CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2026 – 111 Approval of an agreement with ATS Contractors, LLC., for the On-Call Infrastructure and Utility Cuts 2026 project.

MEETING DATE
February 2, 2026

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT
Public Works - Engineering

ATTACHMENTS
CB 2026- 111 Ordinance; Bid Summary; Construction Agreement

REVIEWED BY
Director of Public Works, Daniel Johnson; Finance Director, Leslie Haase; City Attorney, Peter Edwards; Assistant City Manager, Tony Robyn; City Manager, Nicholas Edwards

SUMMARY
This Council Bill authorizes the City to enter into an agreement with ATS Contractors, LLC. for On Call Infrastructure and Utility Cuts 2026 Project.

BACKGROUND
Utility companies and private construction contractors periodically cut city streets, sidewalks, curb and gutters in order to make utility and sewer connections for new homes and businesses. Utility companies also find it necessary to make cuts so they can make repairs or upgrades to existing services. To ensure repairs meet city specifications, the city hires a contractor to make the repairs and restorations. The costs for repairs are then billed to the utility company or the private contractor responsible for the initial cut.

In addition to completing repairs for utility cuts, the On-Call Infrastructure and Utility Cut contract offers a catalogue of services to be used on an On-Call basis. This aspect of the contract is intended to offer flexibility with respect to addressing needed infrastructure repairs and installing minor system improvements within the City, as well as supplementing the City's public works maintenance crews.

The On-Call Infrastructure and Utility Cuts 2026 contract, which was advertised in accordance with the City of Joplin's procurement policies, contained specific language informing bidders that "Quantities listed represent a portion of the expected quantities for **bid analysis only**. Actual quantities required for the contract will vary". Award was to be based on the best qualified bidder. The quantities for the utility cuts restoration items were based on the quantities provided to the City in the previous iterations of the Utility Cuts restoration contract. During the mandatory prebid meeting, the city's expectations for the highest quality of restorations and timeliness of repairs was highlighted. Four contractors submitted bids containing unit prices for more than 70 bid items. After bids were opened on January 15, 2026, to arrive at a practicable comparison, (commonly utilized repair items and quantities), the bid item prices from each of the four bidders was applied to the most recent pay application under the current contract. Payment totals for three of the four bidders were within 7% and were all below the engineer's estimate

After analyzing the bid information and evaluating all other related performance factors, staff is recommending that the contract be awarded to ATS Contractors, LLC.

Staff plans to utilize this multiple-year contract to continue the work of the previous expiring Utility Cuts restoration contract as well as in repairing public-side infrastructure defects and implementing minor system improvements. The term of the contract will run for one (1) year from the Notice to Proceed date and can be extended for another two (2) years if mutually agreed upon by both parties.

FUNDING SOURCE

This is included in the FY 2026 Budget in the Transportation Sales Tax Fund for items pertaining to Utility Cuts restoration and the Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax and Transportation Sales Tax funds for items pertaining to infrastructure repairs and minor system improvements.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of this Council Bill on 1st reading.