
REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2016

ITEM: COUNCIL BILL No. 2016-500

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: FINANCE DEPARTMENT

ATTACHMENTS: 1) Copy of Council Bill with attached Schedule A

Department Head: Leslie Haase

City Attorney: Peter Edwards

City Manager: Sam Anselm

INTRODUCTION:

This Council Bill amends the adopted 2014-2015 Budget of the City of Joplin.

DISCUSSION:

In compliance with Charter regulations and accounting principles, the proposed adjustment is required to ensure that department expenditures do not exceed approved budget appropriations.

Here is the explanation for the items in Schedule A:

- Of the general fund items, unless specified below, all of the items are amendments within the division, while the entire department is under budget.
- The TIF reimbursable costs are an increase over the original adopted budget. However, these costs are reimbursed by the developer.
- The increase to the parks fund subsidy of \$625,000 is an increase over the original budget. This is in addition to the budget amendment in October where the subsidy to the parks fund was increased by \$300,000. Of the total additional \$925,000 increase, Stadium maintenance is an increase of \$109,000 in actual expenditures. This amount will be transferred from the parking fund during FY 2016. The actual expenditures for the electric charges at Memorial Hall increased by \$90,000. The actual expenditures for the Athletic Complex are \$85,000 more than the original budget, while the Grounds Maintenance expenditures are \$210,000 more than the original budget. The remaining divisions within the parks fund are \$17,000 over budget, which is the renovation to the Museum approved in a prior year. The remaining increase to the subsidy is the result of prior years' operating losses. This transfer will dip into unrestricted general fund reserves by nearly \$434,000.
- Transfer from the parking fund to the Joe Becker Construction Fund to close out the last construction payments.
- In the CVB fund, hotel/motel taxes were higher than budgeted, so the payment to the Joplin Sports Authority was higher than the budget.
- In the Health Fund, the City is given certain vaccines through the State and the value of the vaccines was higher than budgeted. The remaining item is an

amendment within the division. There are revenues to offset these amounts.

- In the Parks Fund, the electric charges for Memorial Hall were higher than budgeted, along with repairs to Memorial Hall. The parks department received a TRIM grant that was not budgeted. There is revenue to offset a portion of these grant expenditures.
- In the SWM Fund, the collections and remittances to the trash company were higher than budgeted. There is revenue to offset this amount. Additionally, the annexation payment was higher than budgeted.
- In the TST Fund, the actual TIF payments to the developer were higher than budgeted. This is a reduction of the sales tax collections.
- In the Community Development Fund, planning activities related to the second round of CDBG-DR funds were higher than budgeted. There is revenue to offset this amount.
- In the Sewer Fund, electric charges and depreciation expense were higher than budgeted.
- In the Public Parking fund, some expenses were higher than budgeted. Additionally, there is a transfer to close out the Joe Becker Construction fund.
- In the Health Insurance fund, claims and accrued claims were higher than budgeted.
- In the Emergency Communications fund, wages and depreciation expense is higher than anticipated.
- In the JRC fund, the budget is being amended for the city administration fee and the amortization of the land lease.

The purpose of the budget amendment is to recognize changes that have occurred since the annual budget was adopted. This budget amendment increases expenditures by \$2,654,700.00.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Staff recommends this Council Bill be approved on an emergency basis.