# CITY OF JOPLIN
# COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

**ITEM**
Council Bill 2025-147 - Construction Agreement between City of Joplin and Jeff Asbell Excavating & Trucking, Inc. for the Joplin ARPA Group C Project

**MEETING DATE**
November 3, 2025

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT**
Public Works - Engineering

**ATTACHMENTS**
CB 2025 - 147 Ordinance; Bid Summary, Construction Agreement, Location Map, Letter of Recommendation.

**REVIEWED BY**
Director of Public Works, Daniel Johnson; Director of Finance, Leslie Haase; City Attorney, Peter Edwards; Assistant City Manager, Tony Robyn; City Manager, Nicholas Edwards

**SUMMARY**
This Council Bill authorizes the City Manager or his designee to enter into an agreement with Jeff Asbell Excavating & Trucking, Inc. in the amount of One Million, Two Hundred Eighteen Thousand, Three Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars and 41/100 ($1,218,365.41), for construction of the Joplin ARPA Group C Project.

**BACKGROUND**
The Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax was approved by voters in 2021. In order to make additional stormwater improvements throughout the community, the City applied for State ARPA funding for additional stormwater projects utilizing the sales tax as the match source. The City was awarded $8,625,546.00 in grant funding to do $14,831,427.00 in stormwater improvements, with the City's match totaling $6,205,881.00. The Parks & Stormwater Sales Tax Phase III program is allocated nearly $20 million, plus additional rollover funds from Phase II.

Since the award, the improvements were designed and in 2024, two construction projects were awarded, ARPA Group A and Group B, to the same contractor. These projects both contained multiple smaller projects that were grouped together. Recently, Missouri DNR sent emails to all State ARPA recipients indicating the projects must be complete earlier than previously provided, which is now August 31, 2026. Due to the change in the ARPA Grant funding construction completion deadline, the City had to make the decision to re-bid some of the stormwater improvements in order to meet the new deadline. The City also had discussions with Missouri DNR and received approval to re-bid some of the projects that had not started yet. This bid process has been expedited in order to get these new construction contracts to City Council quickly, so the construction can start as soon as possible to meet this new deadline, also necessitating this item being presented as an emergency.

Staff followed the City's procurement policy for advertising the projects, with bids being opened on October 21st, 2025. It was specified in the bid that one contractor could not win both schedules of ARPA Group C. Asbell and Sprouls both submitted bids for both schedules. Bids were evaluated and it was determined that Schedule 1 and all Schedule 1 Alternates would be awarded to Asbell. Bids were below the engineer's estimate. Schedule 1 includes Ten Pin Lane, plus alternates for Whispering Oaks and an extension on Goetz Boulevard. Schedule 2 is for the improvements at 12th and Wall. Additionally, there will be an additional extension at Massachusetts and Murphy, which will fall under the D&E scope of work. With these contracts, the City wants to ensure all funds are spent, which likely means there will be some overrun which will be funded by the stormwater portion of the parks & stormwater sales tax.

Here is a summary of the total estimated costs of this project:

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| Right-of-Way and Easement Costs | $236,066.00 |
| Utility Relocation Costs | $200,462.00 |
| Engineering Costs | $3,299,680.00 |
| Original Construction Costs | $8,719,304.00 |
| Re-bid Construction Costs | $2,559,019.00 |
| **Grand Total** | **$15,014,531.00** |

With the total budget of $14,831,427.00, the estimated overrun is $183,104.00. Missouri DNR has already approved the recommended awards, as required. This item approves the agreement with Jeff Asbell Excavating & Trucking, Inc.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

This is included in the FY 2026 Budget in the Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax Fund and is being partially funded through ARPA Grant funds of FY 2026.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends adoption of this Council Bill on an Emergency basis, being an Ordinance related to public improvement, within the meaning of Section 2.12(6) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Joplin, and, as such, this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage. Specifically, this council bill needs to be approved on an emergency basis to allow the execution of the agreement within funding time limitations.