City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: August 1, 2016

Item: Council Bill No. 2016-370 authorizing and approving an Agreement between the City of Joplin and Gould Evans Affiliates.

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services
ATTACHMENTS: 1) Council Bill No. 2016- 370
2) Contract
3) Scope of Services

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INTRODUCTION:

This Council Bill authorizes the City of Joplin to enter into Agreement with Gould Evans Affiliates for Planning Services relating to the update of the City of Joplin's Zoning Code.

DISCUSSION:

This Council Bill authorizes the City of Joplin to enter into an Agreement with Gould Evans Affiliates for Planning Services to update the Zoning Code, authorizing the City Manager to execute said Agreement in substantially similar form.

This update should encompass recommendations laid out in the City of Joplin's Comprehensive Plan, which was updated in 2012. This plan was adopted after the May 2011 tornado and builds on the pro-active response of the Citizens Advisory Recovery Team (CART). This Plan includes a number of goals and development standards and also lays out specific corridors which are held to higher development standards. The zoning ordinance should also incorporate current and best planning practices, as well as provide clarification and consistency, remove contradictions or obsolete regulations, and to incorporate graphic illustrations, as may be appropriate. This update will involve working through a collaborative process that involves a variety of stakeholders, culminating in a fully updated, user-friendly zoning code that is simple, flexible, easily understood by the general public, and easily administered by staff.

The planning firm will work closely with City staff and leadership to update the Zoning Code, including such items as the Subdivision Regulations, Telecommunications Regulations, Storm Water Management Regulations, and Sediment and Erosion Control Regulations (Appendices 29-A, 29-B, 29-D, 29-E, and 29-F).

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends this Council Bill be approved.