CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2023-112 Agreement for Professional Engineering Services with Olsson, Inc. for the ARPA Stormwater Grant project; and containing an emergency clause.

MEETING DATE
June 20, 2023

ORIGINATING DEPT
Public Works - Engineering

ATTACHMENTS
CB 2023-112 Ordinance; Agreement; Exhibit Map

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

SUMMARY
This Council Bill approves an agreement for Professional Engineering Services with Olsson, Inc. for the ARPA Stormwater Grant project in the not to exceed amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred and 00/100 Dollars ($2,536,900.00).

BACKGROUND
On May 16, 2022, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) published a grant availability notification as part of Congress' American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding from the federal government. City staff identified a project for the grant, then on June 6, 2022, Council approved Resolution No. 2022-009, authorizing City staff to apply for a stormwater grant. In mid-November of 2022, MDNR issued notifications to grant recipients, notifying the City that its grant application was chosen for funding. Once MDNR allowed it, staff published an RFQ on January 28, 2023, soliciting qualification statements from interested engineering firms. Thirty days later, in accordance with the City's procurement policy, sealed submittals were opened on Feb. 28, 2023. A selection committee comprised of Public Works staff evaluated the qualification submittals from two firms. Olsson was selected as the most qualified engineering firm to provide professional engineering services for the grant project. The consultant's fees are within industry standards for design, bidding, construction, and project management services during the life of the grant. All ARPA funds must be obligated to a project by December 31, 2024, and spent by June 30th, 2026. The project consists of 9 separate sites around town (see the attached Exhibit Map), whose total estimated cost was $8,676,000 at the time the grant application was prepared. The grant amount received by the City is $5,000,000.00. The remaining funds for the project come from the 2022 Parks & Stormwater Sales Tax, Phase 3, which funds three of the sites.

FUNDING SOURCE
ARPA Stormwater Grant funds, Infrastructure Improvement funds

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of this Council Bill, approving an agreement on an Emergency basis being an ordinance relating to a public improvement, it is an emergency within the meaning of Section 2.12(6) of the HOME RULE CHARTER of the City of Joplin, Missouri and the Council hereby declares that this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage. Specifically, adoption of this Council Bill on an emergency basis allows the design of the improvements to begin as quickly as possible, in light of the funding deadline.