CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2025-622 – Approving a Public Service Agreement by and between the City of Joplin and the Area Agency on Aging, Region X.

MEETING DATE
November 3, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPT
Administration

ATTACHMENTS
CB 2025-622 Ordinance; Exhibit "A" Public Service Agreement

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

SUMMARY
This Council Bill approves a public service agreement between Area Agency on Aging, Region X and the City of Joplin in the monthly amount of $60,199.00.

BACKGROUND
The purpose of this agreement is to provide temporary funding for the critical services provided by the Area Agency on Aging, Region X

The Area Agency on Aging, Region X has experienced a loss of funding as a result of the Federal Government shutdown. Without federal funds, the Area Agency on Aging will be unable to provide meal services for vulnerable/at-risk senior citizens. The Area Agency on Aging provides two meal programs, first, a homebound meal delivery service to eligible senior citizens who may otherwise be unable to find meals, and second, a lunch program operating out of the Joplin Senior Center, that offers discounted lunch meals to senior citizens, Monday through Friday, 11:30 to 12:30.

Additionally, the City is a vested party in the operation of the Senior Center. The Senior Center was developed following the 2011 tornado using disaster relief funding from the Federal Government. The City desires to see the Senior Center properly maintained for operation and cleanliness and not fall into disrepair during the shutdown.

The Area Agency on Aging, Region X, has an annual operating budget of $722,376.00 for the Joplin facility and services. The funding amount of $60,199.00 represents one month of operating costs for the agency. The Public Service Agreement establishes a weekly payment of $15,049.75 to the Agency which can be terminated on a week-to-week basis.

FUNDING SOURCE

Funding for these services was not contemplated in the FY26 budget. As a result, a budget amendment is necessary to utilize the fund balance from the Health and Welfare Fund (110). The Health and Welfare fund has an estimated FY25 ending fund balance of $1,844,714.00.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Section 2.12 (1) of the City's Code of Ordinances.

> **Section 2.12. - Legislative proceedings.**
> (1) Any ordinance for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety or morals, containing the statement that an emergency exists and specifying distinctly the facts and reasons constituting such emergency.

AND:

Section 4.18 (2) of the City's Code of Ordinances.

> **Section 4.18. - General provisions**
> **(2)** The council upon recommendation of the city manager may make emergency appropriations to meet the pressing need for public expenditures for other than a regular or recurring requirement to protect the public health, safety or welfare.