

CITY OF JOPLIN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM

Council Bill 2022-130 Construction Agreement between City of Joplin and R.E. Smith Construction Company for Joplin Fire Station #7

MEETING DATE

June 6, 2022

ORIGINATING DEPT

Public Works/Fire Department

ATTACHMENTS

Council Bill 2022-130; Agreement; Location Map; Bid Tabulation

REVIEWED BY

Interim Director of Public Works: Daniel Johnson; Fire Chief: Gerald Ezell; 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 R.E. Smith Construction Company in the amount of Four Million Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$4,500,000.00) for construction of Joplin Fire Station #7.

BACKGROUND

In 2006 the citizens of Joplin, Missouri voted on and passed the Public Safety Sales Tax. One of the projects listed included the addition of an Eastside station (Fire Station 7). In 2016, a 2 square acre parcel of land was approved for purchase in the approximate area of 30th Street and CR 220 (now known as Jaguar Road). In that same year, the above-mentioned parcel of land was purchased and is ready for the second phase of this project. Phase II is the design and construction of Fire Station #7. In October 2021, City Council approved an agreement with Paragon Architecture, LLC for architectural design services for Joplin Fire Station #7.

In accordance with the City of Joplin's procurement policies, a request for bid proposal for the construction of Fire Station #7 was advertised in the Joplin Globe on April 16, 2022, and bids were received by the City on May 18, 2022. Three bids were received, with R.E. Smith Construction Company selected as the lowest responsive bidder. The low bid was over the architect's estimate by approximately 9.2%. A review of current market conditions was performed post-bid opening, and the low bid submitted has been determined to be within current market standards. The Notice to Proceed will be issued once signed contract documents have been received and executed, and the project is to be completed by August 31, 2023.

The public safety sales tax budget is being amended for this item in the amount of One Million Eight Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$1,840,000.00) for the difference in the amount budgeted and the actual bid price for the construction of Fire Station #7.

FUNDING SOURCE

Public Safety Sales Tax

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of Council Bill 2022-130, Construction Agreement between City of Joplin and R.E. Smith Construction Company for Joplin Fire Station #7 in the amount of Four Million Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$4,500,000.00) for construction of Joplin Fire Station #7 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. Furthermore, approval of this council bill will allow the contractor to enter into agreements for material orders sooner, to lessen the chance for delays to the project due to supply chain issues, while also allowing the contractor to take advantage of more of the summer construction season.