City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: November 21, 2016
Council Bill No. 2016-153
Item: Approval of contract for Schifferdecker Bridge over Turkey Creek Clearing and Grubbing.

Originating Department: Public Works – Engineering

Attachments: 1) Project Map
2) Bid Tabulation
3) Council Bill No. 2016-153

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Recommended Action: Approval of contract with Bennett Inc. in the amount of $108,490.00 for the Schifferdecker Bridge over Turkey Creek Clearing and Grubbing Project.

Background: The City of Joplin, the Joplin Special Road District, and the Jasper County Commission are working in partnership to construct a new bridge on Schifferdecker Avenue over Turkey Creek. The memorandum of understanding received council approval on January 22, 2013. Jasper County Commission will provide up to $1,400,000.00 for the bridge and right of way. The Joplin Special Road District will provide up to $100,000.00 for the roadway. The City of Joplin has $600,000.00 budgeted in the capital improvement sales tax program. The bridge design and construction will be necessary to meet future traffic needs and to replace a poor condition narrow existing bridge.

Engineering staff conducted an open house in September, 2015, to receive input on the design and address other issues concerning the bridge construction.

This phase of the project is a clearing & grubbing contract to prepare the area for utility relocation and ultimately the construction of the new bridge in 2018.

Discussion: Advertised in accordance with the City of Joplin's procurement policies. Two contractors submitted bids (see attached bid tabulation) that were opened on November 1, 2016. The low bid for the project was provided by Bennett Inc. in the amount of $108,490.00; the low bid was reasonable with the engineer's estimate. This project is funded by Capital Improvements Sales Tax 145-4565-520-8655.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the contract with Bennett Inc, in the amount of $108,490.00for the Schifferdecker Bridge Over Turkey Creek Clearing and Grubbing Project be approved on an emergency basis per Section 2.12 (6) of the Joplin City Charter.