

JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL  
INFORMAL MEETING NOTES  
JUNE 7, 2021

Mayor Stanley called the June 7, 2021 Joplin City Council informal meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

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

**Legislative Update**

Tony Dugger, with Burton & Liese Government Relations consulting and lobbying firm, presented an update on the following senate and house bills that affect Joplin.

Bills passed but not yet signed by the governor:

- SB153 (Wayfair Bill): This act modifies several provisions relating to taxation.
- HB271: requires the city to report expenditures in data base on the internet
- SB262: increase in the gas tax/also adds increase for vehicles using alternative fuels
- SB26: cities cannot reduce the police officers' budget by more than 12% in a year

Bills that did not pass:

- HB920:moves all elections to November
- HB535: removes the residency requirement for an employee to be a resident of Joplin

Special Sessions – there will be at least one special session and there may be as many as 3 or 4 special sessions for the following issues:

- Redistricting
- FRA tax (hospital tax), did not get passed so it is foreseen to be submitted again. If it doesn't get passed, the state can lose one billion dollars.
- Supplemental budget for the nearly \$5 billion the state received from the federal government

Something to be looking for next year is a bill to cap sales tax in our state.

**Noise Ordinance Discussion**

Police Chief Sloan Rowland reviewed the City's current noise ordinance and what the police department can and cannot enforce.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Barbara Gollhofer, MPCC, City Clerk