

JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL  
INFORMAL MEETING NOTES  
AUGUST 17, 2020

Mayor Stanley called the August 17, 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.

Update on Sales Tax

Finance Director Leslie Haase presented an update of the general sales tax receipts from June. The one cent sales tax collections for the month were \$1,249,325, which compared to the same month in 2019 is up 16.31%. For the fiscal year, this puts us up 1% over the same time period for last year, which is a little below the 1.5% increase that was budgeted.

Ms. Haase reviewed the quarterly sales tax comparison by category of our top 100 sales producing businesses, which is 75%-80% of our total sales tax. Discount stores, construction/home improvement, motor vehicles and vehicle parts, 1717 Marketplace TIF and general retail categories are all doing better in the third quarter of 2020 than in the third quarter of 2019.

Ms. Haase reviewed the comparison of 2019 and 2020 year-to-date totals that showed the mall stores and restaurants, hotels/motels, and entertainment are lagging behind 2019 but discount stores, grocery stores, furniture stores, restaurants, construction/home improvement, motor vehicle sales and parts, and 1717 Marketplace TIF are all doing better in 2020. General retail and other miscellaneous categories are breaking just about even.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Barbara Gollhofer, City Clerk