

**CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM

Council Bill 2021-137 – approving a construction agreement with Right-A-Way Sewer Service for the 2021 Emergency Repairs and On-Call Sewer Contractor project.

MEETING DATE

June 7, 2021

ORIGINATING DEPT

Public Works - Engineering

ATTACHMENTS

Bid Tabulation; Agreement; Council Bill

REVIEWED BY

Director of Public Works – David Hertzberg, Director of Finance – Leslie Haase, City Attorney – Peter C. Edwards, City Manager – Nicholas Edwards

SUMMARY

This Council Bill authorizes the City Manager or his designee to enter into an agreement with Right-A-Way Sewer Service for the 2021 Emergency Repairs and On-Call Sewer Contractor project. The 2021 FY budget includes \$250,000, which reflects typical annual expenditures.

BACKGROUND

The City of Joplin's sanitary sewer utility strives to provide the most reliable service to as many properties as possible for the least amount of cost. From time to time, sewer backups occur from collapsed sewer main pipes, vandalism, or general sewage clogs within the system. To restore the reliability of the publicly owned and maintained portions, City staff call upon the City's emergency sewer repair contractor. The City pays for such services via an on-call type of contract that is administered by the Operations Division of Public Works. Work is paid for at the hourly rates for equipment and personnel; materials are paid to the contractor through a cost-plus system, per the administrative markup fee in the contractor's bid proposal (refer to the attachment). This contract can also be used for stormwater improvements, along with short extensions of public sewer main.

City staff advertised for proposals from interested bidders for the contract, following the City of Joplin's procurement policies. Bidders were to be evaluated based on their emergency sewer repair experience, recommendations, and hourly rates. Based on their submitted proposal and their history with the City of Joplin, Right-A-Way Sewer Service represents the best value to the rate payers of the City's sanitary sewer utility. The contract is for two years and may be extended one additional year if mutually agreed upon by both parties. Right-A-Way Sewer Service's bid was below the engineer's estimate, as can be seen on the Bid Tabulation, which also shows hourly rates.

FUNDING SOURCE

These payments are included in the FY 2020-21 budget of the Wastewater fund and the Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax fund for items pertaining to minor system improvements.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of this council bill, approving a construction agreement with Right-A-Way Sewer Service for the 2021 Emergency Repairs and On-Call Sewer Contractor project on an emergency basis, in that said ordinance provides for public improvements and is considered to be an emergency per section 2.12(6) of the HOME RULE CHARTER of the City of Joplin, Missouri, and as such, this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage. Specifically, approval of this council bill on an emergency basis will allow for uninterrupted emergency repairs of the City's sanitary sewer infrastructure, which is critical to maintaining reliable service to utility rate payers.