CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2026-503 – Approving a budget amendment for FY 2026

MEETING DATE
February 17, 2026

ORIGINATING DEPT
Finance

ATTACHMENTS
CB 2026-503 Ordinance; Schedule "A" Budget Amendment

REVIEWED BY
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SUMMARY
This Council Bill amends the adopted 2025-2026 Budget of the City of Joplin.

BACKGROUND
In compliance with Charter regulations and accounting principles, the proposed adjustment is required to ensure that department expenditures do not exceed approved budget appropriations.

Here is an explanation for the items in Schedule A:

- Increasing General Fund revenue by $178,265.00 for insurance settlement funds, of which $80,562.00 is being transferred from the Liability Self-Insurance fund and $97,703.00 is from the City's outside insurance. Also, increasing the Police Patrol budget by $178,265.00 to replace the two totaled police cars and equip them.
- Increasing General Fund revenue and Police Federal Grants by $335,329.00 each for a Community Oriented Police Services (COPS) grant received after the budget was adopted. This grant is 100% with no local match funds and will be used to implement training involving responses to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.
- Increasing General Fund revenue and Police Federal Grants by $50,000.00 each for replacement vest carriers. This Homeland Security grant is 100% with no local match funds.
- Increasing General Fund revenue and Police Federal Grants by $39,000.00 each for 21 AED's for the police department. This Firehouse grant is 100% with no local match funds.
- Increasing City Hall Maintenance by $6,276.00 for the unanticipated purchase of a replacement VFD drive for the HVAC condenser water pumps.
- Increasing the Police Investigations budget by $21,750.00 to use drug forfeiture funds to purchase various equipment and supplies for evidence and crime processing needs. Drug forfeiture funds are monies collected in the past, so they are part of the current fund balance in the General Fund.
- Increasing Solid Waste Management Fund revenue and State Grants by $10,000.00 each for a grant received from Region M after the budget was adopted. The grant is 100% with no local matching funds and will be used for Household Hazardous Waste disposal.
- Increasing the Central Garage Fund expenditures by $5,600.00 to make upgrades to the fuel and diesel pumps that was unknown when the budget was adopted.

The purpose of the budget amendment is to recognize changes that have occurred since the annual budget was adopted. This budget amendment increases revenues by $612,594.00 and expenditures by $726,782.00, each.

FUNDING SOURCE

Various funds are being amended to fund this item as shown on Schedule A and detailed above.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of this council bill on a first reading.