CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2025-127 Amendment 1 to Work Authorization OLS-WIL-03 with Olsson for professional engineering services for the Willow Branch 7th Street Improvements project.

MEETING DATE
June 16th, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPT
Public Works-Engineering

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill 2025-127; Amendment 1 to Work Authorization OLS-WIL-03; Location Map

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

SUMMARY
This Council Bill authorizes the City to approve an Amendment to Work Authorization OLS-WIL-03 with Olsson in the not to exceed amount of Ninety-Eight Thousand and 00/100 dollars ($98,000.00) for professional engineering services for the Willow Branch 7th Street Improvements project.

BACKGROUND
In April 2024, the voters passed the Renewal of the Capital Improvement Sales Tax Program for an additional 12 years. Two of the projects included in the program were the removal of the Pennsylvania Avenue Viaduct, and the improvement of the Old Willow Branch Storm Sewer System.

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) has plans to reconstruct Route 66 / 7th Street in Joplin from Schifferdecker Avenue to Range Line Road. This project is currently in the design phase, with a tentative bid letting scheduled for the Fall of 2025.

In November 2024, City Council approved 3 separate work authorizations with Olsson, including the Willow Branch 7th Street Improvements project, the Willow Branch Stormwater Study project, and the Pennsylvania Avenue Viaduct Removal project.

A large portion of the Old Willow Branch Storm Sewer improvement project was originally envisioned to go under 7th Street, from Moffett Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue, and then turn north running under Pennsylvania Avenue to tie into the existing drainage channel. Based on data obtained during the Willow Branch Stormwater Study project, the route of the proposed Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert (RCB) is now planned to run under 7th Street to Wall Avenue, then turn north, running under Wall Avenue to 5th Street before turning back east. The installation of the new RCB Storm Sewer System within 7th Street is planned to be incorporated into MoDOT's 7th Street Reconstruction project.

This amendment is for additional costs for engineering services related to the RCB section from 7th and Wall to 6th and Wall. This portion of the RCB will need to be bid separately and constructed prior to the RCB in 7th Street which will be incorporated into the MoDOT project. The fees submitted by Olsson have been reviewed by City staff and found to be within industry standards.

FUNDING SOURCE

This item is included in the FY 2025 Budget in the Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend approval of this Council Bill on first reading.