

AN ORDINANCE approving Work Authorization 2 with Alvarez and Marsal Infrastructure and Capital Projects LLP to provide administrative services for developing and implementing broadband and connectivity solutions in the not to exceed amount of Three Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Eight and 00/100 dollars (\$358,928.00) and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause.

WHEREAS, in the Smarter Joplin Roadmap expand internet access and improve connectivity was identified as a primary concern in a resident survey; and

WHEREAS, the Broadband Gap Analysis Report identified the specific challenges with connectivity in the city of Joplin including issues with availability, capacity and affordability; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic has shown that residents need to be connected to be able to work, educate, and receive healthcare from home; and

WHEREAS, for the City of Joplin to remain competitive in the areas of business attraction and retention, transportation, education, health care and other sectors that rely on the exchange of data and information;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, as follows;

Section 1. That Work Authorization 2 with Alvarez and Marsal in the not to exceed amount of Three Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Eight and 00/100 dollars (\$358,928.00) provide for administrative services to assist the City of Joplin in developing solutions and projects that will address the connectivity challenges identified in the Broadband Gap Analysis Report.

Section 2. That the second work order be executed as described in Work Authorization No. 2 attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 3. That the City Manager or designee, of the City of Joplin, Missouri, is hereby authorized to execute said Agreement(s), or agreement(s) substantially similar in form, for and on behalf of the City of Joplin.

Section 4. This ordinance is declared to be an emergency within the meaning of Section 2.2 (6) of the Home Rule Charter in that said ordinance provides for public improvements and is considered an emergency by the Council and as such shall become effective immediately upon this passage as provided by the Home Rule Charter for the City of Joplin.

Passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, this _____ day of _____, 2022, by a vote of _____.

ATTEST:

Douglas W Lawson, Mayor

Holly Nagy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney

Council Bill 2022-287