CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2026-118 Miscellaneous Construction Customer Agreement between City of Joplin and Liberty for Streetlight Installations and Underground Conductor Feeding along the 7th Street Corridor included in the MoDOT 7th Street Reconstruction Project

MEETING DATE
April 20, 2026

ORIGINATING DEPT
Public Works-Engineering

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill 2026-118; Agreement

REVIEWED BY
Director of Public Works, Daniel Johnson; Finance Director, Leslie Haase; City Attorney, Peter Edwards; Assistant City Manager, Tony Robyn; City Manager, Nicholas Edwards

SUMMARY
This Council Bill authorizes the City to enter into an agreement with Liberty in the amount of One Million Four Hundred Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred and 00/100 dollars ($1,411,800.00) for facility relocations required for Streetlight Installations and Underground Conductor Feeding along the 7th Street Corridor included in the MoDOT 7th Street Reconstruction Project

BACKGROUND
The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) has awarded and recently begun construction on the reconstruction of Route 66 / 7th Street in Joplin from Schifferdecker Avenue to Range Line Road. To complete this MoDOT project, Liberty will be required to relocate multiple streetlights along the 7th street corridor. These streetlights are currently fed power via overhead conductor lines and will continue to be fed via overhead conductors per Liberty's current relocation plans. Over the past several months, the City of Joplin has had on-going discussions with Liberty about the possibility of feeding the streetlights via underground conductors in-lieu of overhead. Liberty has developed an estimated cost to perform this work and provided an agreement to the City authorizing them to proceed with the additional work as requested.

FUNDING SOURCE
This item includes a fiscal year 2026 budget amendment to the Transportation Sales Tax Fund in the amount of $1,411,800.00.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommend approval of Council Bill 2026-118, agreement with Liberty in the amount of One Million Four Hundred Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred and 00/100 dollars ($1,411,800.00) for facility relocations required for Streetlight Installations and Underground Conductor Feeding along the 7th Street Corridor included in the MoDOT 7th Street Reconstruction Project.

That the City hereby declares that this ordinance dealing with a public improvement, is an expedited matter within the meaning of 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, approval of this council bill will allow Liberty to proceed with planning and material procurement immediately, expediting the relocation efforts to stay ahead of MoDOT's construction project schedule, and is therefore an expedited bill.