

CITY OF JOPLIN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM

Council Bill 2019-104 – authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc., to conduct a wastewater rate study

MEETING DATE

January 22, 2019

ORIGINATING DEPT

Public Works/Operations

ATTACHMENTS

CB2019-104 Ordinance; Rate Study Agreement; Exhibit A; Exhibit B

REVIEWED BY

Dept. Head: David Hertzberg; Director of Finance: Leslie Haase; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Sam Anselm

SUMMARY

This Council Bill approves an agreement authorizing the City of Joplin (COJ) to enter into an agreement with Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc., to conduct a wastewater rate study, in an amount not to exceed Fifty One Thousand Nine Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$51,900.00) for the COJ Sewer system inside and outside the city limits, for the years of 2020 through 2024; authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause.

BACKGROUND

The current sewer rates were established in a rate study conducted in 2013 and 2014 and became effective on January 1, 2015. Council Bill 2014-183 was authorized by the city to incorporate the City's current rate structure for the customers of Joplin. Those rates were set for a five-year period that will end December 31, 2019. This study will encompass the current debts owed by the city on bonds after borrowing money against the SRF (State Revolving Funds) for plant expansions and also for the city's 430 mile plus collection system for both treatment and maintenance of the system that is discharged in accordance with our NPDES permit issued by the State of Missouri.

In 2013 the COJ hired Burns and McDonnell (Council Bill 2013-234) to conduct a rate study analysis to determine what rates were needed to fund the city's wastewater treatment and maintenance programs. That study was completed and was the basis for the current rates. The COJ procurement policy was followed by using the On-Call Engineering selection process for the consultant. The cost is within industry standards.

FUNDING SOURCE

Wastewater Sewer Funds

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of this Council Bill on an Emergency basis, being an Ordinance dealing with improvement of a general appropriation, within the meaning of Section 2.12(1) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Joplin, Missouri, and, as such, this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.