CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2023-527 – Approving a Funding Agreement between Downtown Joplin Alliance (DJA) and the City of Joplin

MEETING DATE
October 16, 2023

ORIGINATING DEPT
Finance

ATTACHMENTS
CB 2023-527 Ordinance; Exhibit "A" Downtown Joplin Alliance Agreement

REVIEWED BY
Department Head: Leslie Haase; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nick Edwards

SUMMARY
This Council Bill approves a funding agreement between Downtown Joplin Alliance and the City of Joplin in the annual amount of $50,000.00.

BACKGROUND
The purpose of this agreement is to partner with Downtown Joplin Alliance (DJA) and leverage funding to protect, rehabilitate, and redevelop endangered properties within the downtown area.

Under the endangered property program, DJA shall continue to operate a program designed to focus on historic properties within the Joplin, Missouri downtown area which are neglected, under-utilized, and in poor condition. These services shall include securing properties either through donation or option, conducting research and studies needed for each particular property through contracted services or other means. DJA will use the information gained and pair it with federal, state and local incentives to build a marketing package for each property. Properties will then be marketed to developers on a regional and national basis.

The proposed agreement will authorize the City to fund DJA in the amount of $50,000.00 annually. The term of this agreement shall be for twelve (12) months, from November 1, 2023 to October 31, 2024, and shall automatically renew for two (2) additional one (1) year terms, unless notification is given of the intent not to renew by either party in writing, no less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of automatic renewal.

FUNDING SOURCE
This funding is included in the adopted FY 2024 budget.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends approval of this council bill on first reading.