CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2023-534 – Approving certain fee changes in the parks department

MEETING DATE
November 20, 2023

ORIGINATING DEPT
Finance

ATTACHMENTS
CB 2023-534 Ordinance

REVIEWED BY
Department Head: Leslie Haase; Parks Director: Paul Bloomberg; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nick Edwards

SUMMARY
This Council Bill changes certain existing fees in the parks department.

BACKGROUND
The City recently completed the biennial user fee review, which was discussed with City Council at the budget work session on September 20, 2023. User fees are fees for services for specific users. User fees should recover most of the related cost of providing the service, so general taxes are not supporting services for specific users. Under Hancock provisions, the City is only allowed to recover the cost of providing the service. As detailed in the biennial user fee review, certain user fees need to be increased to recover more of the costs associated with providing these services.

In the fee review, staff proposed various changes to parks department fees.

The proposed changes are as follows:

- Change the lot space fee from $650.00 to $700.00
- Change the grave opening/close fee from $650.00 to $700.00
- Change the grave opening/close fee for infants from $200.00 to $225.00
- Change the grave marker fee from $.50/square inch to $.55/square inch
- Change the cremains fee from $250.00 to $300.00
- Change the cremains fee with set-up from $300.00 to $350.00
- Change the columbarium-single niche fee from $900.00 to $1,000.00
- Change the columbarium-companion niche fee from $1,300.00 to $1,400.00

The fee changes will be effective on January 1, 2024.

FUNDING SOURCE
This revenue is included in the fiscal year 2024 general fund budget.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends this council bill be approved on first reading.