City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: July 20, 2015
Council Bill No. 2015-140

Item: Contract with Lester Southard Construction for the Utility Cut Pavement Restoration Project

Originating Department: Public Works – Engineering

Attachments: 1) Rate Schedule
2) Council Bill 2015-140

Department Head: Nicholas A. Heatherly
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City Attorney: Peter Edwards
City Manager: Samuel L Anselm

Recommended Action: Approval of a contract for the Utility Cut Pavement Restoration Project with Lester Southard Construction.

Background: Utility companies and construction contractors periodically cut the city streets, sidewalks, and curb and gutter in order to make utility and sewer connections for new homes and businesses. Utility companies also find it necessary to make cuts so they can make repairs to existing services. In order to insure repairs are to city specifications the city hires a contractor to make the repairs. Cuts will be various sizes from as small as 2 ft by 2 ft to the width of a city street. In 2013 approximately 684 cuts were reported, in 2014 approximately 533 cuts were reported and in 2015 from November 1 until June 30 approximately 656 cuts have been reported. Cost of the repairs will be billed back to the utility companies and contractors.

Discussion: In accordance with the City of Joplin's Procurement policies the project was advertised in the Joplin Globe Newspaper and on the city's website with 4 firms picking up bids for this project and 1 firm bidding.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of a contract with Lester Southard Construction for the Utility Cut Pavement Restoration Project be approved on an emergency basis per Section 2-12 (6) of the Joplin City Charter.

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