to elect the mayor. Do away with council zone seats. Reduce from 9 to 7 council seat total. More street lighting. More lighting used on our gateways off the interstates into Joplin center.
Better zoning laws to further housing and commerce development
"Stronger economy
More cultural events"
less tsunamis
Adding more grocery options. Really like to see a HyVee. Really glad we have a quick trip but another one on the west side of town would be great
I would like to see more job opportunities for the community. Clean up 7th street and south Rangeline. Build up the interstate area to allow more people to see more of Joplin than a pit stop area.
More arts, more shopping opportunities, more dining opportunities
going from 50,000 people to 100,00 people
Develop of independent businesses, less chain stores/restaurants. Improved public areas and entertainment options.
New business opportunities, better city council interaction with what the community wants
More restaurants open, more funding for schools, more walking trails, increased airport usage and flight options, bigger farmers market
Especially on Main St. I'd like to see the empty lots and buildings be occupied. And I'd like even more parks and walking trails.
Businesses doing well, new Dental school, re-opened restaurants, more grocery stores.
More inclusion
More outdoor and health focus while maintaining our small town feel.
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"More outdoor investments

More festivals "
Good incentives for incoming business, not focused on just Rangeline or 32nd St., We need to cover Main and Maiden Lane. The more little independent specialty shops and such need foot traffic accessibility, I.E. the ones with sidewalks!
More choices
A high end grocery...World Market
Unsure
More designated running/biking trails. A dog park that isn't a hassle to enter. An increase in white collar jobs.
I would like to see traffic flow more smoothly through Joplin. I would like to see less blight. In the past our local schools provided places for recreation. I would like to have some of the areas where schools were once located turned into small local parks.
N/a
More growth and Jobs
More owners armed and trained by our local law enforcement. More programs on safely patrolling out neighborhood by citizens.
More destinations and number of flights at the airport.
Larger choices on grocers, more community involvement, less selfishness of our people.
Better wages
More tech jobs and professional career opportunities.
More community based activities available.
More recreation, a program to get/help the homeless get off the streets.
More diligence to keep plants/trees trimmed that are in the way of seeing at stop signs, also, if at every stop sign in family neighborhoods had a wide white strip painted at each stop sign, I believe there would be much less people running stop signs.
"I'd love an expanded airport. I'd love to see a few anchor stores going in downtown.

increased job opportunities and a cleaner city
More businesses, restaurants and hotels on south Main Street closer to Mercy.
Better grocery stores,more things to do for entertainment,stop voting everything down that wants to come to Joplin
Hyvee, more activities. To do anything we go to Tulsa and or Springfield. Also shopping!
Become a place that is more interesting to the younger people. We have a major medical community which brings in a lot

of young people, but no one wants to stay because there is nothing here for them.
Less meth, less Republicans, more variety in business
Remove the racists
Increase in jobs, specifically in the tech sector.
More grocery stores. More retirement homes for the active retiree.
"I'd like to see Joplin start to create an identity and a brand for itself. Become a city that people think of as a nice, interesting place, not just another small Midwestern city with lots of chain restaurants and big box stores.

Formal adoption of the new city flag would be a small step but could help develop Joplin pride and buy-in from younger residents.
More businesses. More competitive jobs.
More park and recreation activities, more private sector growth. Improved and maintained roads.
More restaurant options for families to choose from, more activities for families or anyone! A hy vee grocery store or two. They have a better variety than Walmart!!
Boom town days????What happened to that our community getting together and celebrating joplin!
God's resort being added on to for more people to begin again and getting their lives in order.
Increased public safety to catch up and then keep up with the growth of the city.
Better stores, more hometown feeling and thriving as a community
Overall beautification—rewarding personal property maintenance and enforcing upkeep. Aim for the cleanest, friendliest area in the Fourstates.
Joplin is like a 12 year old...not a kid or baby but not a teenager adult...it's a weird size town but lots of people go there....has great potential to keep pulling people in from surrounding communities to shop a Hy Vee would be amazing
More grocery stores to compete with Wal Mart
We need a descent full service grocery store.
Make sure public transportation is available.
Continue with revitalizing downtown area.
My wants are few as I'm retired.
To slow down our world a bit.
more town proud. We don't support our schools like surrounding towns, more businesses off of Rangeline, better paying job opportunities
Filling the real estate holes in the city. We still look like a city recovering.
More places for lower income people to live
More business diversity, less reliance on Walmart.
Bring a hyvee grocery store to town and build more hiking trails. Annex more land.
More job opportunities and things to do for entertainment
Social workers with policemen, entertainment venues added
I want to see positive growth, as a people, more unity, people caring for eachother
More retail on West side
growth beyond retail.....more park expansions.....making MSSU a more desirable university....more museums.....art...theater....culture.....a spot in the city to galvanize what Joplin stands for.....forget the lingering image of a "mining town"...that was 100 years ago....
Joplin needs to focus on the future.....make itself the central point the next generation....maybe get a factory that builds self driving trucks....lots of potential if one focuses on the purpose and meaning
Revitalization of the downtown area from 8th and Main to 15th and Main. Have the homeless shelters move to the outskirts of town so the transient population stops defecating and urinating on the buildings and sidewalks. More businesses would want to be downtown if there were incentives. If they weren't afraid of being broken into and robbed.
Would like see more work to clean up Joplin. It's not a very happy town.
Better shoopng options
I'd like to see housing solutions for the impoverished. Let's get behind the Veteran's home project. Focus on ways to improve homelessness. Better transportation options, perhaps offering shuttles to Indutrial parks to help those w/o transportation keep their jobs. More childcare options.
Getting more QTs, a hyvee, better roads, drive in theater, movie theater, more support for special needs kids.
More community based
Job expansion and local businesses
New businesses for all ages
I would like to see the city maintain the downtown area while expanding other areas. I think a grocery store such as Hy-Vee would be a great addition.
Undecided

Better paying jobs
More family oriented entertainment and less fine arts
More green spaces. Actual construction on the trail and bridge that would connect MSSU to the mall area over Turkey Creek. We need to connect it to the community. It would bring more business to the mall and the theater. Staff and students could walk or ride bikes across and patronize the mall on lunch or for dinner.
Another grocery store with affordable pricing. Walmart ran out all the mom and pops stores.
Update roads and buildings on west side
Hyvee and Manards
Cleaner city
More downtown revitalization, HyVee or Schnucks grocery stores, clean ip of blighted areas, more money for law enforcement to make the city safer....specifically thefts.
Bring in an upscale grocery
More grocery stores and things for young people to get involved in.
That's hard for me to answer. I'm relatively new to Joplin and comparing Joplin to the others towns/states I've lived, I believe things are really good here.
Grow but not lose the small town feeling. The closeness of our neighbors. We have a good police force and we need to support them more. Same for firemen. They are important for us all. We have 2 wonderful hospitals, we need to see they stay here.
"Build up Main Street from 7th to 1st.

Possibly 20th to 7th as well. MORE GROCERY STORE OPTIONS. We are tired of Walmart!!! "
New business that attracts people
Better road maintenance on less traveled roads. For example, the intersection of Main and Murphy is a nightmare when you're turning from Murphy onto Main. Landreth Avenue is also in rough shape. It gets a decent amount of traffic, but there are giant potholes that could damage a small car.
Better grocery store, more businesses, updated mall
I would like to see us employ a larger police force in order to combat the rise in drug use in the midwest.
Return bog performer concert
Continued growth as a city with open-mindedness, love, and less discrimination.
Better grocery stores we are a slave to

Walmart! They seem to control this city!
Increase in minority representation at all governmental levels, Term limit all city governmental positions
Diversity
Tax breaks for small businesses and Corporations that we could get in here.
Increase the number of non-Walmart grocers and an end to the idiotic and unconstitutional mask mandate.
"Better grocery store – like a Hy-Vee

More community classes and recreation

"Again, a more bicycle and pedestrian friendly town

Higher high school graduation rates "
more trolley routes expended to cover a larger areas industrial parks. more trolleys
With aging baby boomers, perhaps Joplin could use some more retirement-village type apartments. And agencies to care for them. Joplin could also use some smallish affordable homes for young people just starting out.
hard time for tweakers, get them off the streets
"I would like to see a listing of past TIF districts and their current status. It seems to me that past city councils have been liberal in their approvals of these TIFs and while some of them have been very successful, some have not. I think the city should inform the public of those TIFs that have been approved and not completed, i.e. the one on south main. Was this just a political pay off?

Use of TIFs can be very beneficial, but should be more carefully scrutinized before being approved and there should be a time line for them to be started and completed.

The public should also be told how the other benefit packages provide to businesses locating here have performed."
More mom and pop shops
Continued revitalization of downtown, more incentives/less roadblocks for new business, greater diversity in business and community leadership. Protected bike lanes and more trails!
"Better diversity, more local businesses, more art in public spaces, and more government commitment to nature/conservation.

I also want to say that I am concerned about the lawsuit filed against the new City Manager for sexual harassment against a woman of color."
More diversity and growth / support around the local 4-year college, MSSU.
Stronger downtown development to attract residents and visitors, and increase marketability. More awareness and acceptance of diverse populations. Keep that "heart in the heartland" spirit without the small town ugliness.
High wages bring opportunity. Not, barely above minimum wage won't do it. As it is, Americans can't afford rents.
Start the work on the park they talked about in the last 6 months. They get these great ideas that are put out there, then nothing ever happens.
Growing. And have more attractions to area so people can visit with kid friendly things to do
Increase in business, not another coffee shop or boutique, but industry jobs
More business growth
I would like to bring in a veteran's community project housing. Work on desolated areas.
Bring in more beauty.
More sidewalks and biking lanes to make the city more traversable for people without cars, and to improve engagement within neighborhoods and with local businesses.
Clean up..bring in family things..starting to feel like the city is only bad things
"5: concert hall

10: multi use sports facility/convention center

15: true arts/entertainment district"
The low-water bridge gates need to go away. This is a public safety concern.
More bike lanes, recycling bins open 24/7, clean up run-down property,
Again, something family orientated. Start putting some of the businesses that are on Rangeline on the west side of town.
Bring Hy-Vee and Menards to our city
More bike\walking trails.
Work on homeless population, eventually reduce it to none. Make opportunities for citizens to work, gain a skill, be a productive part of our community. MSSU education available to more of our citizens. Variety of classes to fit all ages, especially slightly older people.

Add at least one grocery store; attract more stores to the North Park Mall
I would like to see the improvement of community venues. We shouldn't be limited to deciding between going shopping or going out to eat. We should create an area similar to those in Arkansas that will bring people closer to nature in a modernized way.
Attention returned to neighborhoods and fostering community
More running and biking trails. More outdoor activities. A children museum and more activities to attract and retain younger individuals/families. Also, something done with Joe Becker stadium.
Build up the downtown. Secure a new large employer with high paying jobs. There is no large public park in the area where you can make a day of the downtown. Make the city bike friendly in areas that make sense.
"1) An enhanced trail system.

2) More community education and outreach on the function and implementation of government services. This is outside of what your PIO does. If money was no object, I'd propose a small team that serves only to educate, rally, and serve the community as a liaison to government services.

3) I am going to be honest, the staff at City Hall needs an attitude adjustment. As a person who has worked in the building (but not for the City) for two years, I have experienced first hand the rude and wholly unpleasant experience with the 3rd-floor public-facing finance employees. If this is the only interaction the public has with City staff then it is no wonder they think so little of government workers.

4) Better integration with the university.

5) More shade, a major deterrent to anything I ever want to do is the blazing sun.

6) More fun activities. Take a look at what similar-sized governments are doing on the coasts and across the US. Take a page from their book. Create a list of options and show it to the public, let them vote on what they want. A new water fountain? (ok bad example, I hear the winter maintenance on fountains is pretty tough). I would also love to do something like that if you create a new workgroup.

7) Continue to beautify Joplin. Plant native plants in lieu of the constant and expensive mowing of city properties.

8) Focus on 7th street. There are more buildings than not that are eyesores.

9) Come up with ways to make money to be reinvested in the government. "
6 seats on city council
"More downtown support.

I would love to see more racial diversity, sidewalks, bike lanes, and beautiful parks. Less poverty. Less homelessness. Fewer panhandlers. Perhaps some form of social assistance (housing, jobs training and placement) that doesn't involve self-righteous religious entities imposing their will on the most vulnerable among us.
Same as above. More people-friendly ways to move around without a car. Places to go for outside entertainment - bike/walking paths, bike playgrounds, walkable neighborhoods, eateries with outside seating/dining, a downtown that encourages walking to various shops, restaurants, entertainment, art, etc. Feeling safe as we do that.
More grocery stores options beside Wal-Mart; adding a second municipal court judge so city charges stay with the city instead of having to be seen by a county judge; more vibrant feel to the downtown similar to Columbia MO and Lawrence KS.
I'd like us to have a vision, a brand, a unique identity for our city that guides and directs everything we do as a city AND a strategy to implement that vision. When we have a vision, the resources and both financial and human will fall into places. We also need leader(s) who will be strong enough to identify what that vision is and accomplish it!
Let's ship the idiots from the answer to question four down to Alabama or Mississippi where they belong. Then we can begin advertising nationally that we're no longer so backward, and perhaps draw new residents.
Be more inclusive of people who didn't grow up Here. Higher end retail merchandise and services. Continue to develop a middle class. Change attitude that joplin schools are somehow inferior to WC and Carl. JHS actually has way more opportunities for the students. The local Newspaper could help a lot with this, if they would.
They also need to start balancing their use of medical experts from BOTH local hospitals instead of just one.
Better DMV service, and more electric company choices.
I'd like to see metro Joplin look more like the state's 5th largest - you'd never tell driving through.
More access to broadband. Annex Duenweg, Duquesne, and grow east.
Better roads
Less crime and drugs and more opportunity for those who are poor
More industry. Not pet food
New people in office
More truck stops
Getting an amusement park
"More funding for education, programs with adequate support to get kids into Colleges and prepared.

Better schools, better roads, better internet.
I'm very much hoping to see Joplin improve. But people are so afraid to make a decision that may not make everyone happy that we have become stagnant. I'm not sure if we're going to be able to save it.
Safer place to live and more things to do for family so that money goes back into our community
Get more things for the black people to do
More openness to new ideas, less concern with tradition, and more empathy for the average person.
Improved trail connections, less child neglect cases, continue to improve public schools.
Lower crime rate. Increase in safe environments and decrease in homeless population.
Longterm drug recovery housing.
To become to closer knit community
"5-yrs: introduce form-based zoning to foster mixed-use neighborhoods

10-yrs: development of a Main Street corridor that is part of the revitalization of the surrounding residential areas

15-yrs: a denser urban network (through infill and mixed used developments) that mitigates our income-based divisions"
More things for the younger crowd to do
Legalizing marijuana
Read my previous statements and I think you can garner my visions.
"Accurate school curriculum, religious freedom in schools.

Help solve the drug crisis.

Encourage local businesses and people to get involved in charity"
I would like to see major investment in community information exchange, as we are a low income, high health risk area. People need to more easily coordinate resources to meet their needs.
id like to see our crime rate drop, id like to see the heroin and meth epidemic in this city dwindle, id like to see constituents happy with their elected officials which, we really aren't right now i promise you that.
Financial responsibility from our city. Find new revenue sources and the best way to take care of our community needs. Priority-based budgeting and looking at what city services may be provided by other local agencies that perhaps we are better consolidating or removing in order to free at money in our city's budget for more critical needs.
Drug use go down prison does nothing the people using have to have a reason to quit
"Bring in businesses that aren't car lots or restaurants..

Get rid of Liberty...

fund your police department.

Make this a place kids will love and give them a reason to stay after college "
More stores
Affordable housing, more education/technology opportunities available, storm water control, especially downtown.
More diversity is local government.
I want progression: not a bunch of old, white, men of religion barring and blocking and bible beating every new proposal or motion to death. I want black lives to matter and the racial issues to be addressed head on. I want POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY, test the rape kits, tax the churches, and for fuck's sake if we are going to claim to care so much about impaired driving, run an after hours trolley. The service workers would appreciate the safe lift home, too
For more of main street to open up
Laws, mandates, and ordinances that go against the constitution abolished!
A lot more buildings and better roads
Beautification of entire city .... increased businesses downtown , more parking downtown

Less drugs on the streets and homeless people. More job opportunities for the people that need help, give them a way to get to work everyday and they would be the best employees.
1 community swimming pool instead of wasting tax money to keep all of them open across town and short staffed. Sell off golf course to private to get city budget under control
I hope to see that the Old Freeman Hospital won't still be there in 15 years. It has been abandon for at least 20 years.
"Better street planning would be a big one. 20th street was torn up from Rangeline to Main 3 times in five years. Citizens all over were talking about it, and the waste of money. Find a way to allow city employees to voice opinions to someone other than their dept. head. Encourage church and non-profits to engage in more service for those in need by giving more air-time and publicity. The Chamber is self serving and seems to be about recruiting new businesses only. The Chamber and the City need to stay out of politics and telling us whose lives matter. We all matter. I know several business owners who are withdrawing chamber memberships because of statements made by the Chamber President. Look for ways to actually engage citizens who have become disconnected because of ""our own swamp"".

The engagement of the listening tour is a great start. You might want to expand that to impromptu visits to morning coffee shops, city departments, court offices, etc. as you continue to get the heartbeat of Joplin. The tornado was a great example of the goodness of the people here. One more thing – as we all see this nation in peril, as never before, encourage flag flying, displays of patriotism and love of Joplin and country. I do not mean political – Give our ""visible"" officers of gov't the opportunity to be more vocal about love of country/focus on our blessings – the good things – our freedoms. What about a billboard campaign celebrating Joplin's goodness – our gratitude. We need more positive. "
Views of public respected
More diverse people living here, more small business.
Better roads is the biggest want as a resident here. Stop doing construction on the same 10 roads and start actually cleaning all the roads in the city. 7th Street is much better than when I first moved here, but jog over to 8th and it's a mess again. I understand that you focus on main roads, but it's those side roads that you let get so bad that pot holes are starting to litter the streets. Also, sidewalks need to be addressed. This is a college town so travel by bike and walking is extremely common so let it be safe to do so. Make sure to include sidewalks on all major roadways and keep them in good condition. In my own neighborhood a sidewalk caved in almost 6 months ago and it was simply covered by metal sheets. The holes in roads grow, so they need to get fixed within the next 5 years. 10 years from now I think needs to be focused on rebuilding community within the town. Make downtown feel safer and cleaner so people are motivated to come together (when it is possible to safely do so.) Include more community events where people can just laugh with each other again and feel safe in meeting more people in their community. Host more races and events on 66 to encourage that part of town. Maybe even start to look into having athletic events for adults who are wanting to play sports but aren't in the best shape or training. There are so many parks with setups here in town maybe encourage teams to be made of regular people to play basketball and such. Kind of like an intermural setup for regular adults. No pressure to be amazing at the sport, just have fun. In 15 years just maintain the strength of the community and roadways and don't be afraid of change. Our nation and our world is changing at this moment, don't be afraid of it. Take it in and see how the city changes. Just keep judging the community to stick together and don't hide the truth of the changes. If all of this is followed I can honestly see Joplin flourishing in a way that will allow safety within the community and an opportunity for income through tourism.
Leadership. Need younger, fresh minds to introduce new ideas.
Cleanliness, able to meet changing technologies, educated workforce. No professional beggars on street corners. Improved infrastructure
The town not to shut down after 10p.m. For the town to be a lot more eco friendly.
Increased outdoor activity venues including bike parks, bicycle greenways, and more local restaurants instead of national chains.
Less homeless, less drug addicts, less flop houses
Less vacant buildings a new mall that actually keeps stores
less of an economic gap between lower classes
A better policed city with naborhood contact.
The biggest change would be to downtown; invest in fixing the dilapidated housing and prioritize local residents when starting new businesses. Go out of our way to invite other ethnic communities to come live in our city. Perhaps give special status to business that run as a co-op to prioritize more collective ownership of those businesses. Not so many apartment buildings, less panhandlers, and for Joplin to get back to normal and be a welcoming town again.
Less transients/homeless, drug use, facilities for the mentally ill, cleanliness, improvement of buildings and homes. Also, less taxes residents can barely afford to live a normal lifestyle. Less attention put on arts and things that a majority of people can't afford nor are interested in.
"Affordable Housing for all levels of income.

Venues (a lot of empty buildings, with ample parking spaces,) use those to renovate.

More jobs with better salaries. Not just restaurants!

More adult entertainment... jazz clubs,

Nicer cleaner Movie theatre. (some Joplin residents travel to Springfield to watch a movie because the Joplin Theatre is nasty & dirty!!"
More businesses, small mom and pop restaurants for a nice sit down meal. Walking trails, dog friendly areas. A nice arena / venue for performing arts (with Memorial Hall closed now with a roof issue)
More civil right equity. Acknowledging that groups of our citizens have been targeted and treated unjustly. We need to protect, defend, support and lift these vulnerable minority groups to show that all together, Joplin stands strong in love and peace. Thes minority groups include black people, Hispanic and Latine people, Indigenous people, Asian people, Muslim people, Jewish people, people of the LGBTQ+ community, and more. We can do better to defend and protect innocent, vulnerable lives in our city, whether they are visiting our city or live in our city limits.
Definitely needs a new mayor and city council asap

Alot more Christian Conservatives in elected positions of authority
A city government that is aware that the voters and tax payers have a voice and need to be heard. (Kind of like Neosho) Stop putting funds into so many new buildings and repair and use some existing building so they do not get torn down. Rebuild Juvienile facilities.
"I'd like to see us step out of our own way. Pick a path and follow it—come what may.

I'd like to see us spend more time fighting for true, creative development and less time fighting over semantics.

I'd like to see people believe that we can and MUST work together, so that we can shine. "
police actitud
More stuff for teens
More things to do for adults! They pretty much cut that out of joplin!!!
I'd love our airport to service additional cities, I'd love more places for families to be entertained.
"Sidewalks in all neighborhoods. Bringing in big corporations. Repurposing the mall as a fitness hub with gyms, exercise themed stores, walking tracks, exercise classes etc. And lower the rent.

More civic influence on businesses' hours, development, etc "
The Christmas decor!!!!! It seems petty, but we have a great shopping area downtown. We could real do a great Christmas shopping tradition downtown (think Bentonville square), but our decorations are embarrassingly bad.
A more unified effort to remove drugs (meth) from the equation. Some sort of program grant/loan to help people in the more poverty stricken areas of Joplin maintain their homes. A stricter more accountable ordinance for slum lords with enforced fines for non compliance
More arts/concerts. Open area restaurants
The mayor and city council members who voted for the mask mandate.
"Better zoning codes.

Upkeep of broken and uneven

sidewalks.

Focus on diversity, inclusion.

Much stronger efforts to create a thriving inner city/ downtown area. "
To have the city leaders actually think an entire plan thru before making it a law and to make main street look like its not deserted and that the streets around town are cleaned
We should invest in our nature and also invest in our growing manufacturing sector try to get away from trucking and more tech maybe new autonomous trucking invest in tech business we have great land more organic farmers market as well I see us ahead in skilled manufacturing and hopefully the tech sector more job training
City growth.
Clean it up. Make it more like Rogers Arkansas.
Main Street. Make it an event, a destination rather than a blighted wasteland
Infrastructure and and more businesses, whether local or corporate businesses.
I would love to see more diversity, more murals, more music venues, and more progressive, positive changes in our community
More bike trails. Trails with loops. The ability to get anywhere in town via bicycle without being run over. Signals that stop traffic where trails cross major streets. Education of the masses of what share the road really means. Green building. Free curbside recycling. A greater sensitivity to the earth with renewable energy more efficient building. Developments that encourage orientation of buildings for solar gain & natural cooling. Off grid development. Becoming minimalist and tiny house friendly.
"Stronger commercial districts.

More businesses- less vacancy

Homeless moved away from downtown

The parks and waterways cleaned up "
Continue to invest in adding businesses that will improve services offered and jobs available.
More diversity, more small businesses, and more of a partnership with MSSU. Joplin is not a college town, but should be.
Crime rate significantly decreased, much better shopping, more family fun venues
"Why is everything so hyper centralized around range line? Can we spread that out.
Less fast food places/car dealerships, more small owned shops.

Why is the university so separated from everything else?

Proper sidewalks and walkways throughout Joplin would vastly improve the city. We have plenty of bike lanes, considering most people WALK IN THE GRASS AND ALMOST GET HIT."
More clean up crews or use of homeless/panhandlers... offer them a couple bucks per full 50 gallon bag of roadside trash... I don't know something like that. Give them an option to work, feel accomplished, and maybe rise above their current situation. I would also like to see downtown continue to flourish.
Keep on the same page as we where in 2019
Clean streets and good people not afraid to walk down the street and have to worry about the crazie people walking down the road on a bad trip.
New city council new city mayor to happen ASAP not 5 not 10 not 15 years from now now
More walkways, bike trails & benches
Big Amusement and big crack down on drugs
The drugs
More entertainment/arts and a bridging of the economic gap
Defund the chamber of Commerce
Increasing support of cultural diversity
A change from a Democrat or a Republican to for the people not to control them but to work with them
Cleaner parks, racial equality, inclusion for everyone, more entertainment options.
I'd like to see more industry. More focus on community. Especially as we focus on inclusivity. I want our brown and black neighbors included and heard, invited to the table
Any improvement would be better than the current post tornado path Joplin seems to be following.
A lot of us don't plan on staying in Joplin for 5 10 to 15 years unless you get the liberal leaders out because they don't seem to have any sense anymore
No Walmart's
Invest in infrastructure and employee training.
People getting alone. We all are gods people. We all is going to have to get on our knees that very day. Ask yourself what have I done for all meaning people. The poor, homeless, etc.
Joplin needs to recruit business and get some better paying jobs for families. It's nice to have

restaurant and retail but they don't pay enough for someone raising a family. Also, fixing the gate entrances on Murphy Boulevard so if the road is flooded over the gates automatically close and when clear automatically open. So many times the light is blinking but the gates are open and road us clear or the light is not blinking and the gates are closed and water over the road. At least move the blinking light closer to main street and closer to Crest Drive before turning or crossing Main before seeing the road is closed.
Improve run down neighborhoods-hold landlords accountable to charge fair rent for safe, structurally sound homes. Clean up the waterways and keep them that way. Improve roadways in north heights/Roanoke neighborhoods. Fix the Murphy high water gate!!!
More strip clubs and less violence MAKE LOVE NOT WAR. Shake TITTYS not guns!
Clean air and safe bike paths that are clear of automobiles. Crack down on the awful driving. Lots of mean, impatient drivers in town. They are allowed to continue this behavior because no laws are enforced. The homeless are also becoming a major nuisance housing under the railroad bridge on Rangeline.
As anyone else would at near retirement age, I hope a better economy growth and opportunities for the next generation.
Better city planning.
"Revitalize North Heights

Restore the Depot

No real ideas
Get rid of the mask ordinance immediately. Get Menards (5). Rangeline bypass (15)
More unity, more choices for stores (no more Walmart stores), more choices of restaurants, a cleaner town, less homelessness, no more beggars on corners, move Protein Solutions out of this town as it makes it a nasty smelling city, tear down old buildings or fix them up for the homeless.
More activities for children, more family friendly activities.
Improve the parks and recreation!
More transparency when it comes to city money management
I think Joplin is a great area to live in. I would like to see the drug/crime rates go down which is another reason for police raises. I would also like to have more places to go for teens.

The quality And health of home lives for children so that there are fewer children in foster care, fewer over worked caseworkers, fewer over crowded foster homes, fewer crimes, fewer deaths, and more peace, joy and love.
I would love to see our city cleaning up and bringing family fun things to do in. Right now you can only eat, drink, but a car, or shop
Community revitalization
More arts opportunities & more community education on the power of an intact family.
"I want a city council who will vote with what their constituents want, not someone who thinks they know better than me on how to protect my body. I would like to see the council NOT swayed by the chamber. They have nothing to

Do with the city government. I'd like to see small businesses get help from the city to stay open rather than the city's wasteful spending on such things as masks "
Not as much taxes. Working with the public, more businesses. Less restrictions.
Elect the mayor not rotate them around off the city council. Figure out a way to bring in new business.
Bringing arts, outdoor activities, and other extremely healthful activities to forefront and expanding them, will naturally attract big business and healthier citizens who want to stay.
I would like to see more activities. I am single and live alone, most of the time I am quite bored.
Less of a smell from the factories on E 32nd.
A safer place for our kids to grow up.
Get rid of the bad apples
Some fun attractions for young people, indoor tennis facility.
I would love to see some indoor tennis courts or at least a bubble court so we could play year round!!
growth that is both green and healthy for all of us.
Ques 2
People be less stupid
"Address economic disparity

Support of expansion of medical care with telehealth, data collection and analysis and city wide grants to make Joplin a major center for healthcare"
i dont know for sure besides what i have already stated besides keeping this area conservative and clean up

More Christ like love in people
Easier way to navigate, park and hang out in downtown. There needs to be some sort of parking structure IMO down there.
More things geared towards teenagers and college crowds. That are our future.
Work toward ensuring all youth are educated and adults around them work hard to be sure they have a plan after graduation.
Reduce homelessness. Make something more reinforcing than drug addiction.
"Clean up the homeless

More fun filled events hosted

New shopping centers filled, not sitting empty "
Better employees
More arts and music events. Historical buildings/homes restored and open to the public. More free programs for kids.
A full service grocery store. Stop bringing in Neighborhood Markets. More outdoor hiking trails. Continue supporting local businesses.
Cheaper taxes,Utilities cheaper.More businesses open that could take the place of empty stores..Help to solve homeless issues,give them teaching tools to get on their feet.
I'd like to see a big change in the traffic flow in Rangeline some parts of Joplin have outgrown itself..and the traffic is horrible
Repeal the mask ordinance
Expanded focus on health and wellness and greater community engagement with Missouri Southern and Ozark Christian College.
retire the old folgies, bring concerts. A speedway back to joplin. Concerts
More community orientated venues and events. There are plenty of restaurants, but not enough dog parks, sidewalks, trails, and there needs to be more accessible parking downtown.
The continued growth of the cultural area of Joplin as well as anything "resort" And to draw in more tourists and to build the economy.
Make it a good fun place to live with some things to do that people like doing
More business, more events and social acceptance.
Better job opportunities
Let the community have its historic Main Street movie theater back and redevelop it into an actual damn movie theater with the current modern trend of also serving food

and drinks during the show. At a minimum don't allow them to unfairly dictate where a bar is allowed on Main Street due to it's proximity to a church.
A larger world-view, more multi-culturalism, ever-improving educational system that grows job growth and potential
"New elected officials

Rehaul of judicial system

Cops, judges, prosecuting attorney's records reviewed along with negative reviews resulting in no employment. If cops have an aggressive background they should not be in the force! harsher sentences and a look into why judges are giving more time to non violent offenders than violent ones

They keep letting the same offenders bond out or out on parole "
Business growth
Public indoor tennis courts. Stronger downtown retail and housing community
Growth to our leadership with local residents who are in position of employment that can help enhance Joplin's economy. We need people who have the strive to save our communities from any threat in our path.
More community and unity in everything.
More family targeted events and things to do.
More businesses and no panhandling it's getting out of control
A city that is united like it was after the tornadoes people caring for one another with genuine hearts.
More jobs, better leadership from the Chamber of Commerce, and more opportunities for the "working man" to have a voice in the city. A few clicks currently make most decisions regarding city policy.
"Increase athletic opportunities for youth.

Cleaner city
Less crime.

Attracting people to come here to shop and to be entertained. (Our movie theater needs competition in Joplin.)

"

Another mayor and new police Commissioner and police chief
Within 5 years, I would like to see the diversity that is already here and is coming here for school, etc. to be embraced and celebrated. I would like to see additional resources for those suffering from mental diseases. I would like to see more "fun" events brought to the area (all my life I have heard of how boring it is here because there is nothing to do). In 10 years, I would like to see more professional opportunities brought into the region, both training and jobs. UMKC will at least bring more medically trained individuals and their families but it would be great to also see more professional career opportunities in tech and other STEM fields. In 15 years, I would just love to see the area as a vibrant, fun, accepting, "hip" area with lots of educational and career opportunities – a place that people want to visit and a place that people want to stay.
Get back to Gods word and treat ALL people as if their lives matter and stop these idiotic protests!
Rehabilitation Center. Better paying jobs and increase in manufacturing/industrial plants.
Defund the police. No more riot gear. Get rid of the military assault vehicle. Teach de-escalation training. Tell officers to treat citizens with the same respect they expect from us. Enforce traffic laws on all citizens. Not just the poor, who have limited access to defend themselves and will more than likely take a plea and pay a fine.
Raising the economic level of the community. For the people to regain control and our government, whether city, state, or federal, to stop attempting to strip me of my freedoms.
"Neighborhood cleaned up

People taking pride in their homes, yards, business "
"All areas for the city – clean!!!!!!

More industries in Industrial park

More concerts, more musical events "
Anxious for the new cultural center to open and bring in programs of interest
Development that benefits all parts of town. A lot of work went into rebuilding the area affected by the tornado. Other parts of town also have needs. Planned development with input from citizens about their desires and dreams will help.
Less beggars on the streets. Roads fixed.
Lots of things to do besides restaurants and shopping, but shopping is going downhill too.
A different city council.
"The City Council Members and city employees respect citizens.

The city moves away from complaint based only code enforcement of property. We don't do complaint only health inspections of restaurants.

The city partners with neighborhoods to decrease crime, improve property, and to help neighbors in need. The city allocates public safety funds to social work and mental health professionals in order to respond effectively to mental health, substance abuse and domestic disturbances instead of/or in conjunction with police officers.

The city focuses efforts and funding to improve what is currently within city limits and builds residential and employment density to enhance innovation instead of continuing to annex property and sprawl.

Recognize, support and fund complete streets, which goes far beyond just building sidewalks and bike paths.

Increase the median income of households by attracting businesses who pay a living wage with benefits recognizing that the economy has been shifting away from manufacturing since the 1970s.

Implement Smart City initiatives which improves the city's capacity, and respond to the needs for internet connectivity to our lowest income residents and help close the digital divide.

The city is flexible enough to cope with changing needs and priorities while keeping the strategic direction recognizable.

The city embraces diversity, in policy and practice.

The city improves the quality of the living environment by becoming a greener city.

Less crime and drug use .
See above answers.
Become more friendly and eccentric
Transit improvements, road engineering of flow
Costco, zupas, more trees
I would like to see more exhibits, museums and

cultural landmark restorations.
Widening of 24th street between Conneticut and Rangeline. The stop light at 24th and Conneticut has created more traffic to and from Rangeline. Lots of trucks pulling trailers.
For Joplin to be the place to go if you want to see popular bands, singers, entertainment, etc. Then build from that and maybe have a theme park or annual event that becomes a national attraction. Also have bigger business fighting to move their operations here because of the talented people and community benefits they would obtain.
A revitalization of Main Street from 15th to 7th
More development for culture and the arts
Affordable housing
lower or no property tax. Less alcohol stores and more actual positive entertainment.
Joplin needs a facelift. We need more natural areas, biking trails, entertainment venues and landscaping. I love our natural grocery stores.
See the answers to numbers 2, 3, & 4. Start with health care and entertainment and services to the poor including mental health and dental services. Start making Joplin a place where people want to be instead of a place that people want to escape from
"Responsible growth and a decrease in Joplinites who are impoverished

Continued and sustained growth, bringing in new businesses.
Better trained cops & less crime. Quit putting money into sidewalks & more into cleaning the town up from all the evil
growth, attract younger population to are
More citizen direct involvment in political action for the city, state, and nation.
A much higher degree of tolerance for all people. Better shopping and revitalization of some of the decayed areas of Joplin, such as North Heights. Better mass transit.
More 2nd amendment support
"Lower licensing, much lower. Less restrictions on small businesses, they have insurance, they should be good.

Funding put into small businesses that are willing to open up shop or move shop to Joplin, especially on main street, excluding boutiques.

Stop giving corporations massive tax breaks and sticking it to the little guys.

Tax churches on property or stop taxing small businesses on property. Both make money, giving to one and not the other is unfair.

City funded out reach programs to help with high number of meth use and other drug addictions."
Housing situation—why is it so hard to get help with rent relief?
Nick Edwards to stay
More small businesses, more community events like third Thursday
Building on existing social services and adding new resources for people who are struggling with homelessness and poverty.
Expanding trolley system into a more robust public transportation system.
Let more large industry come in and produce more jobs for this area, and see more people move here from other states...
Less new additions on Rangeline and a more flattering balance of businesses throughout town. Favouritism given to local businesses, artists, and public events that are not produced for profit.
More and different types of people moving in, more and different types of jobs available
Less work on new roads and walking trails. More work on streets, homes, neighborhoods. More business opportunities come to town. Recreational facilities.
Growth
More programs for addicts. More beauty throughout the town. More money into local businesses and the local museum.
Larger demographic
I would like the attitude to change. The city and local govt want to listen to us, be open and honest about policy and funds. I want to feel supported as a tax payer. I would like to see reform for those needing assistance and reducing the "handout" mentality including those begging at intersections.
less meth
I would love to see Joplin become a more inclusive, artistic and welcoming city for EVERYONE. I would also love to see more public transportation options be established.
People on the council that genuinely care about the residents and right now there are only 3
Hate crimes, hate rally's. I'd like to see things become more easily accessible to less fortunate people like low income families, the homeless, children.
"Bringing back trust and integrity to the local government for starters.

Pray the world is stil here after that at the rate humans are destroying it, it's incredibly sad. "
I'd like to see the community opinion of our local government, law enforcement and leadership change. Id like to see people proud to live in Joplin and proud of the things our leaders are doing to improve the community. Currently the reputation is so bad that those ideas seem impossible. For instance, we now have a City Manager that is seeing the brunt of the criticism for things he was never even apart of. It doesn't matter that he is a good guy and is doing his best to improve Joplin, people won't see that bc the damage has already been done and that is so unfortunate. The people of Joplin make no room for change and are not open to new ideas.
More trails to connect parks & easier commuting through city by walking or biking
Create a vibrant downtown scene more like Rogers and Bentonville, even downtowns in Springfield have 'hip' local scenes. Improve connectivity with dedicated cycling paths and lanes on the roads. Make people want to go into the city rather than congregating at big box stores. The future is not in big box retail.
Leadership, transportation, sanitation
An amusement park or something of that sort. Something the whole family can get together and hang out and eat and buy souvenirs. I think it would be a good investment for Joplin to get into.
Right turn lanes on major intersections to ease traffic flow, bring in more shopping competition against Walmart, more cultural events and concerts, increased employment opportunities.
Cleanlyness
Push the homeless pop down ,and less bums on the street
Smaller government, less taxes, weed legalized, less homeless people in high traffic areas, zero panhandlers, and events such as third Thursday moved to a park.
Helping the homeless
I would like to see us own our position and responsibility as a regional hub. We need to set the standards and make the changes needed to maintain and attract citizens. Plan holistically for the future and use our resources wisely to choose improvement projects with the most impact now and into

the future.
More jobs, better shopping, more parks with better care of them, more responsibility spending taxpayers money, ELIMINATE baggers in every corner
"More free activities for families.

Cleaner neighborhoods."
"New Memorial hall

Quit building new schools. "
In 5 years more quality entertainment to draw in outside money. In 10 years expanded industrial parks with tax advantages to locate here. In 15 years a serious decrease in crime, especially drug and violent crime. Problem areas monitered by camera surveillance and stop taxing up for reinvigorating Main Street. You've spent mega money on Main Street in the last 20 years and it doesn't work.
Growth
More black own business
Health care & employment & better housing opportunities. Habitat for Humanity is about the only resource that people have as far as low income needing a chance to obtain safe & good housing.
Area between 15th and 7th on main with a new look
Increased support & salaries for law enforcement.
Break ties from the chamber of commerce.
New city council.
Litter fines enforced for both individuals and businesses. Improve roads while increasing the amount of sidewalks and bike lanes.
I would love to see Joplin become more of a welcoming and inviting place to families in the activities it provides, the fun attractions that can be seen, and in beautifying our city.
Stricter punishment for meth users, sellers, and cookers. Also I feel like small businesses need to be promoted more.
I would like to see more culture. Either that is in new story's or local restaurants. We are losing some really good place do to COVID19 and that is a loss to our community. I would like see a community center or some kind for our LGBT community and a women's center.
"I'd love to see more events that encourage unity. Once it's safe to gather in large groups again, I'd love to see more diverse cultures represented in big ways. I'd love to see family friendly events and businesses.

There are only so many things families can do in Joplin. I'd love to see community gardens, nature and wildlife centers. Instead of dozing down more forests for wider roads or apartment complexes, turn them into hiking trails or parks.

I'd love to see Joplin be a united front in combating Covid-19. Taking all precautions seriously and helping our neighbors. Scotland is said to be Covid free by the end of the summer. All because they came together and do what was necessary. The sooner we can defeat this, the sooner life can go back to normal."
The city council!!!
See the first four questions
I'd like to see Joplin actually care about their communities will being and safety by peeing firefighters and police a fair wage and giving them raises every year not just pay freeze after pay freeze
support of law enforcement. More parking, up keep of buildings.
Better police who actually hear the story and what happened and do their jobs based of facts not what they hear not all jpd is bad their is alot of good ones however think more mandatory training would make the department stronger and better. And would like to see more venues happen to the community to help it.
A new park!! More trails, green spaces.
Work together and make Joplin what it used to be. Rebuilding homes and businesses doesn't make up a community.
I would like to see small business es brought back
Historical tours and attractions. Town halls with city leaders
Again something I would love to discuss in person.
Our population and bring more family entertainment and things to do here amusement parks water parks go carts
"5 stop sprawl 10 the older downtown builds be revitalized and used, not left to rot. 15 hub of entertainment, a real metropolitan center of the 4 states

"
"Pay for performance instituted for city employees,

Larger tech sector

Better retail options"

More diversity and acceptance of it
Clean up. No homeless on every corner.
"Scary" neighborhoods be cleaned up, those property owners be held accountable. Don't let the whole city become outdated and in need of a remodel. Don't let Northpark Mall become a detriment. Healthy growth and continued strong businesses in addition to the amazing manufacturing footprint.
Clean up main street and bring in a family entertainment facility. Non smoking offered in them...something to offer a night out for the teens to enjoy without the possibility of being in a situation that could turn sour...away from street corner hang outs
More business
Continued road work to help traffic flow
I would like for Joplin's small businesses to be the center of our economy. We have a lot of big box, chain retailers and restaurants that take opportunity from our local owners. I'd also like for city budgets to bolster funding for education, public transportation and parks and recreation. Put simply, defund the police.
The Concert venue
Clean up run down parts of town. Larger police presence
More small businesses. More things for people to do
I would love to see a more walkable Main Street and downtown in general be restored instead of sitting empty, and host to established, successful local businesses that give our town its own unique identity. I want to see the city looking cleaner and more beautiful, with quality designers and marketers putting our best foot forward. I want to see our poorer residents find the help and support they need at facilities that are working to rehabilitate and provide them with opportunity and support. I want us to have the best education in the area and more of our funds to stay within the city rather than finding their way to Briarbrook or rich neighborhoods in Oronogo. I want this to be a place a black and poc neighbors feel welcome in because they've been working alongside us from the beginning, but with significantly less support.
Get the terrible run down places fixed or tore down. Bring in things for FAMILIES to do together without costing a half hour salary to do
Better roads and walkways like mentioned above.... better cooling and heated areas for homeless throughly the day.... make Mssu more attractive for students that walk and bike

to school.... and do something about a virtuously empty mall owned by terrible businessmen
Better variety of entertainment and reasturants. We have enough Mexican and Chinese reasturants. Let's think outside that box.
All local elected officials have term limits and take a cognitive test once you reach a certain age. Less Government.
Less racism, homophobia, transphobia. And just in general an acceptance of everyone. Not just straight white males.
lisiting too the public more
More youth inspired activities
Saving old buildings and bringing Downtown back even better. This would include improving traffic and parking (a problem NOT aided by building something new in one of the few available lots).
More locally owned stores, more restaurants, hotels and family friendly activities closer to Joplin airport! The north side of Joplin offers nothing
More entertainment. Growing our police force.
More jobs, less poverty.
Having more activities and oppertunities for families
More entertainment at low cost
Add more recreational activities instead of taking away. Joplin used to have more swimming pools in parks instead of "aquatic parks".
"Improve city worker shortages so that we can get services back. We had good services 10 years ago but since you don't pay them, you run short and tasks don't get done.

I'd like to see the residential street overlay program strengthened. Good streets make a nicer appeal.

I'd like to see Joplin maybe part with a couple less used parks to make room for better maintenance and upkeep of the used ones. "
I would love to see more life downtown such as parklets, a hotel, a sandwich shop, more outdoor seating, and the use of alleyways. Again I say - placemaking!
More outdoor activities for the youth, for more people to understand that the police are here to protect us and not kill us. Shine a light on positive aspects.
More downtown amenities and pedestrian corridors leading downtown.
More people standing behind America and the constitution.
All the issues I listed above. Better economic growth, variety of jobs, Equal opportunity for everyone
I would love to see us all together again like we were after the tornado. Not that I wish for another disaster... but we focused on helping then and not on ourselves. I would love to see the city as one we are proud of again. Not so many panhandlers. I'd like to see the town support our local schools like how the smaller towns around us rally around theirs.
Attitudes towards community and togetherness.
diversity, more urban/modern housing
The city council.
People caring .cleaning fee the neighborhood so up better
Improvements to city parks to make the usage of those parks for enjoyable for residents and visitors to Joplin. More features, such as splashpads, at more parks would also be enioyable.
Greater access to and choice of internet providers and influx of technical businesses that can employee graduates and keep them from moving to bigger cities for jobs we ought to be able to provide.
I would like to see people open their eyes. Leave the racism in the past. I would like to see people work together.
Clean up the community and allow fun family events.
Lock the tweakers up. Crime will go down and property values in West Joplin should go up. The manufacturing park east of town is about full- need to expand that.
Unity. More economic growth on the historic parts of Joplin.
More running trails
Rangeline & council
Really I wish there was more opportunities that where allowed to come.to joplin.
Work on cleaning up the crack heads walking around
I would like stores filling our downtown. I would like to have to not travel to shop. Id like to see more bike trails and more statues and fountains throughout the city. I'd love to see more local restaurants. I want to stay in town, not travel to Springfield or Northwest Arkansas.
Growth, attractive community for people who want to work. Decrease drug and mental health issues impact on families, jails, hospitals and community. Engage young people in service. Invest in quality educators.
Improved and redone houses in the main street area. More police patrols in the entirety of Joplin besides in the ghetto. Less racial profiling.
More diversity. More options like a Hyvee.
More cultural opportunities.
Yes
"5-evening opportunities (like what Empire Market has experimented with! Low-cost entrance, funds go towards fundraising. Music, food, small business partnership. Super cool.

10- bikeability/walkability increased. Think Fayetteville. Boston, MA also has an incredible example

15- public education system. I'm probably going to send my some to CHCS, because I'm not a fan of Joplin's records. "
The city needs to not only clean up its image, but also clean up the actual issues. New paint doesn't make rotted wood any better, it just looks nicer
"Progressive leadership (I know this is more or less at the hands of the electorate).

An attitude of embracing that Joplin needs to compete with near by cities, which would be evident from the regular implementation of innovative initiatives meant to continue growing our city. "
Increase in LEO who are trained
I would like Joplin to be a place where anyone and everyone feels safe and respected. Open up to new ideas, become more equitable, increased diversity of thought
I would like to see the downtown stretch of Main Street reduced to 2-lanes of traffic to allow for more patio seating at downtown bars and restaurants.
Seeing Joplin expand on local business and walking trails/parks. Keeping our nature centers what they are
Make people proud to live here. Carthage has some of what we are lacking. Spend some of the hundreds of millions we spend building new buildings on the community.
MOre lights
I would love to see the small businesses grow and opportunities for alternative transportation (walk/bike/bus) grow. I think it would be great to look at the budget from a "Zero-balance budget" perspective. Instead of looking at how we have spent money in the past to determine this year's budget, we should look at how we think

the 'pie' should be divided in an ideal world. How would we want to see our funds allocated? Where are our city's priorities? https://www.investopedia.com/terms/z/zbb.asp
I would like to see a more diverse population and a more diverse city council. (Let's get some women and more people of color there).
I would like for the city of Joplin to become the metropolitan City that it could be but isn't right now. We're not as big as st. Louis or Kansas City but we have the potential to offer just as much as they do. If we invest in it
Clean house in the leadership and beef up the police force, fund them better! I don't live in Joplin, but I attend church and shop there.
Everyone sharing love and kindness more. And for all the good citizens of Joplin to feel safer in their own community.
More community outreach programs
I think Joplin is doing a great job. I would like to see more areas revitalized.
Population growth
Be the example in using common sense in current and future policies. Quit using liberal city thinking or otherwise the results here becomes like their's.
First and foremost the mask ordinance needs to go away. Then the police and fire departments need a LOT more money. After that, we can talk about real change.
More compassion for others.
Look at Tulsa or Springfield or other successful cities and try to be like them. Need more activities and art and positive change. Also need more apartments for adults and seniors. Apartments are kinda trashy in Joplin and overpriced.
i would like our citizens to be better informed in areas of science and health, less religious and less conservative. More progressive
more Arts and entertainment. More downtown activities.
Growth. Support to infrastructure not just certain areas.
Don't force ur people out & take business else where
More industry less meth
Crime rates drop. More things to do.
Right now all I am concerned about is the issue at hand. We can discuss the future after you deal with this issue.
Mostly, I would like to see safety increase, as well as more accountability for those who cause damage.
I would like to see our businesses choose how they want to run their own business. I want to see changes made where people can afford to buy historical homes and actually remodel them. And I would like to see our city offer no taxes for 20 years to bring in more jobs.
Beautification of the city
Progress
I'd like more roundabouts! Lol
I would like to.see taxes at a level to adequately support schools and non-police public services, more arts and culture, and a better independent food scene.
Community interaction. Gatherings.
"well shoot i hope i'm not in joplin that much longer, but id very much like to see a change in culture and how people are educated on it. i think the high school administration should focus more on getting REAL history in the history and government classes and more cultural classes , i feel that could be a good start because the kids are the future type stuff and they could help learn the generations before them what they hadn't learned in school and that could be a step towards the whites of

the community to not feel so "intimidated" or uncomfortable by culture and real black history. i feel doing that could open many doors. but really i guess it comes down to i would jus really like to see joplins people change "
For Joplin to improve its infrastructure and public transportation. And for Joplin to become a college town that lives and breathes around its universities.
I don't really want major changes. But I am concerned about our historic buildings like the Joplin Family Y building downtown. Some of the historic residential areas are really going downhill fast. Please!! No more round about intersections! Development on South Main from 32nd all the way down to new Mercy Hospital.
I would like to see some "fixer upper" like people come in a finish rebuilding old Joplin homes—taking more pride in the history of the town
"More diverse employment we are heavily dependent on a few industries, if any of those have a hard time our community quickly suffers.

More beautification and cultural development."
Help older neighborhoods of poverty by remodeling or replacing their existing homes.
Clean up this town. There are trash houses and dangerous buildings all over the city. Enforce your codes and clean this place up
Bring in more places for entertainment. Clean up the impoverished neighborhoods, fix our school buildings
Fix the northbound lane on east side of maiden lane.. y'all fixed the other 3 lanes but forgot one and it's just as bad as the previously fixed lanes. And do something with 7th street fro Florida street to schifferdecker its pot holy and rough on vehicles
I would like to see neighborhood stabilization. I see many places where homes are being fixed up, others maintained, and still others abandoned, all on the same block. I am not saying that neighborhoods need to be gentrified or renovated or what not. But programs or targeted investments that perhaps keep homes from falling into disrepair.
"Joplin should become the most walkable and bikeable city in the United States. It should also have one of the best public transit sytems too.

5 Years (Reduce Auto Dependence) by increasing our overall scores for;

Walking; From a dismal 36 to at least 70.

Biking; From a dismal 44 to at least 70.

Transit; From ""None"" to at least 55.

10 Years (Continue to Reduce Auto Dependence) by increasing our overall scores for;

Walking; From 70 to 85.

Biking; From 70 to 85.

Transit; From 55 to 70.

15 Years: (Continue to Reduce Auto Dependence) by increasing our overall scores for;

Walking; From 85 to 100.

Biking; From 85 to 100.

Transit; From 70 to 90.

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People who don't know or care much for those struggling should look at other cities who do more to handle homelessness in a helpful, productive manner. More support for small businesses instead of expecting large companies to be a quick fix.
"I would like to see a reason to draw people in and keep them here. No one says "oh, I'll go shop around downtown Joplin." They outsource your Springfield, Tulsa, KC.

Maybe Joplin can talk to Pittsburg, KS to find out how they got and have kept their Main Street in Downtown booming. "
Traffic improvements- some of our roads are getting to a point they can't handle the traffic on them. I know we've recently completed many widening projects, and already some roads are becoming overwhelmed. We need to look at improving mass transit, improving access (signals, etc), and improving our roads ability to handle the increasing traffic load we're seeing. I think one of the biggest things that would help, which I believe is somewhat underway, is a state/city sponsored 'loop' around the city. A highway styled way to circle the city - with appropriate exits or otherwise to get to arterial roads. Springfield, for example, along it's 'trafficways' and 'expressways' has side highway markings indicating what street is at the upcoming signal. It's obvious how many 'outside' people come to our city - and are likely unfamiliar with it. We need to invest in infrastructure to help Joplin grow.
Note things for young adults to do that don't involve drinking.
Less homes being built on country land
I would like to see Joplin become a more progressive city that explores options in Education, housing, worship and models what a truly egalitarian society looks like within the HEART of our Great Nation. I would like to see us attract more eco friendly business and to increase our neighborhood community building efforts such is being done in North Heights and Murphysburg neighborhoods.
More science involvement in the community.
More museums and more variety of businesses for younger adults and youth.
More inclusion
Less panhandling. Clean up and update mall
More jobs
More affordable housing development
Less trap houses.
The beggar on ever corner and the smell from the plants.
Changes in the police department
More jobs. Higher paying jobs more things for kids to do that isnt expensive
Downtown charm. More supportive praise of businesses and citizens
Cleaner city, more attractions that are just small for locals, non panhandling
I would like to see more things for kids and teens to do. I would like to see schools that actually meet standards instead of continuously fail our kids
Ball park being used.
More city activities to promote community
See all of my previous answers about police reform, public transportation, drug and mental health interventions & treatment, ADA compliance, unlearning prejudice & cronyism, QUIT mixing church & state because not all of us are Christian or religious and it's exclusionary.
More shopping opportunities in the southwest corner of the city; not everything needs to be centered on Range Line; more entertainment; as an older single female there is little offered that appeals to me and I have plenty of disposable income.
Clean up our community by getting rid of the panhandling and drugs.
Continuation of the revival of the downtown, local festivals, new businesses and industries, town clean up, addressing helping the homeless population
Better mass transit
Mayor Ryan Stanley, Mayor Pro Tem Keenan Cortez, Council Members Christina Williams, Anthony Monteleone, Dr. Diane Reid Adams, and Chuck Copple.
Continued support for veterans, our homeless.
Cleaning up the town, growing with businesses we need, ways off getting the community involved and working together
less drugs more help for single parents
No masks, reduced cost of business ownership
I would like to see the pot holes on 7th St finally fixed. New businesses opening downtown, a family style establishment such as Top Golf, or Flying Tee. For JPD to crack down on the drugheads wandering around town.
Get the backroom deals out of city government.
Abandoned building rehabs/demolition and rebuild. Focus on cleaning up old neighborhoods.
Quit wasting money on libraries,and landscaping.
Clean it up!
I would love more sidewalks and bike paths. It's practically impossible to walk or ride a bike in some places, especially with cars parked along sides of roads. It would be neat to see more people getting active.
Yes, for the city council to be fired and be replaced with people with common sense.
New leadership.
Top priority an increase in higher paying jobs (my wife and I both have MBA's with little opportunity), then becoming more attractional to skilled young families.
Employment opportunities and eliminate drug issues
Getting help for the homeless people so they are not on the streets, opening more shelters.
More Biking and hiking trails
Crimes go down.
N/A
A new, non-corrupt city council and mayor who actually do what's in the best interest of the citizens of Joplin.
Different restaurants. More things to do other than bars and restaurants. Seems like the only thing to do around here is get drunk, high or fat.
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More splash pads for the kids
Industry come to zjoplin, hire more people.
Street improvement. Also, work on making drive way entrances better...Food 4 Less entrance is very dangerous. Big pothole in right lane going south onto 32nd street from Connecticut strret. They did lots of street work there but left a huge pothole.
Sloppy street work.
over 5 years, our mall needs rescued. We have the largest mall in the area amd it is losing stores right amd left amd a thriving

downtown. 10 years, new major companies coming in to provide new jobs and growth
15 years a thriving city
Less harsher punishments for marijuana. Rehabilitation for addicts rather then straight jail time. Jail does not help addicts. Police need more training and compassion towards the citizens they work for.
High utility bills - more affordable utility bills
Panhandlers. Rehab center. Treatment centers.. Homeless shelters that are for Rehab. Help get them back in the community's and working
"Clean it up, keep it clean.

Improve education for all.

Reach out to undeserved communities like Hispanics so as to build one community.

More arts and culture."
In the next five years we need people from around Joplin coming to town for entertainment not just shopping for necessities. In the next 10 years we need a hard shift away from low paying jobs. Joplin needs to take sharp deliberate action in securing good companies to develop and hire in Joplin. In 15 years all the work from the tornado will be outdated start planning for that now.
no pan handling, treatment for drug addicts, stricter laws to curb meth manufacture, distribution and use.
A community center to help wayward teens, a safe place for homeless to gather. A support center for the lgbtqi community for all ages. A few bars that are alcohol free for seniors, gays etc. Restaurants that serve marijuana infused dishes. Community meetings for people to share complaints relating to the city as well as accomplishments relating to city. Public interaction with city officials including fire, emt, police etc. Roads and sidewalks in tip top condition and kept clean even if done by volunteers. Better pay for community service workers. Buildings repaired or torn down that pose a danger or are an eye sore.
Community volunteer organizations
A lot.
Everything.
MSSU integrated into inner city full-time. MSSU is isolated on their own far away planet. How do you excite and attract youth into your city.? Use SMSU as an example. Downtown campus and integration spurs growth in surrounding business. Actually attracts new business because of constant new consumer. Shops would open that tailor to younger customers. When you want to go to another city for education then we lose our ability to grow. We gain retirees. Cleaner streets, crime rates fall, more job opportunities, and our fire and police officers paid more.
Clean up the trash. Create an ordinance about the trashy yards but offer a way to help people comply.
Restoration of the historical buildings and see them in use with small businesses. No more pan handling. Souls harbor moved away from main and into a location where the people there can get treatment. Whereas Main Street can grow from there and more business owners would be comfortable opening up on Main Street.
Appositive Outreach Center for the city of Joplin a public law library better training for police and mental health agencies to work together
"5- Beautification of downtown. Panhandling ordinance.

10-15 years: Multi-level family entertainment venue. Somewhere outdoor concerts or live music can go on. Perhaps a movie theater, mini golf, arcade, spa, nail salon, a few restaurants, places we can shop, eat, and play. Crown Center on a Joplin scale. Somewhere families feel SAFE"
Something for Families, something to detour homeless (drug) away from parks where our children play.
"More homes built in the tornado zone, there are still many empty lots.

Revitalization of downtown, south of 7th Street.

Larger concert venue ie event center. Better family entertainment, we offer not much for families or reasons for tourists to come here. Very bland blah blah area! You have to go to Springfield, Tulsa or Fayetteville for anything like that!
I would like to see our infrastructure updated as well as redirecting semis to roads that perhaps have a better road grade designed to withstand heavy trucks and big rigs. I would like to see our air quality improved as well as the health of our community.
More open minded people, no more the Mexicans stole our jobs, no more black people are thugs, no more God hate gay people, I want a community that will open there arms to people regardless unless of course they are criminals, or hateful people. More job opportunities, more training positions, teach more about indigenous history in schools and don't sugar coat it.
Stop taking our rights away. This is America.
Definitely a new mayor and city counsel.
Support for jpd
Hopefully, be more inviting & less restrictive... less big metro feel, more hometown
Crime go down
Cleaner streets (i.e. less drugs, less homeless, less panhandlers) bring in better businesses that offer great things for families.
Same things stated before.
Recycling cans downtown, not allowing the bars to sell mini plastic shot bottles, moving souls harbor off main street, more funding to the joplin history & mineral museum, more bike-friendly and adding trash cans to the trail heads of our local trails.
Cost of living to be more reasonable, without having to pile 5 people in a house to stay afloat.. and also become more lenient with psychedelic drug use/testing
No mask
"Develop a five year, ten year and fifteen year business plan.

Not a Democrat oriented tax, tax, tax and spend.

Run the city like a business.

Stay out of business' way....

More diverse culture with family friendly things to do that doesn't happen just once a month closing the whole downtown.
Face masks gone and joplin to be open completely and your citizens to be listened to
Everything, we could be a wonderful city with a small town feel if we cleaned everything up.
More street lighting in neighborhoods. Better walking paths in neighborhoods. For Joplin to convince a corporate giant (Tesla, Facebook, Square, Sony, etc) to move operations to Joplin.
MORE STREET LIGHTS LESS PANHANDLING AT LEAST GET IT UNDER CONTROL.
different city council and LISTEN to the people.
Modern amenities and community improve-

ments with outdoor activities as well as making the city more friendly to technology jobs
Road construction project finished before another is started.
More visitor friendly
More activities, less panhandling, business occupying South Main St. too many abandoned buildings.
Increase awareness in teen health problems, including suicide. Joplin high schools had an outrageous number of suicides when I attended. They never spoke of these people. Drug counseling and awareness for teens as well is something we never talked about and I know how many students were already hooked on painkillers and worse, not just marijuana. Starting with kids is how we will see our community grow in the next ten years.
Like to see unity ! No racism and see homeless to be working class citizens
Cleaned up, mask ordinance gone and fully reopened .
Positive growth. Pulling together again.
More community spirit.
Less racism
I would like to see more businesses such as a science museum, an aquarium, a new movie theater, and revamp the mall so better stores will want to move in. Clean the parks up so parents can take their kids without fearing some crackhead is going to rob them, or worse.
More trained officials. Not officials with head power trips. Honesty, loyalty to citizens.
Land development and expansion west of town.
Racism come to end. Medicaid Expansion, Adequate homeless shelters and expanded public housing. Thriving small businesses. Affordable Medical marijuana dispensaries.
Like I mentioned before...an actual water park would be amazing. More facilities for youth to mingle.
Less road work more community events
More high end stores in the mall
Homeless situation, people begging for money on the streets, much more industry and quality careers
Better movie theater. More businesses open, esp in the mall. Be open to new ideas of city improvement that will draw people here.
improve roadways. I dont understand how 32nd st can get repaved every other year but 7th cannot.
Better park maintenance & encouraging industries
I would like to see a more concerted effort to rid the area of criminal activity as well as the drug activity, particularly in the poorer communities like the west side of town.
Offer more to keep young people here, not just a place to attract the farming and rural communities surrounding us to move to.
It's a detriment to the area to be host to so many backward thinking people. Their tax dollars help, but it's a sacrifice for Joplin.
People leave, I tell ya. Most of the people I went to high school with in the late 70s got out of here as fast as possible.
"Keep reviving g small shops and down Town areas. Fix (road flooding) 7th st and re pave it from state line to Rangeling.

"Negative attitudes

Care for battered women and children

More multicultural education, events and ?. Joplin sucks and if there are not positive changes soon we will be moving.

"5yr-Improved public safety, fix the homeless problem and Convention/event center

10yr-Increase the opportunity for better paying jobs

15yr-Improved roads and community transit.

Same as above - safer living arrangements, safer life styles, better traffic lights, not over taking the parks, things to do vs things to spend money on
More law enforcement officers, more training for our officers in the area of mental health, so they can better handle and de-escalate a situation. Growth in the city, and less homeless on our streets.
More family friendly activities more nature trails
A solid plan for use of abandoned buildings, business retention at an all-time high, quality jobs that truly reward their employees with a better than average living wage so that the area continues to prosper and that whole part about abandoned buildings/houses doesn't have to continue. An entrepreneurial environment that supports the single employee biz owner with their own incentives from the City to stay and grow here. Continued recognition of our history while looking forward with a bigger vision. More ways for the 'average citizen' to get involved and engaged through volunteer service.
Help get more people off the streets and get employment up!
Expansion of family events and business outside of food
None
More family activities
Neighborhood cleanup. More activities for our youth.
Myself having a job for the betterment of our city for one thing. There needs to be more events of all kinds and there needs to be someone in touch with the people to organize such events. We need to grow our city as THE place to go as it used to be.
"Improved neighborhood walkability

Improved crime rate

Improved community engagement with police officers

"
A greater sense of community between groups focused around downtown and historical affairs. Livelier night scene and more entertainment options. Small local businesses surviving and thriving.
More accessibility. Revitalization of older historic neighborhoods.
That no matter what neighborhood you go into there is a strong sense of community trust, safe housing, and liveable infrastructure. More healthy affordable options for grocery and restaurants in the 7th and maiden lane area.
More affordable housing, more jobs, less crime
"Complete budget overhaul. Personal property taxes eliminated.

Restrictions on any monopoly in the city, especially the electric company.

Growth!

Unity!

Safe night life.

Less homeless

More business on 7th street and Maiden Lane.

a better mall, theater, outdoor plaza areas,

where we can walk around. An amusement or water park. The old speedway opened. More entertainment and family areas. I'm sick of living here, so I hope to not live here in 5,10 and 15 years. The Bible Belt is the literal worst.
People working for the people and not trying to over reach their duty when you people work for us
more embracing to change and becoming a place people want to visit
"for starters, the flag. That one should be the easiest of my suggestions and would show the cities willingness to be slightly more progressive.

Beyond that Joplin also needs to crack down on racially motivated crime. Joplin also needs to have programs in place to help drug addicts come clean without jailing them, a racist recovery program which helps people who want to change their ways. Joplin also needs to be supportive of art scenes in the area, including but not limited to painting murals, playing music, and drawing. "
More social services for the poor and disabled.
Better leadership
More educated population, more diversity.
Police need additional addiction and mental health training
More education for police, removing habitatal criminals from the community. Stricter drug enforcement with removal from community.
In 5 years I'd like to see a new zoning code and usable sidewalks all over town. I'd like to see a dozen active neighborhood groups around the city. By 15 I'd like to see a more densely developed city built around complete neighborhoods. Each neighborhood would have a quasi governmental council and a strong sense of place and ownership. Each neighborhood is connected with a system of safe sidewalks, trails, and bike lanes.
Better upkeep of neughborhoods, less redlining in real estate, more efforts for community cleanups, more assistance going to small businesses, development being focused on improving what is already here rather than expanding. More community efforts that bring the town together. Big pushes for education.
"5 years-Overhaul the city council and the Chamber of Commerce
10 years-create a space where businesses can thrive without being forced to become the mask police."
Growth. Improving the budgets to allow for more community projects. A community center, better parks, better infrastructure overall ?
Climate action! Carbon emissions reduction, green jobs, subsidies for citizens for the installation of solar and wind power.
This city needs to refuse to be held hostage by right-wing extremists who do not see passed their own needs.
I hope in the next 5 that some changes can actually be made for ALL of our citizens
Less old dilapidated buildings /neighborhoods less crummy streets. Clear road lane markings and street repairs
Stop spending so much of our money on consultants fees. We hopefully vote for people who can manage the city's business, not hire expensive consultants to tell them how.
More activities, events, concerts, community festivals...
Freedom of choice
"I'd really like to see the empty buildings bought and made into more housing for the poor and homeless. Too many bums with no housing end up as squatters in unrented old homes. Again why people need to go door to door getting the worst homes fixed.

I'd really like to see Steven put back in as city street manager he lives on c street and pearl. He was so fantastic! I don't know why they let him go. I use to live next door to them and he organized street parties and band parties he was so great. Loved those guys! "
I hope to see the city stand up for poorer residents who live in dilapidated or otherwise unsafe housing. too many joplinites live in places that endanger their health, and the city seems to do very little to prevent that from happening.
Caring for its history and beautiful old homes.
Invest in the downtown area, revitalizing historic homes and areas. Improving the walk ability of the city.
"The short term; putting a stop to the civil discourse being fostered by current leadership.

In the intermediate;better management of city funds. I.E.;the 20th street overpass,the joplin semi professional baseball team,tearing up good sidewalks in lieu of fake brick,ect... and using funds correctly to fix actually needed infrastructure and community as well as business opportunity.

And in the long run,sort of starts now as the long term goal ahold be to attract business and manufacturing to joplin providing better living for all and better funding for city development. "
I would like to see the voices of the people respected and valued
Better services for our homeless and impoverished people to lift them up and get them on their feet and get them working to stop the vicious cycle of drugs in poverty
Reduction in blight, more openness to attracting business (I.e. more common sense on zoning requests, openness to tax breaks where it makes sense
A more desirable downtown area and more cycling friendly community
Support in local businesses
Toby Teeter gone, commerce would come back
Sports venue
We NEED a convention center. We need events to draw people into the area. I would also like to see the roads repaired. I rarely travel down West 7th due to the unsavory nature of the people in that area, but the road itself is also a deterrent.
More connectivity for alternative transportation, a fuller more diverse downtown, better community integration with the universities, more interest in city government, less emphasis on the chamber of commerce
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT WILL FOLLOW THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY CITIZENS WHO ELECTED THEM!!!!!!!!! THAT'S WHY WE ELECTED THEM, TO REPRESENT US THE PEOPLE= NOT THEMSELVES!!!!!!!!

I hope for that to expand. I hope the schools increase access to healthcare, dental care, and business expansion. I would hope that the Wildcat Glades can find further support and expand as well. I don't think this is hard as almost a thousand young people move to town each fall.
Higher paying job opportunities. Capitalize on great educational opportunities with mssu and med school
More funding for law enforcement, better paying jobs in the area, encourage growth.
"I would like to see Joplin become an area like Rogers, AR or even Greenville, SC. Those cities have blossomed because they were willing to change. Now look at them? They are booming. People love going to there. Bike trails, great night life for college students, etc. The changes happening on 7th by the swimming pool is exactly the type of change I'm referring to. Those additions should end up being very good for our city. And I hope our city builds on that for the foreseeable future.

Here are a few more things I hope Joplin ends up having in the next 5-10 years:

New and improved Movie Theater. A lot of Joplin residents are now going to Neosho's theater to watch movies. Just thing about that... Thats not good.

A new golf course and/or Top Golf (something similar to Top Golf).

We've got to find more ways of bringing the MSSU students into our downtown area. Build up more around the new Library. That library is not being used enough by our college students even though it needs to be.

Joplin is a hub for a lot of people in the surrounding cities of Webb and Carthage. We have to take advantage of this! Think of downtown Joplin during the holidays... It is packed beyond belief. That sort of occurrence needs to happen more frequently. "
More community based activities. Better use of the resources we already have. I think it's fair to say that the majority of us still want to be Joplin, but our best version of it. We don't necessarily want to grow - certainly don't want to become the next Springfield. We just want to be the best mid-sized town around that offers the best the middle has to offer.
For our city manager and counsel to listen to the publics thoughts and opinions. I feel like the finance director has had too much influence over decisions that have been made.
Clean up neighborhoods, abandon houses and buildings. We are on target for street improvement can only do so much with the budgets etc. More activities for seniors.
"School district open to School Choice for better education freedom that impacts the future.

Get citizens educated to be OFF government payroll and poverty"
Would like to see mayor and Toby Teeter resign after apologizing..but most of all we want all our rights back , right now and all restrictions removed . Would like to see city mayor get elected by the people and not the city council and stop special interest groups like the chamber of commerce and Freeman hospital having more say and influence in policy than the people do
"!> The Mayor and Teeter and a few others should be forced to apologize or resign for calling the entire town racist as well as all our institutions

2 OUR MAYOR SHOULD BE ELECTED BY CITIZENS NOT CITY COUNCIL

3 The chamber of commerce is not constantly asked for their damn input..put real citizens instead

4 GIVE RAISES TO OUR COPS..JOPLIN CITY ""leaders"" HAVE SHIT ON OUR POLICE

5 GET OUT OF THE DIVISIVE RACIST POLITICS THAT ONLY SERVES BLM and to hell with all other minorities"
More bike trails, more running/walking trails, getting a drink outside in a nice setting.
Infrastructure at or before development
Drug epidemic addressed and property crime rates addressed.
Stop wasting money and doing things without the people's input. Build families! Create things for families to do.
"Free internet for everyone.

If Joplin can be known for something that I can say besides jobs. I come from Muskogee, OK and it is the worst city but it draws people in for a beautiful huge park and they are known for that. What does Joplin have as an attraction? I don't know "
Less road work—crack down on transients—clean up the area.
Support our police. Hold them accountable, but support them.
A town where when I go somewhere I actually Have to think and get a choice whether to walk, bike, bus, or drive to wherever I want to go. MORE DOWNTOWN LIVING.
Mixed use buildings downtown (apartments up top, shops on street level) to bring downtown to life. Maybe special areas or days have looser alcohol laws
more things to do for the family.
In five years, I want to see classes in the old Joplin library building, a thriving art community focuseD on the new Connect to culture building., the Mineral museum move to the current memorial hall, and far fewer empty building throughout the city. In ten years I want to see the homeless population much better served, the Educational and Medical communities surpassing the industrial component as a source of Municipal taxes.
In fifteen years, I want to see Joplin Look like Boulder, Colorado, Savannah, Georgia or Fayetteville .
The biggest thing goes back to retail ans restaurants and activities. We don't offer any perks for people who we want to move into Joplin.
More diversity. And greater selection of grocery...like a Hy-Vee or Kroger. It looks like we are held hostage to WalMart
Definitely needs an entertainment venue.
I would like to see the Mask Ordinance disappear now. I would like to see local businesses supported--but now their projects paid for with public money.
"Stricter code enforcement of run down homes.

Bring large businesses.

Support small business

New members is the city council. The ability to VOTE on our mayor.
No mask mandates. Ever.
Leadership
Quit spending money on things Not needed... We had a perfectly good library and then they wasted so much money building a new one! Not to mention the landscaping that got replaced twice poor choices...
Restore liberty, fund the police, fund the fire department. Defund the chamber.

More one way streets to speed up traveling north & south–this traffic pattern is set up for east and West traveling which is old school, the town has grown in all directions bur traffic is stalled going north to south & vice versa
"I would love to see more events that bring the community together. Third Thursday's first few years were really amazing. So many artists, musicians, and civic groups were represented–it made Joplin feel like a great, close–knit community.

So encouraged by Empire Market's success. Events like these make Joplin feel like it's more than just strip malls and car lots. "
Amex more areas.
Followers of Christ in leadership. City to respect cleanliness for yards streets and do not forget to upgrade side streets especially West side
City council members to understand that business owners have the right to require their customers to wear masks during a pandemic. Government does not.
Fighting crime and poverty, improved parks and trails
More events. More community gatherings.
A few more businesses . We need a family restaurant and attraction.
I want to see a return to cooperation and projects that help neighborhoods that are run down. Hold landlords responsible for the rentals. People working together can clean up a neighborhood and find appreciation for one another. I love seeing people outdoors anything that increases the ease of access and use of public green spaces.
A safer community because we have officers who are paid well, trained well, and invested in Joplin.
Better and higher paying jobs. Everything else positive follows that; better education opportunities, better housing, more quality of life options, cleaner and more attractive city.
Increased quality of education.
Condition of Main Street and neighborhoods
"I would like to see more leadership that represents the diversity in Joplin and leaders who are willing to learn from and support those people who they stand to gain nothing from.

Phillip Stinnett should resign from City Council and a more humble servant leader should be representing us. "
I would like to see an indoor entertainment venue on the Memorial Hall site. I would like to see something done, preferably preservation, with the old Olivia Apartments. I would like to see a more honest museum that mourns our abuse of our Black community, celebrates the long history of our LGBTQIA+ community, and recognizes the contributions of our Muslim community. I would like to see more inclusion of and support for our Latinx community, specifically by offering bilingual class opportunities starting in elementary school, so that parents who recognize the value of a bilingual education can give their students that opportunity. I'd like to see job training partnerships serving the needs of area manufacturers.
The drugs that our taking over this town.
More police force to help with neighborhood watches,
Ditch the president of the chamber, more running and bike trails, dragging main street, more business on south main, get rid of the pike of rock where Capri once stood.
More competitive wages and job growth
More small businesses.
Better wages for non–college residents.
A road from the new development Hidden Hills to allow a second access to the 3 combined neighborhoods, it's a death trap waiting to happen because fire and rescue cannot get to the last neighborhood fast enough.
I think I have hit on these things. Thank you for listening and the opportunity to be heard.
"1. Adjust tax revenue to accomodate wages for employee.

2. Become a leader in business growth

3. Become a leader in smart city and technology. "
More strict air quality standards, address homeless population.
I would like to see our young and progressive communities choose to stay in Joplin because they are met with welcome and listened to rather than dismissed.
Better job market! Better pay for city employees so we are not always a revolving door. Use tax for online purchases to supplement the dwindling sales tax revenue to ensure a revenue stream to support higher wages. Better paying jobs. Homeless population reduced.
"Pride in our community

Clean up our community

Build our community"
Better road maintenance, a convention center, more middle range paying jobs, incentives to develop blighted areas.
we need to build our work force so that we can get better paying jobs into our market, and create better living incentives to bring companies to Joplin. NWA seems to be doing a good job at this, but they have a huge advantage of having Walmart there. Could we tap into that market some. Here is a question, why would your child want to stay here? What can we offer them to keep them here so that they do not want to relocate when they finish school.
We need to focus on the present before we can move forward
I want Joplin to continue to have quality jobs and economy, as well as shopping and entertainment opportunities without becoming a "big city". Joplin is a great place to raise a family and it's home. Becoming too big will diminish this aspect of Joplin, which other than the people, is our strongest attribute.
Greatly improve the northwest section of Joplin similar to that in the Southwest section
Run down unkept neighborhoods, fiber optics, low cost internet services for all
drug people out of our town
We need a City government and City staff that is funded and dedicated to define, support and enforce the Code of Ordinances that insure a respectable and consistent quality of life.
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More places to rent especially for people that are living on smaller incomes. Less homelessness. Veterans not being without health care.
From the organizational perspective, I would like to see pay and compensation issues fixed and TRUE resource allocations studies done for each department to determine exactly what the needs are of the organization. I have a big feeling that it is going to say our needs have not kept pace with the demands. For the Joplin community, I foresee some amazing growth and opportunities. Because we are a shopping/retail, dining, entertainment destination for a lot of people, I think adding opportunities to meet the needs that have been identified in previous CVB studies is crucial to keep Joplin in the spotlight.
"Beautifying efforts

Farmer's market promotion (Joplin has a very good location due to surrounding rural areas for locally grown food and to promote local dairy/meat small business owners)

Community Health initiatives

Employee awards for moral exemplariness" more diversity in the leadership of the city and in the school district- stronger yet still accountable police force
"See answers to 1 through 5.

And improve access to all aspects of health: medical, dental, vision & physical strength."
"Better long term planning.

Pay improvements for city workers.

Responsibility of economic development and business recruitment returned to the city."
Get Memorial Hall fixed up. Perhaps find an investor for the Joplin Convention Center, its closing was a loss to the community.
More transparency in local government. Tear down the silos. Engage in long-term planning. Review our financing techniques. Pay-as-we-go limits the City's potential. It has kept resources and wages at a below par level. I would like to see technology totally embraced. Pay.
I would like to see neighborhoods cleaned up and properties maintained. I would like to see people that are drawn to Water Gardens and other "shelters" either comply with their programs and requirements or leave the area. Not be allowed to sleep on benches along Main Street. Panhandling is out of control. There are a large numbers of locations throughout the city that always have someone with a sign (most are regulars).
I'd like to see more people take pride in Joplin and in themselves. More and more of the people I encounter on a daily basis seem to only be concerned with their survival, supporting their basic needs of food and shelter, and fewer and fewer of them are interested in working to better themselves. I'd like to see a change in the people of Joplin. I'd like them to realize doing as little as possible isn't the same as living comfortable.
I would like to see something done with the homeless camping and asking for money on street corners

You have to make all kinds of amenities available to attract every kind of home owner to Joplin. Trails, pocket parks, a variety of homes and home prices to choose from. Police and fire must be paid enough to LIVE in town and be part of the community. Policing will require bikes for trail security, good lighting, visible, landscaped well. The Police need more than just cruising in their cars. Same goes for Firemen. You have to pay them enough to live in the community they protect. There needs to be a wide array of housing available for all income ranges, not just the low income. Develop an overall transportation to be approved and adopted by council and live by it. Develop an overall housing/commercial/industrial plan and stick to it. Require developers to do what is required in every other town. Impact fees, development fees, sewer fees and storm water fees. We do have some storm water fees but not enough to cover what is required. The city needs to develop its OWN code enforcement dept., develop its own IT dept. that deals with HTE and other issues. I haven't really figured out how finance dictates what happens with Naviline.... it's enough to make you pull your hair out. Finance does not know what the needs of other departments are. EVERYONE needs to get up on Naviline and work together. We have a computer program that we don't use to it's full potential. Everyone needs to be trained the same way on it. It's just frustrating that we are not using all the tools we could be using.
"5 years - Have a well established, fairly compensated workforce. Also a use tax.

10 Years - Attract more factories and or large employers. also have sustainable housing. Expand city services to sufficiently maintain services.

15 years - Continue growth and sustainability. "
Get a use tax passed and rely more on PROPERTY tax revenue instead of so heavily relying on VOLATILE sales tax fluctuations
"URGENT: Higher wages, including hazard pay, for wastewater and sewer maintenance staff.

5-years: require that the organizational structure reflect a lower supervisor to staff ratio, because it seems like we have a 10:1 or 12:1 ratio, which hinders proper communication, team ownership and over-all effectiveness.

10-years: add a new position within the Building Department to handle engineering plan review, project tracking, oversee the recording and accessibility of infrastructure documents. "
Continue to grow the city. Lower crime rates. Do something with homeless population higher wages for police and fire.
Growth in the meetings and venue spaces with in Joplin which would bring a missing sector of business in the hotel industry. I moved here in the 90's and worked in the hotel industry when the convention and trade center was filling our local hotels. I envisioned growth in this industry as Joplin seemed to be the up and coming place to be. Remember I started in journey with Joplin not by birth but by choice after visiting here.
As a municipality-I would like to see some type of tax to help ensure the growth of our workforce to keep up with the demands of the city and it's citizens.
"Certain services being provided like the pools or the golf course being self-efficient. We should be able to make money on services that we are providing. Collecting on utility payments, we shouldn't be allowing people to become in the hole several hundreds of dollars, we are just enabling the problem. I would like to see our payroll system electronic, and the software system more user friendly across departments for more of an accurate system. More cross training of employees, more than one person should be able to do a certain job in a department (this is essential to what we are experiencing right now). More of a united City employee front across departments.

Additional annexations and luring more companies to our area.
"Bring in businesses that the citizens and surrounding communities want. As a city we need to invest in those businesses to help them thrive. We are a taxed base city, we need places that bring more people to this town for more than just work and shopping. When we provide a better night life, entertainment, restaurants, and shopping centers. People spend more and more money.

Continued growth

Within the next year I would like to see Joplin cleaned up. It has become a litter hole. This could be accomplished by establishing neighborhood clean ups. Since I do not reside in the city it would be nice if they were not just for those who live in those neighborhoods. Perhaps helping those who are unable to help themselves clean a mess out of their yard or just deciding as a community to clean up the trash gathered in the streets. There is an endless possibility here. Perhaps the best way to do this would be to start with the children as they always seem to be the most willing to pitch in. Once the kids start maybe the parents will join & so on. It could help reduce the cynicism many may have. In the next 10 years it would be nice if we could find a way to bring a larger middle class back to Joplin. Perhaps by convincing corporations to put their headquarters here & providing a good safe office job or even some research facilities. I would love to find some research facilities brought to Joplin pooling the job field from graduates at Pitt State, MSSU, & KCU Med. So many of the jobs available in Joplin are low end factory jobs that abuse their employees to a great extent. Not only does the pay at many of these jobs make it hard to support a family it is demoralizing to an individuals character as well. 15 years from now -- perhaps with a few bold changes this could feel more like a community & a place someone would be proud to call their home. I have heard from many who think Joplin is just not ran correctly, but by being more open & willing to find things to commune rather than divide Joplin can become the place to reside.
No answer
"Five years - a healthier community

Ten years - with a much healthier community you bring more growth and those who would love to live here / work here and not attract bugger eating morans BEMS that cause people to say they feel threatened

More economic opportunities.
I'd like to see the homeless and crime rate go down. That would be a great thing to see. Aaaand... maybe less potholes that are fixed properly and not just a quick patch. ;) clean up our act as a city and enforce our building and property maintenance codes Stable pay plan and benefits for employees, which gives them the feeling the City appreciates them.
See #2 and#4
More diversity.
Improvement of older neighborhoods, more cultural venues, concerts, better traffic flow, make the city more attractive and less stinky Better school infrastructure and attracting the best teachers.
Fix Main St downtown - the 4-lane straight-through layout is not consistent with a 20MPH speed limit. Replace parking lots or empty lots with green spaces. Tear down empty buildings or incentivize renovating them.
the administration actually give a damn about citizens. You want to be a Hotspot for travel right? Well, you're allowing citizens (a few) to determine the fate of a others. I want to see the entire council fired and new, younger members voted in. Youre done.
More diversity and modern thought. Capitalization on the mixing pot that it is - people come from miles around to shop and work in joplin
"Regulation in some neighborhoods (zoning, etc)

Not just letting residents build whatever type of dwelling they'd like (log homes and duplexes in single family areas)

Keeping a strong separation between commercial and residential (E 20th St.) "
I like the youth and diversity of city council and hope that trend continues. I would like to see Joplin attract a convention center hotel near downtown, possibly in old train depot area.
Bring in more outsiders to live here to hopefully revamp this town
Realistic budgets for R8 and R9. Realistic budget for the Chamber of Commerce.
"5 years: More public transportation; More sidewalks, walkable spaces; Bikepaths; Connect MSSU with the mall via a bikepath (why hasn't this happened yet anyway?); A fountain downtown; Joplin hosts a national commercial/industrial fair to attract business; Electric vehicle subsidies.

10 years: MSSU's football team breaks 500.

15 years: Professional football team (The 4-State Fearless!); An expressway along the west side of the city, from I-44 up to Airport Drive; Summers aren't as intense; "
Expanded night life and other entertainment venues for young people.
Increased number of cultural experiences.
Growth in community support of our schools.
"5 years:

More law enforcement in schools

A large and aggressive street crimes unit to protect our community

A nice area of Joplin - no matter where I go I constantly feel like I'm in a ghetto with people with neck tattoos wearing affliction shirts looking to prey on citizens.

10 years:

A Completion of a large attraction to this area like an outlet mall along I-44 or theme park.

15 years:

Have a city that has grown 2-3 times it's size in population.

Be like Overland Park Kansas or Lee's Summit Missouri.

More community & school support, more growth in businesses, and more community events.
More jobs
Trails and continued revitalization of downtown. We need to compete with NWA to keep young adults here.
I would I like to see Joplin preserved. We have a history. It is full of great people that came before us, courage of people that withstood a tornado and rebuilt, and children that are deserving of its legacy. Please stop trying to erase all that with fancy new soulless buildings and big city ideals. Or Joplin will continue to be erased.
After the events of the Joplin tornado, a large number of citizens effected decided to relocate. Land rights and zoning also changed hands. Yet progress toward fulfillment of commercial zoning has slipped into obscurity. I would like to see job growth that helps families remain productive and healthy. Entertainment for families with out age restrictions would also be appreciated. Bars and casinos dont attract families, or the mentality to create families. Most importantly would love to see the decay

of the retirement community mentality, with a shift towards growth and prosperity.
Business growth of locally owned establishments. Clothing, breweries, theaters (or at least an upgrade), entertainment, etc.
More natural beauty and less rock gardens
"New concert venue (or remodeled Memorial Hall)

Baseball team brought back to Joe Becker.

Bike, hike and walking trails.

Top Golf!

Alamo movie theater or at least an AMC!"





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