City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: December 5, 2016
Council Bill No. 2016-160

Item: Award of Construction Contract for Tree Planting on East 15th Street.

Originating Department: Public Works

Attachments:

1) Location Map
2) Bid Summary
3) Council Bill No. 2016-160

Department Head: Nicholas A. Heatherly
Finance Department: Leslie Haase
City Attorney: Peter C. Edwards
City Manager: Samuel L. Anselm

Recommended Action: Approval of Construction Contract with Ozark Nursery of Joplin in the amount of Twenty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty and no/100 Dollars ($28,980.00) for Tree Planting on East 15th Street.

Background: In March of 2014 City Council approved the State of Missouri Department of Economic Development Office of Administration Rebuild Damaged Infrastructure Program agreement. One of the projects included in the program was to replace curb & gutters and sidewalks along 15th Street from Florida Avenue to Range Line Road. During that project several trees were removed and a future project to plant trees in the improved green space between the curb and the new sidewalk was planned. A different variety of trees is to be planted on each block and were selected with input from the residents and the City Arborist.

Discussion: In accordance with the City of Joplin's Procurement policies the project was advertised in the Joplin Globe and on the city's website. Bids were opened on November 15, 2016 with 1 firm bidding and Ozark Nursery of Joplin provided the lowest bid. The low bid was above the Engineer's estimate, but by using the unit prices from the bid and eliminating some items the cost will be reduced to within 3% of the engineers' estimate.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of a Contract with Ozark Nursery of Joplin in the not to exceed the amount of Twenty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty and no/100 Dollars ($28,980.00) for Tree Planting on East 15th Street Project be approved on an emergency basis per Section 2.12 (6) of the Joplin City Charter.