City of Joplin City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: November 16, 2015

ITEM: RESOLUTION 2015-023
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
ATTACHMENTS: Revised City Organization Chart, Council Bill No. 2014-023

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BACKGROUND:
Over the past year the Downtown Joplin Alliance has talked to most downtown business owners. One of the reoccurring themes is a dissatisfaction with parking downtown, particularly with parking permits. Downtown Joplin Alliance Executive Director Callie Hudson developed a proposal to eliminate parking permits, and other parking limitations in the downtown area for one year.

At the October 26th Council Meeting, Ms. Hudson came before City Council to present her proposal. Council informally approved the proposal outlined below.

DISCUSSION:
Currently there are five City owned parking lots with permit parking. Permits are purchased quarterly from the City of Joplin. Furthermore there is two hour parking on Virginia, Main and Joplin streets between 1st and 7th Streets from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. There is also two-hour parking on the side streets between Virginia and Joplin.

The resolution before Council is to eliminate the permit parking in the four city-owned lots, also known as A, B, D and E lots. The two hour parking will remain in effect on Virginia, Main and Joplin Streets. There will no longer be restricted parking along the side streets between Virginia and Joplin. If this resolution is adopted, the changes will be effective January 1, 2016. At the end of 2016, City staff will re-evaluate the Downtown parking situation, and make a recommendation to continue the plan as presented in this resolution, or make other changes.

RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends approval of this Resolution.