City of Joplin — City Council Agenda Item

REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: APRIL 20, 2015

ITEM: COUNCIL BILL NO. 2015-508
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Department Head: Leslie Haase	**Date:**
Parks Director: Chris Cotten	**Date:**
City Attorney: Peter Edwards	**Date:**
City Manager: Sam Anselm	**Date:**

INTRODUCTION:
This Council Bill amends the adopted 2014-2015 Budget of the City of Joplin to add a golf manager position for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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

The Finance Committee has met over the last several months to evaluate the financial position of the Schifferdecker Golf Course and make possible recommendations to help improve the number of rounds at the course. Dr. Groesbeck, Finance Committee chair, reported the findings and recommendations of the golf course evaluation at the April 6, 2015 council meeting. The Committee had two immediate recommendations to help facilitate improvements at the course.

The first recommendation was to increase golf fees. The second recommendation was to hire a golf manager to manage the course and make additional recommendations and improvements to the course. The position starts at $38,093, plus benefits annually. This budget amendment increases wages to add the position with benefits for the remainder of the fiscal year.

This budget amendment increases expenditures by $32,500.00.

RECOMMENDATION:
City Staff recommends this Council Bill be approved on an emergency basis.