City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: July 3, 2017
Council Bill No. 2017-142

Item: Award of Construction Contract for the Wildwood Ranch Business Park Sewer Infrastructure Project

Originating Department: Public Works – Engineering

Attachments: 1) Project Map
2) Summary of Bids
3) Council Bill No. 2017-142
3) Exhibit A: Contract

Department Head: David K. Hertzberg
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City Attorney: Peter C. Edwards
City Manager: Samuel L. Anselm

Recommended Action: Approval of a Construction Contract with Asbell Excavating and Trucking in the amount of $1,489,973.25 for the Wildwood Ranch Business Park Sewer Infrastructure project funded through Economic Development Administration (EDA).

Background: With favorable bids on previous projects funded through the Economic Development Administration, funding was made available and approved by EDA to construct sanitary sewer infrastructure in the Wildwood Ranch Business Park, specifically between 20th and 32nd Streets, and between Central City and Malang Roads. City Council approved the engineering contract with HDR, Inc. on August 1, 2016 for Engineering Services. The developer of the Wildwood Ranch Business Park bore the costs for the project's environmental assessment, donated the easements for the project, and cleared certain trees in a timely manner to satisfy a federal requirement.

Discussion: The project was advertised in accordance with the City of Joplin's procurement policies. Bids from 6 contractors were opened on June 20, 2017; Asbell Excavating and Trucking was confirmed to be the lowest bidder. The low bid was below the Engineer's estimate. The contract specifies the time constraints for reimbursement from EDA, as well as higher than normal liquidated damages due to the timeframe needed to expend the EDA grant funding before May 22, 2018.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of a Construction Contract with Asbell Excavating and Trucking in the amount of $1,489,973.25 for the Wildwood Ranch Business Park Sewer Infrastructure Project be approved on an emergency basis per Section 2.12 (6) of the Joplin City Charter.