

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL  
INFORMAL MEETING NOTES  
AUGUST 15, 2022**

Mayor Lawson called the August 15, 2022, Joplin City Council informal meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

In attendance were Council Members: 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.

Absent: Charles Copple

**Sales and Use Tax Update**

Leslie Haase, Finance Director presented.

For August sales tax is up considerably, 28.4%. For the year we are up 3.25%. There are two months left in the fiscal year. I will draw your attention to September 2021 that was a very large month in collections. A lot of sales tax is timing related. If you look at August of 2021 it was not as big of month versus September 2021, that's why month to month comparisons are difficult and we look more for trends over the entire year. We will see what September and October brings.

Use tax has 6 months' worth of collection. We set a record with August use tax collections. For August we brought in just over \$600,000. For the year we are sitting at \$1.9 million dollars across all of the taxes. Use tax is going to be cyclical much like sales tax. Remitters still remit based on their collections sometimes monthly, some remitters are quarterly, some are annual. As well as purchases are cyclical. We need to wait and see what a year's worth of collections look like. Hopefully, we will hit that \$3.7 million projection plus some. Obviously if we doubled the \$1.9 million, we would be at \$3.8 million, but really until we have a full year's worth of collections, I don't think we will have a really good feel for what it's going to look like.

**Legislative Update**

Tony Dugger from Burton Liese presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Holly Nagy, City Clerk, MRCC