

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
INFORMAL MEETING NOTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2022**

Mayor Lawson called the September 19, 2022, Joplin City Council informal meeting to order at 5:15 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.

Items 2 and 3 were removed from the agenda.

Sales and Use Tax Update

Leslie Haase, Finance Director presented.

We received September Sales Tax information. We are down 19.25%, but if you look at September 2021 that's the biggest month we've ever had. I did expect that to come in not as high as it did in 2021. Year to date total for September 2021 versus 2022. We are still up half a percent and I'll remind you in 2021 our sales tax was the highest it's ever been.

Use tax – we are 7 months in. Collections for September is almost \$420,000, that's one of our larger months. For the year we are at \$2.3 million dollars, if you prorate that out over 12 months, if all the collections remain like they have, we'll collect \$3.7 over a year's time period. These collections will fluctuate just like sales tax, we will have to wait and see. I'm optimistic that we may collect more than the \$3.7 million, we of course have not gotten to the holidays. In January those collections were slow to start, I'm optimistic about our use tax collections as we move forward. In 2023 Wayfair will go into effect and then it will apply to all purchases. I think use tax collections are doing well.

Use Tax collections for May 2022 is \$433,065.

Boards and Commissions Appointments

Reappointments:

CVB

Kevin Greim

Deena Beckham

Erin Slifka

JRC

Stephen Fuller

Bill Searce

JSA

Christopher Beyer

Motion by Mr. DeTar second by Mr. Copple to approve the boards/commissions reappointments.

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Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

New Appointments

Mr. DeTar nominated Michael Luse to serve on the City Tree Board to replace Kenan Booe.

Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Mr. Shaw nominated Robert Dopp to serve on the City Tree Board to replace Rena Selvey.

Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Mr. Copple nominated John Starchman to serve on the CVB to replace Erik Bartlett.

Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Ms. Spencer nominated Hunter Perry to serve on the JSA to replace Forrest Reed.

Mr. Shaw nominated Jason Love to serve on the JSA to replace Forrest Reed.

Mr. Stinnett nominated Patty Vavra to serve on the JSA to replace Forrest Reed.

Patty Vavra was appointed to serve on the JSA.

Mr. Shaw nominated Jason Love to serve on the JSA to replace Dan McCreary.

Ms. Spencer nominated Hunter Perry to serve on the JSA to replace Dan McCreary.

Hunter Perry was appointed to serve on the JSA.

Mr. DeTar nominated Greg Matzer to serve on the Parks & Recreation board to replace Tony Robyn.

Mr. Copple nominated Benji Rosenberg to serve on the Parks & Recreation board to replace Tony Robyn.

Greg Matzer was appointed to serve on the Parks & Recreation board.

Ms. Williams nominated Audrey Johnson to serve on the Personnel board to replace Michelle Stadler.

Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

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Ms. Spencer nominated Ryan Jackson to serve on the Planning & Zoning Board to replace Wendy Brueckner-Sears.

Mr. Copple nominated Benji Rosenberg to serve on the Planning & Zoning Board to replace Wendy Brueckner-Sears.

Ryan Jackson was appointed to serve on the Planning & Zoning Board.

Benji Rosenberg was appointed to serve on the Planning & Zoning Board to replace Kent Eastman.

Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

Michael Seibert was appointed to serve on the TIF Commission to replace Sherry Genisio.

Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Shaw, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 9. Nays: 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Holly Nagy, MRCC, City Clerk