City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: December 18, 2017
COUNCIL BILL NO. 2017-170

Item: Neighborhood Improvement District 4 – Community Development Block Grant – Sidewalk Improvements Phase II

Originating Department: PUBLIC WORKS - ENGINEERING

Attachments: 1) Bid Tab
2) Location Map
3) Contract
4) Council Bill 2017-170

Public Works: David Hertzberg	Date:
Community Development: Troy Bolander	Date:
Finance Department: Leslie Haase	Date:
City Attorney: Peter C. Edwards	Date:
City Manager: Samuel L. Anselm	Date:

Recommended Action: Approval of a construction contract with Hunter Chase and Associates, for $212,090.80 for sidewalk improvements in the Neighborhood Improvement District 4.

Background: The City has received authorization for the release of funds for the 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for low and moderate-income neighborhoods. This program includes improvements to sidewalks, streets, curb & gutter, storm water, and sanitary sewer systems in designated neighborhoods. Neighborhood Improvement District (NID) #4 boundaries are: School Avenue on the west and St. Louis on the east; Broadway on the north and 4th Street on the south. Funding was approved for neighborhood infrastructure projects in the 2014 Action Plans.

Discussion: City staff followed the City of Joplin procurement policy. Bids were opened on December 6, 2017 with 5 firms bidding and Hunter Chase and Associates providing the lowest bid. The low bid was below the Engineer's estimate. NID #4 improvements focus on improving sidewalks along Central Avenue, 2nd Street, Michigan Avenue, and School Avenue. The CDBG funding will provide funding for 100% of the project. The City anticipates future projects in the area as additional CDBG funds are available. Funding source is on a time table to be used and must be spent by March of 2018.

Recommendations: City staff recommends the approval of the construction contract with Hunter Chase and Associates for $212,090.80 for sidewalk improvements be approved on an emergency basis, per Section 2.12 (6) of the HOME RULE CHARTER of the City of Joplin.