CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2023-455 – approving a 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)

MEETING DATE
October 16, 2023

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT
Health Department

ATTACHMENTS
CB2023-455 Humane Society Animal Sheltering Agreement

REVIEWED BY
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SUMMARY
This Council Bill authorizes an Animal Sheltering Agreement between the Joplin Humane Society, Inc. and the City of Joplin providing animal sheltering services for animals brought to it by the City's animal control program staff or by residents of the City.

BACKGROUND
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 provide sheltering services for animals brought to it by the City's animal control program staff 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 animal involved in bite situations.

The Society has requested a 6.2% 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, daily care charge, animal intake and tracking, quarantine, euthanasia, and cremation. 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 the agreement is approximately $260,000.

The agreement period will be from November 1 2023 through October 31, 2024. Thereafter, subject to annual appropriations, it will be automatically renewed for four (4) successive (1) year terms to coincide with the city fiscal year unless amended by both parties.

FUNDING SOURCE

The source of funding is the Health Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of this Council Bill on an emergency basis.