City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: December 15, 2014
Council Bill No. 2014-416

ITEM: Engineering Design Contract for Public infrastructure improvements in NID #4
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Public Works – Community Development

Attachments: 1) Location Map
2) Agreement for Professional Engineering Consultant agreement
3) Council Bill No. 2014-416

Department Head: Troy Bolander	Date
Department Head/PW: Nicholas A. Heatherly	Date:
Finance Department: Leslie Haase	Date:
City Attorney: Peter Edward	Date:
City Manager: Sam Anselm	Date:

Recommended Action: Approval of an Engineering Design Contract with Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. for $70,000 for the 2014 Public infrastructure improvements in NID #4

Background: The City receives approximately $350,000 per year to make improvements to sidewalks, streets, curb & gutter, storm water and sanitary sewer system in designated neighborhoods. Funds have been allocated through Community Development Block Grant Funding for low and moderate income neighborhoods. Neighborhood Improvement District #4 boundaries are School Avenue on the west and St Louis Avenue on the east, Langston Hughes Broadway on the North and 4th Street on the south. Funding was approved for Neighborhood Infrastructure projects in the 2014 Action Plans. The City currently has $356,000 appropriated from the 2014 allocation and anticipates another allocation of approximately $350,000 in mid-summer of 2015. The City envisions the selected firm to serve as an extension of its staff by being assigned specific projects to prepare complete design, construction and bid documents to complete the assigned projects

Discussion: City staff prepared Request for Qualification statements for the project. A notice to Consultants that solicited for Qualification statements was published in the Joplin Globe for one day. Seven firms submitted Qualifications. Allgeier, Martin and Associates, was selected as the best qualified for this project. The city has negotiated an engineering contract for the environmental work, the design & construction management of the 2014 allocation. This allocation will need to be complete in the spring of 2015. An additional work authorization will be brought to the council in the mid-summer of 2015 at the time of the new appropriation.

Recommendation: City staff recommends Award of the Engineering Design Contract to Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. for $70,000 for the 2014 Public Infrastructure Improvements in NID #4. This maximum fee is higher than normal because of the Environmental work & the expedited time frame. The contract is an hourly contract and will only bill for actual hours used. This contract is within the industry standards for this professional work and within the allocated budget and it be approved on an emergency basis within the meaning of Section 2.12(1)(3)(4) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Joplin Missouri.