CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2023-607 – Approving a contract with Olsson Studio to complete Ewert Splash Park Project.

MEETING DATE
October 16, 2023

ORIGINATING DEPT
Parks and Recreation

ATTACHMENTS
CB 2023-607 Ordinance; Exhibit "A" Olsson Studio Contract; Exhibit "B" Olsson Studio Scope of Work; Exhibit "C" City of Joplin RFQ with Addendum; Exhibit "D" Summary of Scores and Comments

REVIEWED BY
Department Head: Leslie Haase; Parks Director: Paul Bloomberg; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nick Edwards

SUMMARY
This Council Bill approves a contract with Olsson Studio to complete the Ewert Splash Park Project.

BACKGROUND
In July of 2020, the City Council approved the contract for Waters Edge Aquatic Design to conduct the Ewert Pool Study. This study evaluated three items: Does the City of Joplin need three pools, what is the appropriate number of pools for a community this size and provide a current structural analysis of Ewert Pool. We also wanted this study to analyze different options for future uses at the location. After several public engagement meetings and speaking to community stakeholders it was recommended and approved by City Council in February 2021 to convert Ewert Aquatic Center into a community splash park with an ice ribbon.

Ewert Splash Park was included as a project in the Parks Stormwater ¼ cent Sales Tax Renewal which was approved by voters in the August 2021 elections. Other amenities included into this project, through the Parks Master Plan Road Map, were converting the tennis courts into a multi-use covered sport court, an amphitheater where the current triangle basketball court sits, park kiosks which would highlight the history of Ewert Park, replace/upgrade existing playground, and add security lighting and cameras throughout the park.

Summary of Bid Process:
June 22, 2023, an RFQ for proposals was issued and on July 24, 2023, the following bids were received in response to the Ewert Splash Park project RFQ submittal:

- Olsson Studio
- SWT Design
- Landworks Studio
- Confluence
- Gateway Design

A City staff team was assembled to assess the bids as set forth in the RFQ. The team was Paul Bloomberg, Tony Robyn, Patrick Tuttle, Dan Johnson, Greg Bertoncino, Leslie Haase, and Dakota Rusk. The bids were assessed as follows:

40% Methodology - that the vendor will use to conduct work outlined in RFQ and evidence of ability to perform the work described herein.
35% Experience – previous experience performing related projects of complex nature, including, but not limited to, similar size and type of organization.
15% References – will be based on references submitted as part of RFQ but can include clients not submitted.
10% Staff - capability and availability of professional staff to serve the City of Joplin in a competent and timely manner.

Each staff member independently evaluated the bid responses and scored them based on the above criteria. A summary of the preliminary scores and detailed comments related to the scores is attached for your review. From the total preliminary scores, the two firms were then interviewed.

Finalist Process Summary:

Finalist interviews for the Ewert Splash Park project were held on Thursday, August 10th. The City staff team that participated in the finalist interviews were Paul Bloomberg, Greg Bertoncino, Leslie Haase, and Dakota Rusk. A listing of questions was provided to each finalist prior to their presentation. The finalists were asked to address the questions in their presentations and each team was given 30 minutes to present, with 15 minutes for questions. The presentations occurred as in-person meetings. The presentation teams represented the staff that would be assigned to work on the project.

City staff scored the finalist presentations on a 50-point basis with 20 points for methodology, 15 points for experience and 15 points for staff. Each staff member independently scored each finalist. A summary of the final scores and detailed comments related to the final scores is attached for your review. Olsson Studio had the highest final score for the Ewert Splash Park project and has submitted the best overall bid.

FUNDING SOURCE

This item is included in the City Council budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of this council bill on first reading.