

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL  
 INFORMAL MEETING NOTES  
 JULY 18, 2022**

Mayor Lawson called the July 18, 2022, Joplin City Council informal meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

In attendance were Council Members: Charles Copple, Keenan Cortez, Josh DeTar, Mark Farnham, Doug Lawson, Gary Shaw, Kate Spencer, Phil Stinnett, and Christina Williams. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

**Sales and Use Tax Update**

Leslie Haase, Finance Director presented.

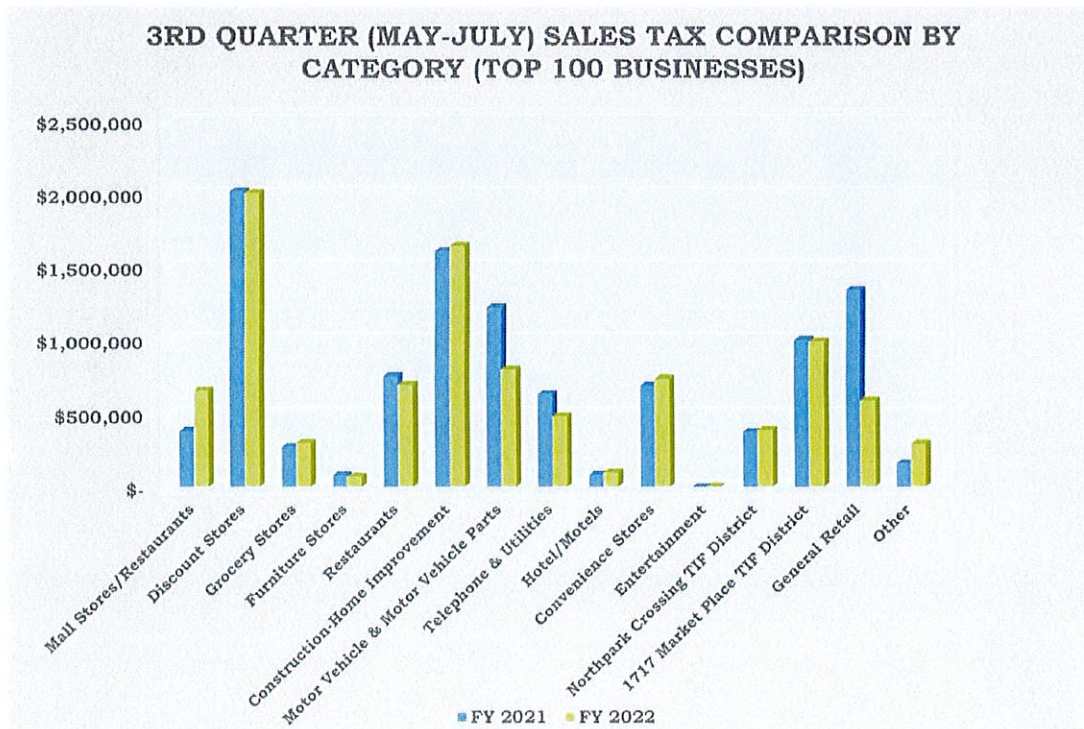
Use Tax

For July which represents Mays collections for across all of the funds we collected \$279,350 that brings our total thru 5 months to \$1.3 million dollars.

Sales Tax

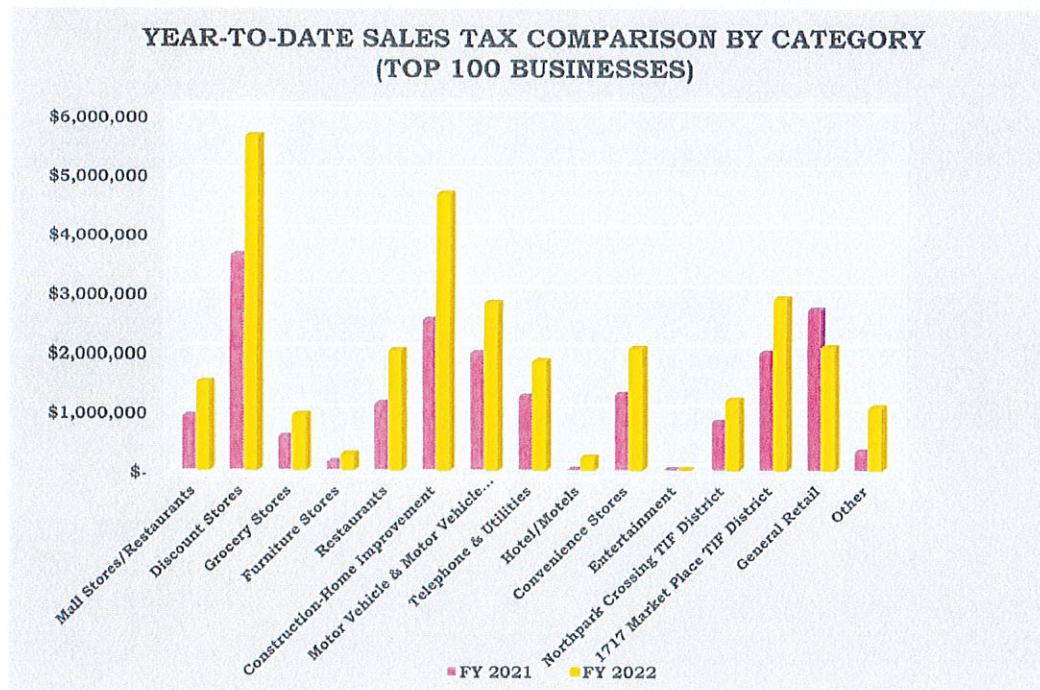
Sales tax for July is down almost 10% so for the year we are nearly flat. Up .67% but if you look at July for 2021 that is the largest month that we have ever had. It is not unexpected that it is down when you are comparing to a month that large. Next month for August in 2021 it was much more in line. Year over year inflation is up 9.1% that means costs are up, prices are up. We will have to see how consumer spending falls in the next coming months with inflation and the economy.

Quarterly Information



## Informal Meeting Notes – July 18, 2022

The blue bar is 2021 the green bar 2022. You can see mall stores and restaurants did a lot better in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2022 than 2021. Discount stores are about the same. Grocery stores a little bit better in 2022. Restaurants a little bit worse. Construction and home improvement a little bit better. One of the biggest changes for the quarter is in motor vehicle as not near as many cars sold in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter as the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter last year. Telephone and utilities are down in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and general retail is way down.



If you look at year to date through the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Pink bar is 2021, yellow bar is 2022. You can see for the year we're still exceeding in a lot of categories. The mall, discount stores, grocery stores really all of them are exceeding 2021 except general retail. We will have to see how this next quarter shakes out as we finish up the fiscal year.

### **RAVENii Update**

Tyler Lavette from RAVENii presented.

#### Programs on Initiatives

##### Month 1 – 6 Initiatives Recap

- New Firewalls implemented
- Ongoing monitoring and maintenance of security framework
- New Patching process implemented
- Mixmode Sensor implemented and monitoring all network traffic 24x7 by Ravenii SOC
- Managing all Data Backups since September (54 TB's of data last month)
- End Point Protection on Joplin Assets (analyzing 34 mil files monthly, up from 25 mil last quarter)
- Last of the Windows 7 devices on network removed
- Improved vulnerability management

## Informal Meeting Notes – July 18, 2022

### Security Operations Center Report – Vulnerability Management

Total Vulnerabilities Mitigated this month: 27.94%, up 0.93% from last month.  
Critical Vulnerabilities Mitigated this month: 15.06%, up 0.59% from last month.  
High Vulnerabilities Mitigated this month: 31.00%, up 0.98% from last month.  
Medium Vulnerabilities Mitigated this month: 28.57%, up 0.87% from last month.  
Low Vulnerabilities Mitigated this month: 21.58%, up 1.37% from last month.

### Progress on Initiatives

#### Month 7 – 9 Initiatives In Progress

- Centralized Configuration strategy for servers
- Continue Multi Factor Authentication Implementation
- Controlled use of administrative privileges
- Continue build out of procedure documentation
- Incident Response

### Gap Analysis

#### Month 7 – 9 Plan

- CSC 14 Controlled access based on need to know
- Segment the Network Based on Sensitivity
- Encrypt All Sensitive Information in Transit
- Enforce Access Control to Data Through Automated Tools
- Enforce Detail Logging for Access or Changes to Sensitive Data
- Use Unique Passwords
- Use Multi-Factor Authentication for All Administrative Access
- CSC 4 Controlled use of administrative privileges
- Use Unique Passwords
- Use Multi-Factor Authentication for All Administrative Access
- CSC 19 Incident Response and Management
- Create Incident Scoring and Prioritization Schema

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Holly Nagy, City Clerk, MRCC