City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: September 21, 2015
Council Bill No. 2015-156

Item: Professional Structural Engineer Consulting Services, Dismantling of Pennsylvania Viaduct Building

Originating Department: Public Works – Operations

Attachments: 1) Council Bill No 2015-156
2) Agreement with Olsson Associates
3) Request for Qualifications

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Recommended Action: Authorization to enter into a contract with **Olsson Associates** to perform Professional Structural Engineering and Project Management Services for the dismantling of the building located at 301 E. Commercial Alley. This contract is in the amount of $20,000 for design and project management services.

Background: The building located at 301 Commercial Alley or also known as the Pennsylvania South Viaduct Building, is connected to both the Pennsylvania Bridge and also the building owned by Spokes and Spandex. It is dilapidated and in need of removal. The building has an infestation of fleas, pigeon feces and other pests that pose potential health risks. It has been broken into several times in the past and there are holes in the floor that someone could fall into the basement, making it unsafe, there are bricks that are falling out of the structure on the inside and outside walls adding to the situation. The building cannot be used for anything useful in its current condition. The city has fielded many complaints from citizens in the past about the condition and pests that may be living inside it.

Discussion: The city Requested Qualifications for Professional Structural Engineering services and received two Request for Qualifications (RFQ). The city staff scored the RFQ's and selected Olsson Associates for this project. Once approved, Olsson Associates will begin design work and hire a construction company to dismantle the building at the start of the 2016 Fiscal Year.

Recommendation: City staff recommends that a Structural Engineering and management contract Agreement with Olsson Associates in the amount of $20,000 be approved on an emergency basis in accordance with Section 2.12(6) of the Joplin City Charter.