# CITY OF JOPLIN
# COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

**ITEM**
Council Bill 2025-535 – Approval of a Real Estate Contract

**MEETING DATE**
October 6, 2025

**ORIGINATING DEPT**
Finance

**ATTACHMENTS**
CB 2025-535 Ordinance; Exhibit "A" Real Estate Purchase Contract; Map of East of North Street – West of St Louis Avenue; Bid Tabulation

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

**SUMMARY**
This Council Bill approves a real estate contract for the sale of one parcel located at North Street – West of St Louis Avenue.

**BACKGROUND**
The City offered several pieces of buildable surplus property for sale with a bid opening of April 14, 2025. The properties were listed with a minimum bid price based on the appraised value as set forth in the City's land policy.

The City received one bid for North Street – West of St Louis Avenue, which had a minimum bid price of $7,650.00. Lauren White submitted the best bid with a sales price of $7,650.00. The property is currently zoned R-1 and contains approximately 10,625 square feet of land.

The City will complete the sale of this parcel on or before January 30, 2026.

**FUNDING SOURCE**
This item is not applicable for this council bill.

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

The City of Joplin is offering for sale the following property.

**North St – W of St. Louis (Lots 5 & 6 Block 44)**

All of Lots Numbered Five (5), and Six (6) in Block Forty-four (44) in FIRST ADDITION TO EAST JOPLIN CITY, now a part of the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri, according to the recorded plat thereof, together with the East One-Half of vacated McKee Avenue lying West of and adjoining said Lot 6. Containing 10,625 square feet, more or less.
There is a minimum bid of $7,650.00 for this parcel.

Leslie Haase, CPA, CMA
Finance Director

Publication Date:
Friday, March 14, 2025

# CITY OF JOPLIN
# L2025-08
## Land Sale Bid Form

The City will accept sealed bids on the following parcel until 2:00 pm, Thursday, April 17, 2025, at the Finance Department located at 602 S Main St, 3rd Floor, Joplin, Missouri, 64801. Any bids received after the specified deadline will be returned to the vendor.

**North St – W of St. Louis (Lots 5 & 6 Block 44)** $ 7650.00
**Minimum Bid Price is $7,650.00**

MARK BID ENVELOPES: "BID L2025-08 LAND SALE North St – W of St. Louis (Lots 5 & 6 Block 44)"
The City sells property by Quit Claim Deed. If the buyer wishes to close at a title company, the buyer assumes all closing costs and the closing will be held at CB Title Company. Questions concerning the specifications and bidding procedures should be directed to Leslie Haase, Finance Director at 602 South Main Street, Joplin, MO, 64801 or by phoning 417-624-0820 ext. 1251.

Bidder Name: Lauren White

Bidder Address: 2708 E Sadie Ct

Bidder Address: Joplin, MO 64801

Bidder Telephone Number: 918. 607-4276

Bidder Email Address: laurenwhite787@gmail.com

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**REAL ESTATE CONTRACT**

**THIS CONTRACT** entered into this _____ day of _____ 2025, by and between **City of Joplin, Missouri,** a constitutionally chartered Missouri municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as the **"Seller"** and Lauren White, hereinafter referred to as the **"Buyer".**

W I T N E S S E T H :

1. SALE AND PURCHASE. For and in consideration of the mutual obligations of the parties hereto, the Seller agrees to sell, and the Buyer agrees to buy, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set out, located at North Street – West of St. Louis Avenue (Lots 5 & 6 Block 44), the real estate described as follows:

> "All of Lots Numbered Five (5), and Six (6) in Block Forty-four (44) in FIRST ADDITION TO EAST JOPLIN CITY, now a part of the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri, according to the recorded plat thereof, together with the East One-Half of vacated McKee Avenue lying West of and adjoining said Lot 6. Containing 10,625 square feet, more or less."

2. PURCHASE PRICE. The purchase price to be paid by the Buyers therefor is Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars ($7,650.00). The purchase price shall be payable at closing in cash or by cashier's check.

3. CONVEYANCE FORM. The Seller shall convey said real estate to Buyer by Quit Claim Deed, free and clear of all interest, liens, and encumbrances, except as stated herein.

4. EXCEPTIONS. The real estate shall be conveyed subject to the following:

a) Special assessments made prior to the execution of this contract and becoming a lien thereafter;

b) Zoning ordinances in effect at the date of the signing of this contract;

c) Easements, public or private, of record or not of record, which are clearly apparent to the ordinary person upon ordinary inspection of the premises; and

d) General taxes, state, county, and city, for the year of closing and subsequent years; and such other restrictions and easements of record as will not materially impair the use of improvements on the real estate. Taxes for the year in which this contract is closed shall be prorated to the date of closing.

5. CLOSING. The parties agree that CB Title Company shall be used as the title company for this closing. If the title is deemed good, the closing of this contract shall take place at CB Title on or before January 30, 2026, at which time all monies and papers shall be delivered and all other things called for by this contract at the time of closing, shall be done. Buyer shall pay all title commitment, title insurance, all closing cost and related fees and recording fees. Buyer shall request the title commitment once this contract is fully executed.

6. POSSESSION. Possession shall be delivered to the Buyer at the closing of this contract. All rents and deposits on the premises shall be transferred to Buyer at closing.

7. CONDITION OF PROPERTY. The Buyer has inspected and carefully examined the improvements located on the real estate and takes the real estate and improvements located thereon "AS IS", and neither the Seller nor any person on Seller's behalf has made, and does not make, any representations, warranties, or agreements as to the value, condition, quality, or suitability of said real estate or improvements.

8. IMPROVEMENTS. All improvements now on the above-described real estate shall be delivered to the Buyer at the time of closing in as good condition as they are now in at the time of this contract, ordinary wear and tear excepted; provided, however, if prior to the closing, any of the principal improvements be materially damaged, the Seller shall forthwith give the Buyer written notice thereof; and either party at their election, may void this contract by giving written notice thereof to the other party within five (5) days of receipt of the notice, or prior to the closing, whichever time first occurs, in which case this contract shall be null and void.

9. REPRESENTATIONS/WARRANTIES.

a) Seller covenants and represents to Buyer, which covenants shall be true and accurate at the time of closing, as follows:

1. Seller is a duly organized, validly existing municipality, and is in good standing under the laws of the State of Missouri and is possessed and vested with full power and authority to enter into and consummate, this Contract and to perform Seller's obligations hereunder.

2. The Joplin City Council and/or its duly authorized representatives must approve the transactions contemplated by this Contract, and the authorized representative of Seller has the authorization to execute this Contract and to do all other such acts and to take such other action as may be necessary to consummate this Contract, upon Council approval.

3. This Contract is a valid and binding agreement, enforceable in accordance with its terms.

4. There are no leases, tenancies or other rental arrangements pertaining to any portion of the property, and Seller owns fee simple title to the Property and has full right and lawful authority to enter into and perform Seller's obligations under this Contract.

b) Buyer covenants, represents, and warrants to Seller, as follows:

1. Buyer, is authorized to enter into this Contract and complete the transactions contemplated hereunder.

2. This Contract is a valid and binding agreement, enforceable in accordance with its terms.

10. RIGHT OF ENTRY. Prior to the Closing Date, with reasonable notice to Seller, Seller hereby authorizes Buyer, its assigns, successors in interest, agents, representatives, and consultants, sub-contractors, and prospective tenants, and their agents, representatives, and consultants, and sub-contractors, to enter the Property in order to investigate and inspect the Property and to perform any such tests they deem appropriate.

11. HOLD HARMLESS.

a) Seller hereby agrees to hold Buyer harmless against and from any and all loss, suits, causes of action, proceedings, costs, damages, liabilities and expense arising from the breach of any of Seller's representations, warranties, covenants or agreements herein contained. Such costs and expenses shall include, without limitation, attorneys' fees and costs of litigation arising out of or relating to Seller's breach.

b) Buyer hereby agrees to hold Seller harmless against and from any and all loss, suits, causes of action, proceedings, costs, damages, liabilities and expense arising from the breach of any of Buyer's representations, warranties, covenants or agreements herein contained, and from any injury or damage to Buyer, or its agents which occur upon, or at the property, during the inspection period. Such costs and expenses shall include, without limitation, attorneys' fees and costs of litigation arising out of or relating to Buyer's breach.

12. CLOSING REQUIREMENTS. Closing shall occur after approval of title commitment, as described hereinabove.

a) At closing, Seller shall do the following:

1. Duly execute, acknowledge and deliver to Buyer, a Quit Claim Deed conveying the Property to Buyer, free and clear of all liens, claims, pledges and encumbrances.

b) At closing, Buyer shall do the following:

1. Execute and provide at closing, all documents reasonably required by the City for closing.

2. Tender payment at closing for the purchase price and all associated closing costs described herein.

13. ASSIGNMENT. Neither party shall have the right and authority to assign this Contract without the other’s consent.

14. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and there are no oral representations, warranties, conditions or agreements, expressed or implied, other than those expressly set forth herein. This Contract supersedes all previous negotiations, agreements and the like. No modifications to this Contract shall be effective unless in writing and signed by all parties to this Contract.

15. BINDING EFFECT. The terms, provisions, covenants, and conditions in this Contract shall apply to, and inure to, the benefit of, and be binding upon, the parties hereto and their respective successors in interest and assigns as herein permitted.

16. GOVERNING LAW. This Contract shall be governed by, and constructed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Missouri.

17. TIME. Time is of the essence of this Contract and each and every obligation of Seller under this Contract.

18. POSSESSION. The Seller shall provide Buyer full and exclusive possession upon closing, free and clear of any leases, written or oral, concerning the premises.

19. CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL. This contract is contingent upon Buyer obtaining approval of this contract by its City Council, which Buyer shall obtain within thirty (30) days of the execution of the contract.

20. EARNEST MONEY. The parties agree that no earnest money shall be paid to the Seller to secure Buyer's performance of this Agreement.

21. REALTOR OR BROKER. Neither party has utilized a real estate agent or broker for this real estate contract.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have hereunto set their hands to this Contract, the day and year first above written.

**City of Joplin Missouri, a**

**Missouri Municipal Corporation**

By_____

Nicholas Edwards, City Manager
**"SELLER"**

**Lauren White**

By: _____

Lauren White
**"BUYER"**

**Attest:**

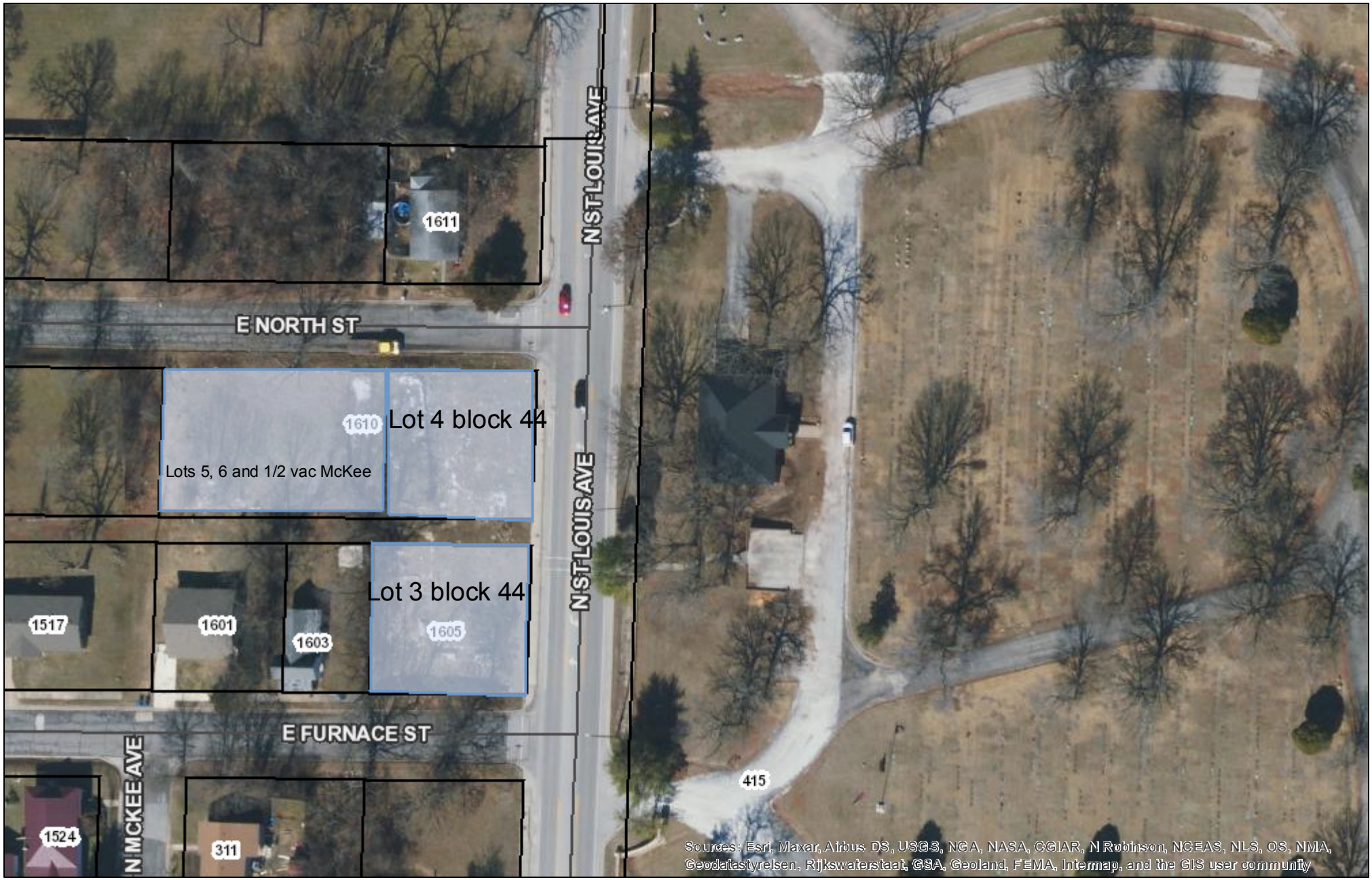
By_____

Holly Nagy, City Clerk

**Approved as to Form:**

By_____

Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney




Date: 9/22/2025

1 " = 94 '

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**Areas**

Override 1

Jasper Parcels

Addresses

**Jasper Parcels**

Jasper Parcels

Joplin Streets

Red: Band_1

Green: Band_2

Blue: Band_3

DISCLAIMER

This drawing is neither a legally recorded map or a survey and is not intended to be used as one. This map is compilation of records, information, and data located from the City of Joplin, Jasper and Newton Counties, and other State and Federal Offices, and other sources, affecting the area shown, and is to be used for reference purposes only. The City is not responsible for any inaccuracies herein.

**COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-535** **ORDINANCE NO.**

AN ORDINANCE approving the Real Estate Contract by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, a Municipal Corporation, and Lauren White, for the sale of one parcel located at North Street – West of St Louis Avenue, totaling approximately 10,625 square feet of land; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, as follows:**

Section 1. That the Real Estate Contract, in the amount of Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents ($7,650.00), by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, a Municipal Corporation, and Lauren White, for the sale of one parcel located at North Street – West of St Louis Avenue, totaling approximately 10,625 square feet of land, a true and accurate copy of the same being attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A", be and the same is hereby approved.

Section 2. That the property is described as "All of Lots Numbered Five (5) and Six (6) in Block Forty-Four (44) in FIRST ADDITION TO EAST JOPLIN CITY, now a part of the City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri, according to the recorded Plat thereof, together with the East One-Half of vacated McKee Avenue lying West of and adjoining said Lot 6. Zoned R1."

Section 3. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Contract, in substantially similar form, by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri.

Section 4. That this Ordinance shall become effective on October 21, 2025.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this _____ day

of _____, 2025.

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Keenan T. Cortez, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Holly Nagy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney