City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: February 6, 2017

Item: COUNCIL BILL NO. 2017-600
Originating Department: PUBLIC WORKS - AIRPORT

Attachments: 1) Copy of Agreement
2) Council Bill

Airport Manager:	Steve Stockam	Date:
Department Head:	Nick Heatherly	Date:
Finance Department:	Leslie Haase	Date:
City Attorney:	Peter Edwards	Date:
City Manager:	Sam Anslem	Date:

Recommended Action: Approval of MoDOT Air Traffic Control Tower Operating Assistance Grant Agreement for Air Traffic Control (ATC) Services by the City of Joplin.

Background: Since February 2005 the Joplin Regional Airport started a Cost Share Agreement with the MoDOT/FAA for Air Traffic Control (ATC) services at the Joplin Regional Airport through the FAA's Contract Tower Cost Share Program. This program contracts with the FAA and a private contractor to provide the ATC services at Level I VFR towers. If not for this program smaller facilities would have to pay for the services themselves or not provide the service at all. ATC services are vital in insuring the safety of our commercial, corporate, and general aviation traffic.

Discussion: Our current MoDOT/FAA agreement calculates the city local share monthly cost at $ 2,614.00/month. Missouri State legislation makes Joplin eligible for a 50/50 local match funding for ATC services through the State Aviation Program. With this additional grant funding our local cost will be $ 1,307.00/ month.

The agreement before you is a continuation of our existing MoDOT Grant to cover the State's 50% share of the City's local match share of ATC cost at the airport. This agreement is retroactive back to October 1, 2016 thru September 30, 2017 and the city will be reimbursed for those cost.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the MoDOT Air Traffic Control Tower Operating Assistance Grant Agreement on an emergency basis per section 2.12(6) of the Joplin Home Rule Charter.