CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM

Council Bill No. 2024-280 – Donation Agreement authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into a Donation Agreement by and between Randal and Shelly Kraft, "Donor", and the City of Joplin, Missouri, "Donee" relating to property located at 2008 South Sergeant Avenue in Joplin.

MEETING DATE

August 5, 2024

REVIEWED BY:

Troy Bolander, Director of Planning & Neighborhood Services; Peter Edwards, City Attorney; Leslie Haase, Finance Director; Holly Nagy, City Clerk; Nicholas Edwards, City Manager.

SUMMARY:

This Council Bill authorizes the City of Joplin to enter into a Donation Agreement with Randal and Shelly Kraft, dealing generally with their donation of certain real property (the old Freeman Hospital) to the City so the City can demolish the building for future residential redevelopment.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Joplin applied for and received the State ARPA Community Revitalization Grant for the demolition of the structure at 2008 South Sergeant as part of the demolition portion of this program. In order to be eligible under the grant, the property has to be located in one of the four qualified census tracts, has to be vacant, abandoned and dangerous, and most importantly located in a residential area so that the demolition results in residential redevelopment. The State ARPA grant is funding 50% of the demolition cost, while the City's ARPA grant is funding the remaining 50%. No City taxpayer funds are being used on this project.

This agreement transfers ownership of the property at no cost to the City. If approved, the City will solicit bids for the demolition. Following the demolition, the City will likely issue a bid to convert the property to a residential development.

For the safety of our citizens, the City has a dangerous building code that can result in the City demolishing both residential and commercial structures, which are funded by the revolving fund. The balance of this fund, though, has been declining and is currently approximately $470,000.00. The ARPA grant is helping fund the demolitions, in turn spurring residential development and helping to address the Council Goal of addressing declining neighborhoods, without using scarce city tax dollars.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends this Council Bill be placed on First Reading.

ATTACHMENTS:
Council Bill No. 2024-280; Donation Agreement.

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