City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: February 2, 2015
Council Bill No. 2015-110

Item: Zora Widening, Empire Memorandum of Understanding
Originating Department: Public Works – Engineering

Attachments: 1) Location Map
2) Memorandum of Understanding
3) Council Bill No. 2015-110

Department Head: Nick Heatherly	Date:
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City Attorney: Peter C. Edwards	Date:
City Manager: Samuel L. Anselm	Date:

Recommended Action: Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Empire District Electric Company in the amount of $275,000.00 for relocate and maintain their utility lines for the Zora Widening Project, Highview to Missouri.

Background: In 1998, the East/West Corridor Study was completed which recommended improvements on Zora Street from the Range Line bypass (Route 249) to Route JJ. The improvement of Zora Street from Highview Avenue to Missouri Avenue was set up as a multi-phase project. The first phases included storm water drainage improvements and the construction of a three lane street, based on a design for future 5 lanes. This agreement is for the final phase of the project.

Discussion: Attached is the Memorandum of Understanding. The existing Empire Utility poles are on Empire's private easement. City Staff negotiated a memorandum of Understanding with Empire to relocate & maintain the existing utility poles out of the construction limits for the Zora widening project. The anticipated total cost for the Empire Easements & relocation is anticipated to be less than $400,000 with the city paying 57.43% of the cost & Empire Electric paying the remaining cost. The Memorandum of Understanding allows for over runs & sets a Maximum not -to-exceed cost of $275,000 for the City's 57.43% share.

Recommendation: The staff recommends the Memorandum of Understanding with Empire District Electric Company for the not to exceed amount of $275,000 for Empire to relocate & maintain the existing utility poles out of the construction limits for the Zora widening project.