

JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
INFORMAL MEETING NOTES
MARCH 16, 2020

Mayor Shaw called the March 16, 2020 Informal Meeting of the Joplin City Council to order at 5:15 p.m.

In attendance were Council Members: Taylor Brown, Keenan Cortez, Doug Lawson, Anthony Monteleone, Diane Reid Adams, Mayor Gary Shaw, Ryan Stanley and Phil Stinnett. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and Assistant City Attorney Jordan Paul. Absent: Melodee Colbert-Kean.

Discussion of the City of Joplin ADA Transition Plan

Human Resources Director/Risk Manager Dave Allgood and Assistant Public Works Director of Operations Lynden Lawson presented an overview of the City of Joplin ADA Transition Plan. James Ledford, member of the ADA Committee was also available in attendance.

The Plan complies with PROWAG (Public Right of Way Accessibility Guidelines) Infrastructure through assessments and continuing work to update infrastructure by 2040. The Transition Plan provides a long-term vision for the future and a policy framework that will help achieve the mission of the city government to provide equity in service delivery for all citizens. The Plan will satisfy the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act for ensuring equal opportunity in local government and prohibits discrimination in access to jobs, public accommodations government services, public transportation and telecommunications. The objective of this Plan is to ensure that recommendations outlined with this Plan promote the City's Blueprint for the Future. The goal of the city is to be more inclusive of people with disabilities of the public facilities, recreational areas and sporting accommodations that the city offers.

The purpose of the City of Joplin's Transition Plan is:

- 1) to assess City of Joplin facilities and evaluate the standards within the ADA guidelines. Provide suggestions and guidance to overcome barriers, provide services that will be inclusive of people with disabilities.
- 2) to provide guidance to the city manager and city council that will bring deliverables that can be acted on that will integrate programs within budgetary restraints.
- 3) to maximize the quality of life of all citizens in the City of Joplin who visit city facilities and ensure that the city government is inclusive, and services are attainable.
- 4) plan a self-assessment of all city facilities and infrastructure.

The Transition Plan is a living document which is to be used in the modification of facilities, activities, and programs to ensure accessibility. It will provide locations needing modification discovered through the self-evaluation or by a hired consultant. The Plan will give direction and set priorities of tasks to be accomplished by assessing recommendations provided by consultants, staff and citizens. An action plan will be devised and implemented based on the comprehensive evaluation of current practices, guiding the planning and implementation of necessary program and facility modifications over time.

Mr. Stanley asked if the GIS map on the website could have an ADA overlay. Mr. Lawson stated he would check with the GIS staff person.