CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2025-151 Agreement and Work Authorization with Olsson for professional engineering services for the 2025 CDBG-DR Sidewalks Project

MEETING DATE
November 17, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPT
Public Works-Engineering

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill 2025-151; Agreement and Work Authorization; Scoring Summary; Location Map

REVIEWED BY
Director of Public Works, Daniel Johnson; Director of Planning and Community Development, Troy Bolander; 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 to approve an Agreement and Work Authorization with Olsson in the not to exceed amount of Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty and 50/100 dollars ($950,880.50) for professional engineering services for the 2025 CDBG-DR Sidewalks Project.

BACKGROUND
The City of Joplin ("the City"), Missouri has received funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR-1) to design public infrastructure projects for the recovery from the tornado of May 22, 2011. Over the duration of this grant, we have received more than $3.2 million in JHAP proceeds, representing repayments of forgivable loans triggered by property sales occurring prior to loan maturity. The funds currently available are to be used to design projects that will repair, replace, renovate and/or reconstruct curb & gutter, and sidewalks. Relative condition of infrastructure outside of the area directly affected by the tornado is poor, lowering desirability of neighborhoods. An analysis was conducted to demonstrate this disadvantage for affected neighborhoods to substantiate required eligibility of funds to be used in areas impacted by the May 22, 2011 tornado and as such these funds have been approved by HUD to be used in the low-to-moderate income census tract 110 to improve neighborhood infrastructure as part of Amendment #24 of the Joplin Disaster Recovery Plan. Currently, CDBG-DR grant funds in the approximate amount of $3.2 million are available for use in census tract 110, for the design and construction of this infrastructure project.

In accordance with the City of Joplin's procurement policies, a Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services was advertised in the Joplin Globe on June 28, 2025, with submittals due to the City by July 24, 2025. Qualification submittals were received from five engineering firms, which were reviewed and scored by teams comprised of both City Public Works and Planning Department personnel. Based on the scoring, Olsson was determined to be the best qualified to

provide the services requested. A scoping meeting was held with Olsson to determine the scope of work to be included in the design agreement. The fees submitted by Olsson have been reviewed by City staff and found to be within industry standards with respect to conditions related to the scope of work and the conditions of the neighborhood.

Engineering Cost Breakdown	
Survey/Data Collection/Assesment	$ 184,865.50
Project Management/Utility Coordination	$ 85,000.00
Bidding & Construction Phase	$ 332,810.00
Preliminary/Right-of-Way/Final Plans	$ 348,205.00
	$ 950,880.50

FUNDING SOURCE

This item is included in the FY 2026 Budget in the Infrastructure Improvements Fund and will be fully reimbursed by the 2012 CDBG-DR allocation. The same funding source will also support the upcoming construction contract required to expend the remainder of the grant.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend approval of this Council Bill on first reading.