# CITY OF JOPLIN
# COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

**ITEM**
Council Bill 2023-508 – Approving a contract for a time extension with Guidehouse to continue to provide ARPA-Infrastructure related assistance.

**MEETING DATE**
May 15, 2023

**ORIGINATING DEPT**
Finance

**ATTACHMENTS**
CB 2023-508 Ordinance; Exhibit "A" Guidehouse Agreement

**REVIEWED BY**
Department Head: Leslie Haase; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nick Edwards

**SUMMARY**
This Council Bill approves a contract for a time extension with Guidehouse to provide ARPA-Infrastructure related assistance on behalf of the City.

**BACKGROUND**
In June of 2022 following a bid process, the City hired Guidehouse to maximize the City's ARPA allocation and apply for State ARPA grants, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) grants, Infrastructure and Investment Act (IIJA) grants, as well as other grant opportunities identified on behalf of the City. Guidehouse was also hired to ultimately help the City formulate a final spending plan for the City's ARPA allocation, as well as give regular updates to the City Council and the public on the grant applications. The original contract was for a one-year period in the amount of $375,000.00.

While the applications for the State ARPA funds are complete, the BIL and IIJA grant opportunities have been slower to develop and will continue to be released in the upcoming months. Funds still remain on the original contract for Guidehouse to continue to apply for additional grants on behalf of the City, but the contract expires in June. Therefore, this contract extends the time portion of the contract for an additional year, as long as funds remain from the original contract.

Under this contract, Guidehouse has been successful in bringing grant dollars to the City of Joplin, which will save our local taxpayers from funding these projects while also bringing the resources for this community to achieve some transformational projects that will have a long lasting impact well into the future.

**FUNDING SOURCE**
This item does not have an additional budget impact.

**RECOMMENDATION**
Staff recommends approval of this council bill on an emergency basis in order to continue the Guidehouse contract.