CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Resolution 2020-014 – authorization to accept a stormwater grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to be allocated towards the update of the City of Joplin's Stormwater Management Masterplan.

MEETING DATE
September 21, 2020

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT
Public Works - Engineering

ATTACHMENTS
Agreement, Resolution 2020-014, Exhibit Map

REVIEWED BY
Director of Public Works: David Hertzberg; Director of Finance: Leslie Haase; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nicholas Edwards.

SUMMARY
This Council Bill authorizes the City manager or his designee to accept a stormwater grant agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in the not to exceed amount of One Hundred Forty Thousand Twenty-One and 00/100 dollars ($140,021.00) to be used towards the update of the City of Joplin's Stormwater Management Masterplan.

BACKGROUND
On November 26, 2019 the City of Joplin submitted an application to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) for a Stormwater Grant through its Financial Assistance Center (FAC). The FAC offers stormwater grant and loan program funds to first class counties, the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, and entitlement cities for stormwater control plan development, stormwater studies, and construction projects. The City of Joplin was initially found eligible to receive $48,405.50 in stormwater grant funds. Jasper county subsequently requested the remaining unused share of its grant to be allocated to the City (being a city residing in Jasper county) resulting in the City being eligible to receive an additional $47,234.50. Recognizing the City's good standing and historical performance in coordinating with MDNR for grant funding, as well as the City's clear, comprehensive vision for the utilization of the grant funding, The City was able to work with MDNR to acquire an additional $44,381.00 in available grant funds on top of its initial grant and the grant funds allocated from Jasper county. In total the City is eligible to receive $140,021.00 in grant funding.

In accordance with the requirements administered under 10 CSR 20-4.061 of MDNR's Stormwater grant program (which requires grant funds to be utilized towards stormwater control plan development, stormwater studies, and construction projects) the City of Joplin will use the grant funding towards the update of its stormwater management masterplan. The stormwater management masterplan is a comprehensive, action-oriented plan that quantifies the stormwater improvement needs for the community and prioritizes those needs using a cost-benefit approach. The plan provides a clear road map to address the City's current and potential future stormwater management needs for flood control, erosion control, water quality and water resource protection.

Grant allocations can be used for 50 percent of the project cost and the City must provide a 50 percent match.

During the council meeting on August 3rd of 2020, Council approved a $323,961.00 work authorization with Olsson (Council Bill 2020-147) for the work in updating the City of Joplin Stormwater Masterplan. Of the total project cost of $323,961.00, the MDNR stormwater grant will reimburse $140,021.00 of the total cost and the remaining $183,940.00 will be paid for out of the Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax fund. Upon passage of the work authorization agreement with Olsson, as an emergency, the City directed the consultant to immediately begin work on the stormwater improvement project list and optimized capital improvement plan in order to ensure its completion in time for the sales tax committee to review this November. Work was started using the local fund shares, specifically the remaining $43,919.00 of the non-reimbursed $183,940.00 the City will be committing for the masterplan update after providing the grant match requirement of $140,021.00.

FUNDING SOURCE

The Local Match Share will come from the Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax fund.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2020-014 to accept a stormwater grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to be allocated towards the update of the City of Joplin's Stormwater Management Masterplan.