City of Joplin City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: April 20, 2015

ITEM: COUNCIL BILL

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: FIRE DEPARTMENT
ATTACHMENTS: Council Bill No. 2015-604 ,Bid Tabulation ,Contract Agreement, Site Plan

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

BACKGROUND:
In 2006 the citizens of Joplin voted on and passed the Public Safety Sales Tax. One of the projects listed was a Public Safety Training Center. We have begun the process of designing and preparing to for construction of the training center. The Public Safety Tower construction has already begun and the next phase in the process is ready to begin. Construction of the training grounds.

DISCUSSION:
The training grounds will consist of all of the other essential props that we need for training. This will include an 18000 square foot driving pad that will be utilized by both the Police and Fire Departments. There will also be two prop areas set up for the Police a K-9 training area and a Swat obstacle course. Additionally there will be other training areas for Fire Department usage a special operations area which includes building collapse rescue training, trench collapse and other technical rescue training scenarios, Hazardous Material training area, and an area for the outdoor burn props.
On March 20, 2015 bids were opened for the construction of the training grounds including a detention pond. It was determined that the bid from Emery Sapp and Sons was the lowest and best bid and met the City's bid specifications.

RECOMMENDATION:
To not delay construction staff recommends approval of this Council Bill on an emergency basis.