City of Joplin City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: March 7, 2016

ITEM: COUNCIL BILL 2016-602

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: FIRE DEPARTMENT
ATTACHMENTS: COUNCIL BILL 2016-602, Agreement, Maps, Appraisal

FIRE CHIEF JAMES FURGERSON:
CITY MANAGER SAM ANSELM
CITY ATTORNEY PETER EDWARDS:
FINANCE DIRECTOR LESLIE HAASE

BACKGROUND:
In 2006 the citizens of Joplin voted on and passed the Public Safety Sales Tax. One of the projects listed was an Eastside Fire Station. We have selected the land for this station and will once approved begin design and then construction of the station.

DISCUSSION:
The land is located north of 32nd and CR220 and will include two square acres of the north east corner of this lot. This location was selected due to its location and the coverage it provides. This property will adequately protect the Cross-Roads Industrial park as well as several businesses, residents along East 32nd Street and parts of both I-44 and I-49 that are currently outside the 1.5 mile road distance from Station 5. ISO has gone from using 1.5 mile radiuses and now evaluates departments on actual road miles from the station. This property had an appraisal of $143,000 and after negotiating with the land owner we have got the price down to $155,000. We feel this is a fair price, and close to the appraised value. During the search for land we have found property along 32nd and in that general area ranging from $75,000 to $500,000 an acre.

RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends approval of this council bill on an emergency basis.