CITY OF JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: September 21, 2015

ITEM: Council Bill No. 2015-621 authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an Agreement with the Center for Priority Based Budgeting for the purpose of providing professional consulting services.

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: City Manager
ATTACHMENTS: Council Bill No. 2015-621; Exhibit "A": Agreement, Exhibit "B": Bid Tab

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INTRODUCTION:

This Council Bill approves an Agreement for professional consulting services between the City of Joplin and the Center for Priority Based Budgeting.

DISCUSSION:

On June 1, 2015, the City accepted bids for priority based budgeting services. Two firms responded with a proposal, and a third firm did not return a response. The Center for Priority Based Budgeting submitted the low bid, with a not-to-exceed amount of $62,500. The bid tabulation is attached.

Approval of this council bill will change our budgeting process, from a traditional line-item budget where we estimate revenues and use last year's budget numbers to make adjustments, to a process that focuses on setting community goals and then prioritizing the programs and services our organization provides to the community to achieve those goals. To date, approximately 100 cities from across the United States have successfully adopted this budget process, and if approved, Joplin will become the second in the state of Missouri to do the same (Branson just started the process as well). The benefits of this process are that it is transparent, it engages both elected officials and the public, and results in a financially healthy community that is sustainable into the future.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that this Council Bill be passed on First Reading and advanced to Second and Third.