City of Joplin City Council Agenda Item

REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: February 5, 2018
ITEM: Council Bill No. 2018-017, approves a Lease Agreement by and between the City of Joplin and Joplin Sports Entertainment, LLC (JSE) relating to the Joe Becker Stadium.

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Legal
ATTACHMENTS: Council Bill No. 2018-017; Exhibit – Lease Agreement

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INTRODUCTION:

This Council Bill approves and authorizes the execution of a Lease Agreement by and between the City of Joplin and Joplin Sports Entertainment, LLC, for the lease of Joe Becker Stadium for five (5) years, commencing January 1, 2019.

DISCUSSION:

The City was originally contacted on October 23, 2017, by Ventura Sports Group, LLC, and the Southwest League, regarding a proposed operation of a Joplin Franchise in the League. The City has had continuing conversations with the Southwest League and the City Council has discussed the proposed venture in prior public meetings.

On January 9th, 2018, Staff continued the City's talks with Mark Schuster, regarding the Southwest League leasing of the Joe Becker Stadium. The following are the main financial and operational points that the City has worked out with the Southwest League:

- Base rent – $35,000. – paid in January of the lease year.
- $.75 on all tickets sold (except suites, seasons and group ticket sales).
- An annual utility surcharge – $10,000.
- 50% of names rights of the money collected for the naming rights for the field, to City, no strings attached.
- Southwest League would maintain the inside of the Stadium with the City providing fertilizer and the mowing equipment.
- The City will maintain the outside of the Stadium.
- The Southwest League would keep all parking revenue.

- The current rate structure would be kept, and the Southwest League will accommodate scheduling for third-party users, such as the high school, Joplin Sports Authority, and Outlaws events.

After the January 9th discussion, a proposed Lease Agreement was drafted and accompanies this council bill for Council's review and approval if appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff presents this Council Bill for consideration on an emergency basis.

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