

JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL  
INFORMAL MEETING NOTES  
JUNE 15, 2020

Mayor Stanley called the June 15, 2020 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, Gary Shaw, Ryan Stanley, Phil Stinnett and Christina Williams. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

Discussion of the format for Informal City Council Meetings

Mayor Stanley opened the discussion by informing the council members of past practice for informal meetings and asked if they would like to start having informal meetings again.

Mr. Stinnett stated there is a lot of valuable information that comes out of the informal meetings. Not only does it allow department heads to make presentations, but it also can allow the council to get more work done when they can't get it accomplished during the regular council meeting, specifically the budget discussion

Mr. Cortez agreed with Mr. Stinnett and would like to resume having informal meetings.

Mayor Stanley asked for ideas on topics to explore and what departments the city council would like to hear from first.

Dr. Reid Adams stated the city manager should make the decision on the order of department presentations because he would know their needs better.

Mayor Stanley asked the city manager to oversee the informal agenda schedule.

Discussion/Appointment of City Council Liaisons to City Boards & Commissions

Mayor Stanley reviewed the current list of city boards/committees and their liaisons. He asked the council members if they would like to make any changes to the list. Two of the boards he thought about adding are the Finance Oversight Committee and Joplin Youth Council.

Mayor Stanley will reach out to Mrs. Colbert-Kean to ask if she would like to continue serving on that council.

Joplin Sports Authority	Region M
Parks & Rec	Joplin Redevelopment Corp.
Nature Center	Police & Fire (by Charter, the mayor is Chair of this board)
Harry S. Truman Council	Convention and Visitors Advisory Board
Downtown Joplin	City Tree Board
Joplin Museum	Univ. of MO Ext

After discussion, Mayor Stanley asked the council members to send their board/committees preference list to him or to the city clerk.

Dr. Reid Adams stated she was named liaison to the Centennial Celebration Committee. That information will be added to the list.

Mayor Stanley stated the Joplin Youth Council is in the process of selecting their second class of council members. He feels there should be city council representation on the JYC and asked if someone would consider serving on it . He also asked for a volunteer for the Finance Committee.

Mr. Stinnett asked for understanding of Section 2.143 of the Joplin City Code: *No person shall be appointed as a member of a city board or commission unless such person shall be, at the time of appointment, registered to vote in the state. City residency shall be preferred, but, if there is no qualified individual to fill such city board or commission who is a resident of the city, then, a nonresident of the city may be appointed.*

He stated we need consistency on how we do this. In the past, we've given preference to residents and recently we didn't give any credence to a resident, we appointed a non-resident, which is fine if that is what the council desires, but we need to have a rule that we stick to. If a residency requirement is not specified on a board, then a city resident should take priority, unless there is a justifiable reason why an individual should not be put on that board, then it's up to a city council member to speak up and state why. If we're going to apply the residency requirement, we apply it across the board. If not, then let's take certain boards and change the way they're made up as far as residents/non-resident and go that route.

Mayor Stanley stated the residency requirement is outlined in the qualifications on the boards/commissions/committees' description list and that in the future, city council members should keep those qualifications in mind when making future appointments.

Mayor Stanley asked the city clerk to note the residency status of applicants. on future boards/commissions work sheets.

Any other business

Budget discussion – Mayor Stanley stated he would like to start this discussion soon rather than wait until September and suggested the city council add a work session each month, if necessary, to begin this discussion and/or any other city business that may require in-depth discussions.

After discussion, Mayor Stanley asked the council members to plan for a work session on July 13.

Barbara Gollhofer, City Clerk