CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2025-537 – Approving the year-end budget amendment for FY 2025

MEETING DATE
October 20, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPT
Finance

ATTACHMENTS
CB 2025-537 Ordinance; Schedule "A" Budget Amendment

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

SUMMARY
This Council Bill amends the adopted 2024-2025 Budget of the City of Joplin.

BACKGROUND
In compliance with Charter regulations and accounting principles, the proposed adjustment is required to ensure that department expenditures do not exceed approved budget appropriations.

Here is an explanation for the items in Schedule A:

- Amending the City Council budget for the estimated cost of the State Audit.
- Amending various departments for utilities, such as electric charges, water charges, wastewater charges, and sanitation charges.
- Amending various departments for fuel costs, central garage repairs and other vehicle repairs.
- Amending various departments for repairs and contracts.
- Amending various payroll accounts.
- Amending the auctioneer fee due to the size of the auction this year.
- Amending various grant accounts.
- Amending the Pension Sales Tax Gap Cost expenditure.
- Amending the Utility Cuts account.
- Amending the Engineering Fee Transfer from certain funds to the General Fund.
- Amending Sewer Shut Off/Reconnect Fees and Bad Debt Expense.
- Amending Health Insurance and General Liability Claims expenses.

The purpose of the budget amendment is to recognize changes that have occurred since the annual budget was adopted. This budget amendment increases expenditures by $6,511,800.00.

This is a budget amendment based on expected expenditures for the year. However, expenditures for the fiscal year will continue through December, while revenue accruals will also continue to be booked through this same time period. This is not a projection of ending fund balance in the various funds, but merely budgeted expenditures compared to actual expenditures to ensure compliance with the charter. The actual increase or decrease to various fund balances will not be known until the accrual entries are completed for the annual audit.

FUNDING SOURCE
This item is not applicable for budget amendments.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends approval of this council bill on an emergency basis.