

CITY OF JOPLIN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM

Council Bill 2021-169 Independent Contractor Agreement with Jeff Asbell Excavating & Trucking, Inc. for RFP 2021-016, Contract Labor for 2021/2022 Pre-Treatment and Snow Removal Services

MEETING DATE

December 6, 2021

ORIGINATING DEPT

Public Works-Operations

ATTACHMENTS

Council Bill 2021-169; Agreement; Bid Proposal

REVIEWED BY

Director of Public Works: David Hertzberg; Finance Director: Leslie Haase; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nicholas Edwards

SUMMARY

This Council Bill authorizes the City Manager or his designee to enter into an agreement with Jeff Asbell Excavating & Trucking, Inc. for RFP 2021-016, Contract Labor for 2021/2022 Pre-Treatment and Snow Removal Services

BACKGROUND

It is the City of Joplin's objective to have bare pavement within 3 days of the ending of a major winter storm event on designated arterial and collector streets. To accomplish this, the City has a fleet of 13 trucks which can be fitted with snow plows, spreader boxes and pre-wetting systems with liquid brine tanks. The City operates this equipment over two 12-hour shifts throughout the duration of the storm, and until the bare pavement objective has been met. Due to current personnel shortages, the City does not have enough available CDL drivers to operate all of the snow removal trucks in its fleet for the two 12-hour shifts. Therefore, in accordance with the City of Joplin's procurement policies, a request for bid proposal (RFP) was advertised in the Joplin Globe on October 30, 2021. This RFP requested contractors to submit an hourly rate to provide up to 13 CDL drivers to operate City-owned snow removal equipment, along with an hourly rate for a supervisor/foreman to direct the activities of the contractor's employees. A mandatory pre-bid conference was held on November 9th, 2021, and a public bid opening was held on November 18, 2021. One bid was received from Jeff Asbell Excavating & Trucking Inc. The hourly rates submitted by Asbell have been reviewed by City staff and have been deemed reasonable for this type of work. Also, City staff has deemed Asbell competent and capable of providing labor to perform the services as detailed in the RFP, based on the City's long-standing working relationship with Asbell on multiple City projects. In addition, the City has an existing agreement with Asbell to assist with snow removal on an on-call basis at the Joplin Airport. The agreement for contract labor is effective for one (1) calendar year, with the option to renew the agreement for up to two (2) additional one-year terms, if agreed to by both parties.

With the hourly rates submitted by Asbell for a supervisor/foreman and up to 9 CDL drivers, the total hourly cost of these services will be \$1,015.00/hr., with a total labor cost of up to \$12,180.00/12-hour shift. Over the last few years, the City has experienced an average of 3 – 5 storm events per year, with nightly removal operations averaging 2 – 3 nights per event. Based on these averages, it is anticipated that the fees for the winter of 2021/2022 will range between \$73,000.00 and \$183,000.00.

FUNDING SOURCE

Transportation Sales Tax

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of Council Bill 2021-169, Independent Contractor Agreement with Jeff Asbell Excavating & Trucking, Inc. for RFP2021-016, Contract Labor for 2021/2022 Pre-Treatment and Snow Removal Services on an emergency basis, in that said ordinance provides for public safety and is considered to be an emergency per 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. Furthermore, approval of this council bill will allow the City to provide pre-treatment and snow removal services with a full staff of available drivers/operators for all shifts and is therefore an emergency.