

JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
INFORMAL MEETING NOTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2021

Mayor Stanley called the February 16, 2021 Informal Meeting of the Joplin City Council to order at 5:15 p.m.

In attendance were Council Members: Charles Copple, Keenan Cortez, Doug Lawson, Anthony Monteleone, Diane Reid Adams(virtual) Gary Shaw, Ryan Stanley, Phil Stinnett, and Christina Williams (virtual). Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

Sales Tax Update

Finance Director Leslie Haase stated the February report, which represents December sales, showed an increase of 1.24% from the previous month. Year-to-date collections were up nearly 2%.

Air Service Discussion

Joplin Regional Airport Manager Steve Stockam presented an overview of the Essential Air Service bid from September 2020. The presentation included the bid context, comparison of EAS proposal metrics among American Airlines, United Airlines (SkyWest) and Boutique Airlines; (Boutique withdrew all bid proposals on February 3); SkyWest Airlines EAS Performance summary; traffic history with bid forecasts imposed; a study of the Joplin Catchment Area Traffic Leakage; a summary of American Airlines service; and United Air Lines Branded Service Options at Joplin.

In summary, based on all the information, it is the recommendation of City Staff, the Airport Board, and a majority of the City Council to recommend SkyWest to the MO Dept. of Transportation to be the EAS provider for Joplin. The Dept. of Transportation will make the final call and inform the city of their decision in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Barbara Gollhofer, City Clerk