City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: September 18, 2017

Item: RESOLUTION NO. 2017-010
Originating Department: PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Attachments: 1) Resolution No. 2017-010

Planning, Development & Neighborhood Services Director: Troy Bolander
Finance: Leslie Hasse
City Attorney: Peter C. Edwards
City Manager: Samuel L. Anselm

Recommended Action: Staff recommends approval.

INTRODUCTION:
The attached resolution provides city support to the Downtown Joplin Alliance's (DJA) mission of downtown revitalization and also provides financial support of $9,600 to be used by DJA as a 25% match for the People Energizing Places grant offered through Missouri Main Street Connection.

STAFF SUMMARY:
Missouri Main Street Connection is a state organization that is part of the nationwide Main Street Program that works to ensure that downtown districts are essential elements to their sense of community, their cultural heritage and to the total economy of their individual cities and states. Downtown revitalization is encouraged through economic development within the context of historic preservation.

People Energizing Places (PEP) grant was created out of the need expressed by Missouri Main Street communities to access advanced training and assistance to support the local Main Street effort. PEP was developed to provide more advanced training and development for local Main Street programs. The People Energizing Places Grant is a two-year grant for services as a 75/25 matching grant. The community is responsible for 25% of the costs totaling $9,600. The remaining costs are covered by the grant totaling $28,800. The grant will be used to help improve DJA's mission, organization, and events. Professionals will review DJA's corporate and nonprofit documents, committee structure, and events/projects. Hands-on direction and a plan of action will be developed specifically for DJA.

The match for the grant will come from budgeted funds in the Historic Preservation consulting fee line item that council already approved for FY 2017.

RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends approval of the resolution.