

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

This AGREEMENT is entered into this ____ day of _____, 2022 (“the Effective Date”), by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri (hereinafter “City”), and Goins Enterprises, Inc., a Missouri Corporation (hereinafter “Contractor”), and with City and Contractor being referred to collectively as “the Parties.”

WHEREAS, City desires to engage an independent contractor for the purpose of providing emergency and on-call sewer repair services, as described in City’s Request for Proposal, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Contractor desires to be engaged as an independent contractor for the purpose of providing emergency and on-call sewer repair services, as described in Contractor’s Response to City’s Request for Proposal, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, Consultant has become the lowest and best Offeror for performing said services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for valuable consideration each received from the other, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. Term. The term of this Agreement is for one year, beginning on the Effective Date and ending one year thereafter, unless terminated as provided herein. This Agreement shall automatically renew for successive terms of one (1) year on the same terms and conditions.

2. Contractor’s Services. Contractor agrees to diligently perform in a professional and workmanlike manner the scope of services specified in City’s Request for Proposal, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit A, and Contractor’s Response to City’s Request for Proposal, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit B. Specifically, Contractor agrees to provide emergency and on-call sewer repair services

3. Costs and Payment. It is agreed by the parties that Contractor will be compensated for the foregoing Scope of Services as follows: Contractor will be paid according to the following hourly rates: see Exhibit B. Contractor will submit a monthly invoice for payment. Within thirty (30) days of City’s receipt and approval of an invoice, City will make payment to Contractor. In no event will City be liable for overtime pay. Contractor will provide all labor, materials, and equipment. In no event shall Contractor’s compensation exceed the amount of One Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$136,675.00).

4. Independent Contractor. This Agreement does not create an employer-employee relationship between the parties. Contractor is an independent contractor and is not entitled to any benefits including health, dental, vision, disability, life, and unemployment insurance, worker’s compensation coverage, and LAGERS. Contractor is an independent contractor and not an employee for all purposes including the application of the Fair Labor Standards Act Minimum

Wage and Overtime Payments, Federal Insurance Contribution Act, Social Security Act, Federal Unemployment Tax Act, and the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, Missouri Revenue and Taxation Laws, and Missouri's Worker Compensation Laws and Unemployment Insurance Laws.

5. Amendments. The covenants and obligations herein contained are the full and complete terms of this Agreement, and no alteration, amendments, or changes to such terms shall be binding unless first reduced to writing and executed with the same formality as this Agreement.

6. Assignment. This Agreement, including payment hereunder, shall not be sub-let, assigned, or otherwise disposed of, except with the prior written consent of the City.

7. Attorney's Fees and Expenses. If City files suit in order to enforce any term of this Agreement and is the prevailing party, Contractor shall be liable for City's reasonable attorney's fees and expenses. In no event shall City be liable for Contractor's reasonable attorney's fees and expenses.

8. Choice of Law and Venue. This Agreement has been made, and its validity, performance and effect shall be determined, in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri and venue for litigation between the parties shall be solely and exclusively in Jasper County, Missouri.

9. Compliance with Laws. Contractor shall observe and comply with all Federal, State, and local laws and ordinances that affect those employed or engaged by it on the project, or the material or equipment used, or the conduct of the work, and shall procure all necessary licenses, permits, and insurance.

10. Consequential Damages. In no event shall City be liable to Contractor for special, indirect, or consequential damages.

11. Contract Documents. The contract documents shall consist of the following: this Agreement, City's Request for Proposal, and Contractor's Response to City's Request for Proposal. In the event of conflict between the contract documents, this Agreement will prevail. In the event of conflict between City's Request for Proposal and Contractor's Response to City's Request for Proposal, City's Request for Proposal will prevail.

12. Entire Agreement. This Agreement (including any Exhibits) contains the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. It may not be altered or amended except by an agreement in writing signed by both parties.

13. Headings. The headings of paragraphs in this Agreement are for convenience only. The headings form no part of this Agreement and shall not affect its interpretation.

14. Indemnification. Contractor hereby assumes all risk of, and responsibility for, and agrees to indemnify and save harmless City, from and against any and all claims, demands,

suits, actions, recoveries, judgments, costs, and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees and expenses, therewith made, brought or obtained on account of the loss of life or property or injury or damage to the person or property of any person or persons whomsoever, whether such person or persons be Contractor, its agents or employees, or City, its agents or employees, or any third-person in any way connected with the parties hereto, which loss of life or property, or injury or damage to persons or property, shall be due to, or arise out of, result from, or be in any way connected with, this Agreement.

15. Insurance. Contractor shall secure and maintain at its own cost and expense, throughout the duration of this Agreement, insurance of such types and in such amounts as may be necessary to protect it and the interests of City against all hazards or risks of loss as hereunder specified or which may arise out of the performance of this Agreement. Such policies shall name City as an additional insured, with limits of liability not less than the sovereign immunity limits for Missouri public entities calculated by the Missouri Department of Insurance as of January 1 each calendar year and published annually in the Missouri Register pursuant to Section 537.610, RSMo. (See, <http://insurance.mo.gov/industry/sovimmunity.php>)

16. Payment for Labor and Materials. Contractor agrees and binds itself to pay for all labor done, and for all the materials used in the construction of the work to be completed pursuant to this contract.

17. Records and Audits. The Contractor shall maintain accounts and records, including personnel, property, and financial records, adequate to identify and account for all costs pertaining to the Contract and such other records as may be deemed necessary by the City to assure proper accounting for all project funds. These records will be made available for audit purposes to the City or any authorized representative, and will be retained for three years after the expiration of this Contract.

18. Representations. The signatories hereto represent and warrant that they have read this Agreement, that they are fully authorized in the capacities shown, that they understand the terms of this Agreement, and that they are executing the same voluntarily and solely for the consideration described herein.

19. Right to Proceed. In the event this contract is terminated pursuant to Paragraph 28, then the City may take over the work and prosecute the same to completion, by contract or otherwise, and Contractor and its sureties shall be liable to the City for any costs over the amount of this contract thereby occasioned by the City. In any such case, the City may take possession of, and utilize in completing the work, such materials, appliances and structures as may be on the work site and are necessary for completion of the work. The foregoing provisions are in addition to, and not in limitation of, the rights of the City under any other provisions of the contract, city ordinances, and state and federal laws.

20. Severability. If any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be construed to be invalid or illegal, the legality or validity of the other provisions of this Agreement shall not be effected thereby. Any illegal or invalid provision of this Agreement shall be severable and any other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

21. Subcontractors. Contractor shall be as fully responsible to City for the acts and omissions of its subcontractors, and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by them, as Contractor is for the acts and omissions of persons it directly employs. Contractor shall cause appropriate provisions to be inserted in all subcontracts relating to this work, to bind all subcontractors to Contractor by all the terms herein set forth, and insofar as applicable to the work of subcontractors and to give Contractor the same power regarding termination of any subcontract as City may exercise over Contractor under any provisions of this Agreement. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create any contractual relation between the subcontractor and City or between any subcontractors.

22. Termination. City reserves the right to terminate this contract by giving at least five (5) days prior written notice to Contractor, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of City, should Contractor be adjudged bankrupt, or if Contractor should make a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or if a receiver should be appointed for Contractor or for any of its property, or if Contractor should persistently or repeatedly fail or refuse to supply enough properly skilled workmen or proper material, or if Contractor should fail or refuse to make prompt payment to any person supplying labor or materials for the work under the contract, or persistently disregard instructions of City or fail to observe or perform any provisions of the contract. City may terminate this Agreement, without cause, by giving Contractor thirty (30) days' written notice of the same.

23. Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement shall not confer any rights or remedies upon any person other than the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

24. Unauthorized Aliens. That pursuant to Missouri Revised Statute Sections 285.525 through 285.555, if this contract exceeds the amount of \$5,000.00 and Contractor is associated with a business entity, Contractor shall provide an acceptable notarized affidavit stating that the associated business entity is enrolled in and participates in a federal work authorization program with respect to the employees working in connection with the contracted services, and that said business entity does not knowingly employ any person who is an unauthorized alien in connection with the contracted services. Additionally, Contractor must provide documentation for said business entity evidencing current enrollment in a federal work authorization program.

25. Waiver. Waiver of any provision of this Agreement or breach of this Agreement shall not thereafter be deemed to be a consent by the waiving party to any further waiver, modification or breach by the other party, whether new or continuing, of the same or any other covenant, condition or provision of this Agreement. Failure by one of the parties to this Agreement to assert its rights for any breach of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such rights.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have hereunto set their hands the date first above written.

CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI

GOINS ENTERPRISES, INC.

Nick Edwards, City Manager

Carrie Goins, authorized representative

ATTEST:

Holly Nagy, City Clerk