

**Requested Council Meeting Date: November 2, 2015**  
**Council Bill No. 2015-159**

**Item: Construction Contract Award for the new culvert system on Hill between Division & Mineral**

**Originating Department: Public Works – Engineering**

Attachments: 1) Location Map  
2) Bid Summary  
3) Council Bill No. 2015-159

Department Head: Nicholas A. Heatherly	Date:
Finance Department: Leslie Haase	Date:
City Attorney: Peter C. Edwards	Date:
City Manager: Samuel L. Anselm	Date:

**Recommended Action:** Approval of Construction Contract with Bennett Inc in the not to exceed the amount of Two Hundred Ninety Four Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Five and no/100 Dollars (\$294,965.00) for construction of the New Culvert System on Hill between Division & Mineral.

**Background:** The Parks and Storm Water Sales Tax extension was approved by voters in 2011. The New Culvert System on Hill between Division & Mineral was included on the list of projects approved by voters. In November of 2013, Council Bill 2013-347 was approved authorizing the execution of a contract with the firm of Tri-State Engineering Inc., for the purpose of providing design services related to the New Culvert System on Hill between Division & Mineral. The design has been completed and a map showing the project extents as well as an estimated schedule has been mailed to residents in the area. Currently private utility companies are working in the project area to relocate buried pipes that are in conflict with the proposed storm sewer.

**Discussion:** In accordance with the City of Joplin's Procurement policies the project was advertised in the Joplin Globe and on the city's website. Bids were opened on September 29, 2015 with 4 firms bidding and Bennett Inc. provided the lowest bid. The low bid was below the Engineer's estimate.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of a Construction Contract with Bennett Inc. in the not to exceed the amount of Two Hundred Ninety Four Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Five and no/100 Dollars (\$294,965.00) for construction of the New Culvert System on Hill between Division & Mineral Project be approved on an emergency basis per Section 2.12 (6) of the Joplin City Charter.