CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2022-535 – Approving the creation of a Park Ranger job description and placement on the Salary Administration Plan

MEETING DATE
October 17, 2022

ORIGINATING DEPT
Finance

ATTACHMENTS
CB 2022-535 Ordinance; Park Ranger Job Description

REVIEWED BY
Department Head: Leslie Haase; Human Resources Director: Michelle Ducre; Parks and Recreation Director: Paul Bloomberg; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nick Edwards

SUMMARY
This Council Bill approves the creation of the Park Ranger position, job description and placement in the Salary Administration Plan.

BACKGROUND
Following public input and feedback received during the City Manager's Listening Tour, the City Council adopted a Vision and Goals to help improve the Community on behalf of residents and visitors to Joplin. City staff then developed Action Plans or Strategies to achieve the goals established by the City Council. The voters of Joplin approved a Use Tax in order to fund these Action Plans.

Strategy 14 of the Reduce Crime and Increase Safety Goal included hiring Park Ranger(s) to improve visibility and safety for citizens visiting and utilizing the City's parks system. This new position and expenditures related to providing this service will be funded by a portion of the parks and stormwater use tax proceeds. Those proceeds will currently support hiring two Park Rangers.

Staff researched the development of this position and the proposed service in order to achieve this Action Plan and, ultimately, the desire of the public. Following this research, the Parks Director and Police Chief collaborated to develop the job description and work plan for this position, resulting in the attached recommended Park Ranger job description. This position and the related expenditures are included in the fiscal year 2023 budget.

FUNDING SOURCE
This service will be funded by the Parks and Stormwater Use Tax proceeds and is included in the fiscal year 2023 budget.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends approval of this council bill on an emergency basis in order to purchase the necessary equipment and hire the two Park Rangers.