

JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
INFORMAL MEETING NOTES
JANUARY 6, 2020

Mayor Shaw called the January 6, 2020 Informal Meeting of the Joplin City Council to order at 5:15 p.m.

In attendance were Council Members: Taylor Brown, Keenan Cortez, Doug Lawson, Anthony Monteleone, Diane Reid Adams, Mayor Gary Shaw, and Phil Stinnett. Also, in attendance were Interim City Manager Dan Pekarek and Assistant City Attorney Jordan Paul.

Absent: Melodee Colbert-Kean (Ms. Colbert-Kean attended the regular meeting), Ryan Stanley.

Wildcat Glades Friends Group/ MOU amendment

Jordan Paul, Assistant City Attorney, gave a brief overview of the Memorandum of Understanding between Wildcat Glades Friends Group (a Missouri Nonprofit corporation) and the City of Joplin that was passed by the City Council on June 3, 2019. He then explained that the Friends' Group would like to add an Educational Cottage (on the grounds of the old ball fields, west of the Nature Center) to meet the increased demand for nature education and workspace for the volunteers. The addition of the cottage would involve amending the responsibilities in maintaining and operating Wildcat Park.

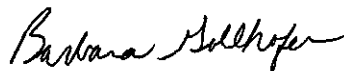
Robin Standridge, Executive Director of Wildcat Glades Friends Group and Steve Gaarder, President of Wildcat Glades Friends Group, were present to discuss the improvements that have already been done by the volunteers. They are grateful for the volunteers and the City's involvement and want to continue the strong and positive partnership with the City to improve a beautiful park while providing educational and recreational opportunities.

Discussion followed regarding building code requirements relating to masonry and ensuring there is good security in place to prevent further vandalism.

The consensus of the council was to have city staff prepare an amendment to the MOU for Council to review in late January or early February.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Submitted,



Barbara Gollhofer, City Clerk