City of Joplin City Council Agenda Item

REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 16, 2017

ITEM: COUNCIL BILL NO. 2017-457

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: HEALTH DEPARTMENT
ATTACHMENT: HUMANE SOCIETY ANIMAL SHELTERING AGREEMENT ; COUNCIL BILL

Health Director: Dan Pekarek
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City Attorney: Peter Edwards
City Manager: Sam Anselm

INTRODUCTION:
The Health Department requests consideration of this Council Bill that would authorize an update to the agreement for animal sheltering services between the City of Joplin (City) and the Joplin Humane Society, Inc. (Society).

DISCUSSION:
The City has contracted with the Society for animal sheltering services in conjunction with the City's animal control program since 1975. The original contract has been amended from time to time over the years allowing for increases in the monthly payment for such services.

The agreement calls for the Society to receive, for sheltering services, animals brought to it by the City's animal control program or by residents of the City, as approved. The agreement includes basic impoundment services for stray animals or those animals collected for a violation of city code, and rabies quarantine services for animals involved in bite situations.

The Society has requested a 0.9% CPI increase in fees which is allowed under the current agreement. The new agreement specifies a schedule of fees that may be charged to the City or residents of the city for various services including; rabies sample submission, animal intake and tracking, quarantine, euthanasia, and cremation. The Society has also requested an increase in the daily care charge for impoundment of animals exceeding the 0.9% CPI. This reflects the current calculation of costs for this service and is also allowed in the agreement. The agreement also allows for other charges to the City for specific cases where extraordinary care may be required for an animal. Finally, the Society will receive 20% of fines it collects as specified in city code, for animals retrieved by the owner.

The Society agrees that all costs charged to the City per this agreement will be the same fees charged to other contract governmental entities. The estimated contract cost for this agreement period is approx. $216,971.

The agreement period will be from November 1, 2017 through October 31, 2018. Thereafter, subject to annual appropriations, it will be automatically renewed for four (4) successive one (1) year terms, to coincide with the city fiscal year unless amended by both parties.

RECOMMENDATION:
City Staff recommends this Council Bill be approved on an emergency basis.