CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2020-120 Construction Agreement between City of Joplin and D&E Plumbing and Heating, Inc. for construction of the City of Joplin Trail and Pedestrian Bridge

MEETING DATE
March 16, 2020

ORIGINATING DEPT
Public Works-Engineering

ATTACHMENTS
Agreement; Council Bill 2020-120, Bid Tabulation, Location Map

REVIEWED BY
Director of Public Works: David Hertzberg; Finance Director: Leslie Haase; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; Interim City Manager: Dan Pekarek

SUMMARY
This Council Bill authorizes the City Manager or his designee to enter into an agreement with D&E Plumbing and Heating, Inc. in the amount of Three Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars ($365,599.00) for construction of the City of Joplin Trail and Pedestrian Bridge.

BACKGROUND
In March 2013, Council authorized the City to enter into a Transportation Enhancement Fund Agreement with the Missouri Department of Transportation for construction of the MSSU Trail (aka the City of Joplin Trail and Pedestrian Bridge) with the MoDOT share covering 79% of the engineering and construction costs, capped at $272,732.00; and in June 2013 Council authorized the City to enter into an agreement with Great River Associates for design services for the MSSU Trail project. The proposed improvements consist of a 10-foot-wide asphalt trail approximately 2,050 feet in length and the construction of a two-span concrete slab beam bridge 90 feet in length over Turkey Creek, connecting Missouri Southern State University to the Northpark Mall.

In November 2019, the City received authority to advertise the project for bids from MoDOT. Currently, there is approximately $230,000.00 remaining of available MoDOT funds to be used for future engineering and construction costs. The remaining City funds needed for the construction and engineering services on this project in the approximate amount of $145,000.00 will be paid out of the Infrastructure fund. This council bill includes an appropriations adjustment to the FY 2019-2020 budget, increasing revenue in the amount of $220,599.00 and increasing expenditures in the amount of $365,599.00.

In accordance with the City of Joplin's procurement policies, a Request for Proposal for construction of this project was advertised in the Joplin Globe on December 15, 2019, and bids

were received by the City on January 23, 2020. Two proposals were received, with D&E Plumbing and Heating, Inc. selected as the lowest, most responsive bidder. The low bid exceeded the engineers estimate by greater than 10%, and in accordance with Section 136.10.7.3.1 (Excessive Bids) of MoDOT's Engineering Policy Guide, the bid was reviewed by the engineering firm, City of Joplin staff, and MoDOT with a determination made that re-bidding the project would not result in the receipt of lower bids, but would potentially result in the receipt of higher bids, with a new timeframe for construction extending well into the MSSU fall semester. MoDOT is in agreement with this determination and concurred with the award of the project per the bids received. Work will begin this spring and is to be completed by July 31, 2020.

FUNDING SOURCE

This council bill includes a budget amendment for the MoDOT grant, as well as increasing expenditures in the Infrastructure Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of Council Bill 2020-120, an agreement with D&E Plumbing and Heating, Inc. in the amount of Three Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Nine and 00/100 dollars ($365,599.00) for the construction of the City of Joplin Trail and Pedestrian Bridge on an emergency basis, per section 2.12(6) of the HOME RULE CHARTER of the City of Joplin, Missouri, and as such, this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage. Furthermore, the Northpark Mall has recently started construction on an adjacent trail project that will connect to this proposed trail, and approval of this contract now will allow for enhanced coordination during construction of the two projects, while also allowing the contractor to meet the current completion date scheduled for this summer, and is therefore an emergency.