CITY		ENGINEER	
CITY OF JOPLIN **602 S. MAIN STREET** **JOPLIN, MO 64801**		Name: SWT DESIGN, Inc. Address: 7722 Big Bend Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63119	
Attention: Paul Bloomberg		Attention: Jay Wohlschlaeger	
Department: Parks and Recreation		Phone: 314-644-5700	Fax:N/A
Phone: 417-625-4750	Fax:		

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this 20th day of February 2024, by the parties identified above.

WITNESSETH:

THAT, WHEREAS the City of Joplin desires to engage the Engineer to render certain technical and professional services in connection with a project identified on future Work Authorizations to this Agreement.

WHEREAS the Engineer made certain representations and statements to the City with respect to the provision of such services and the City has accepted said proposal; and

WHEREAS the Engineer represents Engineer is licensed by the Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, and Land Surveyors to perform the services designated under this contract, and further represents that all survey services shall be done under the direction of a Land Surveyor licensed by the Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, and Land Surveyors.

NOW, THEREFORE, for the considerations herein expressed, it is agreed by and between the City and the Engineer as follows:

1. **Services.** The City agrees to engage the services of the Engineer and the Engineer agrees, upon receipt of each duly executed Work Authorization, to perform the services described in the Work Authorization. The services of the Engineer shall commence as soon as practicable after the execution of a Work Authorization, unless otherwise directed in writing, and shall be undertaken and completed in such sequence as to assure their expeditious completion in the light of the purposes of the contract. The Engineer shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, timely completion, and the coordination of all designs, drawings, specifications, reports, and other services furnished by the Engineer under this Agreement. Approval by the City and other agencies of drawings, designs, specifications, reports, and incidental engineering work or materials furnished hereunder shall not in any way relieve the Engineer of his responsibility for the technical adequacy of his work except as to matters involving peculiar conditions or uses of the property known to the City or other agencies but not to the Engineer.

2. **Term.** The services of the Engineer shall commence as soon as practicable after the execution of this contract, unless otherwise directed in writing, and shall be undertaken and completed in such sequence as to assure their expeditious completion in the light of the purposes of the contract, but in any event, all of the services required hereunder shall be completed as set forth in the schedule for the project which is attached hereto as ***Exhibit A*** of any executed Work Authorization.

3. **Payment.** The City, pursuant to each fully executed Work Authorization, shall pay Engineer the consideration set forth in the Work Authorization, which shall constitute complete payment for the services furnished in connection with the work required to be performed under the Work Authorization.

4. **Exchange of Data**. All information, data, and reports as are in the City's possession and necessary for the carrying out of the work, shall be furnished to the Engineer without charge, and the parties shall cooperate with each other in every way possible in carrying out the scope of services.

5. **Personnel**. The Engineer represents that Engineer will secure at Engineer's own expense; all personnel required to perform the services called for under this contract by Engineer. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the City except as employees of the Engineer. All of the services required hereunder will be performed by the Engineer or under Engineer's direct supervision and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized under state and local law to perform such services. None of the work or services covered by this contract shall be subcontracted without the written approval of the City.

6. **Termination of Contract.**

a. Termination for breach. Failure of the Engineer to fulfill Engineer's obligations under this contract in a timely and satisfactory manner in accordance with the schedule and description of services set forth in Exhibit A shall constitute a breach of the contract, and the City shall thereupon have the right to immediately terminate the contract. The City shall give written notice of termination to the Engineer by one of three different means: Facsimile Transmission ("FAX") if Engineer has a FAX number; U.S. Postal Service Mails; or by hand delivering a copy of the same to the Engineer; or may give notice by any combination of the above methods. The date of termination shall be the date upon which notice of termination is hand delivered to Engineer or given by FAX, or the third day following mailing of the notice of termination, whichever first occurs. In the event of termination for breach, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, and reports or other materials prepared by the Engineer under this contract shall at the option of the City become its property, and the Engineer shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials; provided, that the Engineer shall not be relieved of liability to the City for damages sustained by the City by virtue of any such breach of the contract by the Engineer.

b. Right to terminate in the absence of breach. Either party may terminate this contract for any reason, by serving notice of intent to terminate upon the other party by the means specified in paragraph A of this section. Such notice shall specify the date of termination, but in no event shall either party terminate the contract under this provision upon less than thirty (30) days' notice to the other party; provided, that the parties may mutually agree to waive the thirty (30) day requirement and to shorten the time for notice of termination. In the event of termination in the absence of breach, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, and reports or other materials prepared by the Engineer under this contract shall at the option of the City become its property, and the Engineer shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials.

7. **Conflicts**. No salaried officer or employee of the City, and no member of the City Council shall have a financial interest, direct or indirect, in this contract. A violation of this provision renders the contract void. Any federal regulations, and applicable provisions in Section 105.450 et seq. RSMo. shall not be violated. Engineer covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services to be performed under this contract. The Engineer further covenants that in the performance of this contract no person having such interest shall be employed.

8. **Assignment**. The Engineer shall not assign any interest in this contract and shall not transfer any interest in the same (whether by assignment or novation), without prior written consent of the City thereto. Provided, however, that claims for money due or to become due to the Engineer from the City under this contract may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution without such approval. Notice of such assignment or transfer shall be furnished in writing promptly to the City. Any such assignment is expressly subject to all rights and remedies of the City under this agreement, including the right to change or delete activities from the contract or to terminate the same as provided herein, and no such assignment shall require the City to give any notice to any such assignee of any actions which the City may take under this agreement, though City will attempt to so notify any such assignee.

9. **Confidentiality of Documents**. Any reports, data, design, or similar information given to or prepared or assembled by the Engineer under this contract which the City requests to be kept as confidential shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the Engineer without prior written approval of the City.

10. **Discrimination.** The Engineer agrees in the performance of this contract not to discriminate on the ground or because of race, creed, color, national origin or ancestry, sex, religion, handicap, age, or political opinion or affiliation, against any employee of Engineer or applicant for employment and shall include a similar provision in all subcontracts let or awarded hereunder.

11. **Occupational License**: The Engineer shall obtain and maintain an occupational license with the City of Joplin, Missouri, if required by city code and any required state or federal license. The cost for this occupational license shall be borne by the Engineer. No contract will be executed by the City until this occupational license has been obtained and that the Engineer is current on any City taxes is verified.

12. **Compliance with Laws**. Engineer agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws or rules and regulations applicable to the provision of services and products hereunder. Engineer affirmatively states that payment of all local, state, and federal taxes and assessments owed by Engineer is current.

13. **Affidavit for Contracts Over $5,000.00**. That pursuant to Missouri Revised Statute Sections 285.525 through 285.550, if this contract exceeds the amount of $5,000.00 and Engineer is associated with a business entity, Engineer shall provide an acceptable notarized affidavit stating that the associated business entity is enrolled in and participates in a federal work authorization program with respect to the employees working in connection with the contracted services, and that said business entity does not knowingly employ any person who is an unauthorized alien in connection with the contracted services. Additionally, Engineer must provide documentation for said business entity evidencing current enrollment in a federal work authorization program.

14. **Nonresident/Foreign Contractors**. The Engineer shall procure and maintain during the life of this contract:

a. If the Engineer is a foreign corporation, a certificate of authority to transact business in the State of Missouri from the Secretary of State, unless exempt pursuant to the provisions of Section 351.572 RSMo.

b. A certificate from the Missouri Director of Revenue evidencing compliance with the transient employer financial assurance law, unless exempt pursuant to the provisions of Section 285.230 RSMo.

15. **General Independent Contractor Clause**. This agreement does not create an employee/employer relationship between the parties. It is the parties' intention that the Engineer will be an independent contractor and not the City's employee for all purposes, including, but not limited to, the application of the Fair Labor Standards Act minimum wage and overtime payments, Federal Insurance Contribution Act, the Social Security Act, the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, Missouri revenue and taxation laws, Missouri workers' compensation and unemployment insurance laws. The Engineer will retain sole and absolute discretion in the judgment of the manner and means of carrying out the Engineer's activities and responsibilities hereunder. The Engineer agrees that it is a separate and independent enterprise from the public employer, that it has a full opportunity to find other business, that it has made its own investment in its business, and that it will utilize a high level of skill necessary to perform the work. This agreement shall not be construed as creating any joint employment relationship between the Engineer and the City, and the City will not be liable for any obligation incurred by the Engineer, including but not limited to unpaid minimum wages and/or overtime premiums.

16. **City Benefits**. The Engineer shall not be entitled to any of the benefits established for the employees of the City nor be covered by the Worker's Compensation Program of the City.

17. **Liability and Indemnity**. The parties mutually agree to the following:

a. The Engineer shall defend, indemnify, and hold the City harmless from and against all damages, losses, liabilities, expenses, and costs with respect to all claims, including, but not limited to, claims for personal injuries, wrongful death, and damages to property, which may be asserted against the City by any person or entity as the result of Engineer's (or any of Engineer's subcontractors) negligent acts, errors, or omissions in the course of the performance of this contract, provided that the Engineer is not obligated to indemnify or hold harmless the City from the City's own negligence or wrong doing.

b. The Engineer shall indemnify and hold the City harmless from all wages or overtime compensation due its employees in rendering services pursuant to this agreement, including payment of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs in the defense of any claim made under the Fair Labor Standards Act or any other federal or state law.

c. In no event shall the City be liable to the Engineer for special, indirect, or consequential damages, except those caused by the City's gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct arising out of or in any way connected with a breach of this contract. The maximum liability of the City shall be limited to the amount of money to be paid or received by the City under this contract.

18. **Ownership of Documents.** All files and information will be submitted before or upon final approval and acceptance of the contract documents. All documents, including original drawings, calculations, computer runs, field notes, drawings, estimates, specifications, written design criteria and written reports are and remain the property of the Engineer until such time as this Agreement is, for any reason, terminated, at which time they become the property of the City. The Engineer shall furnish to the City, one set of reproducible record Mylars of drawings, AutoCAD files and copies of estimates, specifications, written reports, and written design criteria, in consideration of which the City will use them fully in connection with the project and will not sell them.

19. **Notices**. All notices required or permitted hereinunder and required to be in writing may be given by FAX or by first class mail addressed to City and Engineer at the addresses shown above. The date of delivery of any notice given by mail shall be the date falling on the third day after the day of its mailing. The date of delivery of notice by FAX transmission shall be deemed to be the date transmission occurs, except where the transmission is not completed by 5:00 p.m. on a regular business day at the terminal of the receiving party, in which case the date of delivery shall be deemed to fall on the next regular business day for the receiving party.

20. **Jurisdiction**. This agreement and every question arising hereunder shall be construed or determined according to the laws of the State of Missouri. Should any part of this agreement be litigated, venue shall be proper only in the Circuit Court of Jasper County, Missouri.

21. **Entire Agreement**. This agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties. No modification, amendment, or waiver of any of the provisions of this agreement shall be effective unless in writing specifically referring hereto and signed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals on the day and year herein stated.

REVIEWED FOR APPROVAL

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Name & Title of Staff Project Manager

CERTIFICATE OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

I certify that the expenditure contemplated by this document is within the purpose of the appropriation to which it is to be charged and that there is an unencumbered balance of appropriated and available funds to pay, therefore.

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Leslie Haase, Director of Finance

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Peter Edwards, City Attorney

Engineer: _____
By:
By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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Daniel Johnson, P.E.
Public Works Director

Date: _____