CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2025-107 – Agreement with Dirks Heavy Contractors, LLC for the Turkey Creek WWTP Digester Line Replacement; and containing an emergency clause.

MEETING DATE
February 3, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPT
Public Works - Operations

ATTACHMENTS
CB2025-107 Ordinance, Agreement, Bid Summary

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

SUMMARY
This Council Bill will approve an agreement between the City of Joplin and Dirks Heavy Contractors, LLC for Turkey Creek WWTP Digester Line Replacement in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen and 45/100 DOLLARS ($290,319.45).

BACKGROUND
During the 2025 budget process, priority projects were identified at both the Turkey Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility and the Shoal Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility that would address infrastructure rehabilitation or replacement and safety concerns in FY2025. Included in that project list and budget was replacement of the digester sewer line at the Turkey Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility. Unfortunately, the sewer line began failing before it was scheduled to be replaced during 2025. Staff were able to change treatment operations and rent a portable pump to avoid any illicit discharges and maintain treatment of wastewater.

In accordance with the City of Joplin's procurement policies, a request for proposals for the Digester Line Replacement was advertised in the Joplin Globe on January 4th, 2025, and bids were received by the City on January 21st, 2025. A total of 5 bids were received, with Dirks Heavy Construction, LLC being the lowest responsive bidder. The bid is lower than the engineer's estimate.

FUNDING SOURCE
This item is included in the FY 2025 Budget in the Sanitary Sewer Fund.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends approval of Council Bill 2025-107, approving an agreement with Dirks Heavy Contractors, LLC on an Emergency basis being an ordinance relating to a public improvement, it is an emergency within the meaning of Section 2.12(6) of the HOME RULE CHARTER of the City of Joplin, Missouri and the Council hereby declares that this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage. Specifically, the adoption of this Council Bill on an emergency basis enables the contractor to commence immediately to address and rectify the issue.