

## **CITY OF JOPLIN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

### **ITEM**

Council Bill 2022-125 Agreement between the City of Joplin and C & L Grease and Wastewater Services for Sludge Hauling On-Call Services.

### **MEETING DATE**

June 20, 2022

### **ORIGINATING DEPT**

Public Works/Operations

### **ATTACHMENTS**

CB 2022-125 Ordinance; Agreement; Bid Form

### **REVIEWED BY**

Interim Director of Public Works – Daniel Johnson, Director of Finance – Leslie Haase, City Attorney – Peter C. Edwards, City Manager – Nicholas Edwards

### **SUMMARY**

This Council Bill approves an agreement with C & L Grease and Wastewater Services for Sludge Hauling On-Call Services in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$150,000).

### **BACKGROUND**

Hauling liquid and dry bio-solids from the City's Wastewater Treatment Facilities (WWTFs) is an important activity, affecting a treatment facility's ability to maximize treatment of wastewater flows and to remain in compliance with its operating permit. Since February of 2019, both of the Equipment Operators listed in the FTE's of Wastewater Account have been vacant, leaving the City's WWTFs without CDL drivers to haul away sludge. So, because the positions were open, City staff bid out on-call sludge hauling in 2019. The annual amounts paid to the sludge hauler under that contract are as follows: \$112,500 (2019); \$111,795 (2020); \$102,570 (2021); and, \$51,938 (through 5/19/22).

Earlier this year, City staff needed to bid the contract again because of the on-going shortage of CDL drivers employed by the City. The project was advertised on January 21, 2022, and bids were opened on February 24, 2022, in accordance with the City of Joplin's procurement policies. C & L Grease and Wastewater Services was the only company to submit bids; they have been the City's on-call sludge hauler since 2019 and have provided reliable service to the City's needs. The recent sharp rise in fuel costs and inflation have resulted in a higher cost for the City to properly dispose of sludge. C&L's bid rate from their previous contract was \$0.0325/gal. but now is \$0.0425/gal., which results in a 31% increase.

### **FUNDING SOURCE**

Wastewater Fund

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of this Council Bill on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.