City of **Joplin** City Council Agenda Item

REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

ITEM: COUNCIL BILL NO. 2016-455

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: HEALTH DEPARTMENT
ATTACHMENT: COUNCIL BILL, PHARMACY SERVICES AGREEMENT

Health Director: Dan Pekarek
Finance Director: Leslie Haase
City Attorney: Peter Edwards
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INTRODUCTION:
The Health Department requests consideration of Council Bill No. 2016-455 that authorizes a Pharmacy Services Agreement between the City of Joplin, Health Department (Department) and The Medicine Shoppe pharmacy of Joplin.

DISCUSSION:
The Department contracts with a private pharmacy to provide necessary pharmaceutical services for the Health Department in its agreement with the Community Clinic of Joplin. In the city's agreement with the Community Clinic, Joplin residents that attend the Clinic and receive a prescription from clinic physicians are referred to the city's contract pharmacy to have these prescriptions filled. In order to contain costs, the Department utilizes the generic formulary developed and maintained by the Clinic for the bid process. The generic formulary is a list of generic medications used by the clinic physicians when they order a prescription for clinic patients.

The Medicine Shoppe pharmacy was selected through a recently completed competitive bid process. In this process, a formal bid packet was developed including bid specifications that included the Community Clinic Generic Formulary. Per the bid document, bid prices must remain in effect for a one-year period from the date of a signed agreement.

Pharmacies on the city's vendor list and other local pharmacies were notified by mail/e-mail of the bid process advertisement and the bid request was advertised in the Joplin Globe as well as on the city website. Eight bids were received however one entity retracted their bid prior to bid opening, one bid was received after the time the bid was to be received at the health department and one bid was for an insurance discount card program and did not meet the requirements of the bid. These bids were not considered. The 5 bids considered were: Medicine Shoppe-$594.00, Quick Meds Pharmacy-$995.34, CVS- $2,251.25, Pronto Pharmacy-$942.00, Price Cutter-$883.84.

After review of submitted bids, it was deemed that The Medicine Shoppe submitted the lowest and best bid. The Medicine Shoppe is the current provider of pharmacy services

to the city.

Funds are provided in the current fiscal year budget and are included in the 2017 budget.

RECOMMENDATION:
City Staff recommends this Council Bill be approved on first reading.