

JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
INFORMAL MEETING NOTES
OCTOBER 5, 2020

Mayor Stanley called the October 5, 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 with Joplin Chamber of Commerce Executive Board

The City Council invited members of the Joplin Chamber of Commerce Executive Board to the October 5, 2020 informal council meeting to discuss concerns the City Council had regarding racism comments made by Chamber president Toby Teeter.

Kelli Perigo, Chair of the Joplin Chamber of Commerce Executive Board, and past Chair Jerrod Hogan were in attendance to answer questions from the City Council.

During the discussion, a citizen was removed from the Chambers for his disrespectful comments.

After the council members voiced their concerns and comments, Ms. Perigo acknowledged the other members of the Chamber staff and the team working with Toby in his current role. She stated that none of what happens in the city and the day-to-day operations at the Chamber would be possible without them and the many volunteers – including those in the council chambers. It takes a true team – the collaboration between the City of Joplin, the City Council and the Chamber of Commerce - to pull that off.

Mr. Hogan echoed Ms. Perigo's comments about the partnership where the City and the Chamber work together to bring resources and point them in the same direction to make this community a great place to work, live, play, raise kids and relocate businesses. He also stated that he is a huge supporter of Toby Teeter and his efforts to make this community continue to thrive.

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Barbara Gollhofer, City Clerk