CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM

Council Bill 2019-615: authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service ("USFWS"), Missouri Prairie Foundation ("MPF"), and the City of Joplin ("City"). The Trustees enter into this MOU in recognition of their common interests in park lands held by the City of Joplin, Missouri. It is the intent of all parties to restore these areas for the benefit of the public and wildlife, and to do so by working efficiently among the parties.

MEETING DATE

July 1, 2019

ORIGINATING DEPT

Parks

ATTACHMENTS

CB2019-615 Ordinance; Exhibit A: City of Joplin, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Missouri Prairie Foundation MOU; Exhibit B: Map of park areas to be utilitized

REVIEWED BY

Dept. Head: Paul Bloomberg; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; Interim City Manager: Dan Pekarek

SUMMARY

This Council Bill authorizes the City of Joplin to enter into an MOU with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Missouri Prairie Foundation to restore and establish native prairie habitat on park lands held by the City of Joplin.

BACKGROUND

In 2014, the City, USFWS, and MPF entered into an agreement to manage and improve what is now called, the Joplin Prairie. In that agreement the property was transformed into a prairie grass, wild flowers and a nature preservation area.

Council Bill 2019-615 authorizes the City to enter into a similar agreement with USFWS and MPF to manage and improve certain park lands, which are outlined in Exhibited B.

FUNDING SOURCE

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of this council bill on first reading.