



STAFF REPORT

Board of Aldermen

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC SERVICE AGREEMENT (MESA) WITH THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A LIBERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT.

FIRST READING: APRIL 22, 2025

FINAL READING: APRIL 22, 2025

Initiated By: Legal

Approved By: *Cathy Stepp*

Financial Impact: Budgeted in the current year's budget

Community Plan 2030: EI-1: Utilities

FACTS:

The Municipal Electric Service Agreement formalizes the purchase of electricity from The Empire District Electric Company D/B/A Liberty for the city's municipal needs. This was last approved on April 28, 2015 and was a 10-year agreement. The agreement not only addresses the City of Branson's use of power at municipal facilities but more importantly establishes the process for street lighting. The agreement indicates that Empire District Electric will install, own, operate and maintain the street lights and also establishes the rates for the various lighting fixtures.

The Municipal Electric Service Agreement is not the franchise agreement. That agreement is what allows Empire to use city right-of-way for their electrical power grid. The franchise agreement will be renewed in 2035.

Staff is requesting a double read on this item.

DETAILED ANALYSIS:

No Additional Information

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

No Additional Information