

JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
INFORMAL MEETING NOTES
MARCH 2, 2020

Mayor Shaw called the March 2, 2020 Informal Meeting of the Joplin City Council to order at 5:15 p.m.

In attendance were Council Members: Taylor Brown, Keenan Cortez, Melodee Colbert-Kean, Doug Lawson, Anthony Monteleone, Diane Reid Adams, Mayor Gary Shaw, Ryan Stanley and Phil Stinnett. Also, in attendance were Interim City Manager Dan Pekarek and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

Discussion of tax oversight for the ½ general sales tax

Mayor Shaw stated that with the recent passage of Proposition B (1/2 cent general sales tax), there was a question regarding who would have oversight of the sales tax: the Police and Fire Pension Board or the Capital Improvement and Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee.

City Attorney Edwards asked Finance Director Leslie Haase to give a brief summary of what collecting and disbursing this tax entails.

Leslie stated there will be a separate fund designated for the tax collection. As the money comes in each month from the state, the city will reserve two amounts of money: \$2 million over the next two years to buy down the LAGERS rate; and \$5 million for the next 5 years for the gap payments. The rest of the money will be sent to the pension plan. Once LAGERS is paid, the reserved monies will be sent directly to the pension plan. The same applies for when the gap payments are paid.

After discussion, Ryan Stanley made the motion to have the Capital Improvement Oversight Committee oversee and report on the tax. Taylor Brown seconded the motion. Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 8. Nays: Monteleone, 1.

The Council thanked Dan Pekarek for a job well done as the interim city manager for the past year.

Barbara Gollhofer, City Clerk