

BENTON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

February 25, 2022

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AGENDA MEETING

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| I. | CALL TO ORDER | Mayor Tom Farmer |
| II. | INVOCATION | Pastor Emil Woerner |
| III. | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | Council Member Donnor |
| IV. | ROLL CALL | City Clerk |
| V. | APPROVAL OF MINUTES | January 24, 2022
Regular Meeting |
| VI. | COMMITTEE REPORTS & MOTIONS | |

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| 1. | FINANCE COMMITTEE | Council Member Morrow |
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ORDINANCE NO. 6 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF 5 CHEVROLET TAHOES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

RESOLUTION NO. 17 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION FOR AMENDING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE ENTIRE CITY AS ADOPTED IN RESOLUTION 96 OF 2020; REVISING THE BUDGET TO REFLECT THE ACTUAL EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

RESOLUTION NO. 18 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AUDIT CONTRACT WITH ALEXANDER, THOMPSON, ARNOLD, PLLC for \$7,000 AND THE USE OF RESTRICTED FUNDS SET ASIDE IN 2020 FOR AUDIT PURPOSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

RESOLUTION NO. 19 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR INCREASES ASSOCIATED WITH A REVISED WAGE SCALE REALIGNMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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| 2. | PARKS COMMITTEE | Council Member Hart |
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RESOLUTION NO. 20 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOWEST ACCEPTABLE BID FOR PROVIDING LAWN CARE SERVICES FROM ABSHURE LAWN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,440.00; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

RESOLUTION NO. 21 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOWEST ACCEPTABLE BID FOR RENOVATIONS AT LYLE PARK FROM CLINE CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

RESOLUTION NO. 22 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 BUDGET TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION AMOUNT IN PARKS FOR PARKS PROJECT REQUEST; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

RESOLUTION NO. 23 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN FIRE PROTECTION GROUP, INC. FOR PROVIDING FIRE SPRINKLER, FIRE ALARM, AND FIRE EXTINGUISHER PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES TO THE RIVER CENTER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

RESOLUTION NO. 24 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GES FOR GENERATOR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AT RIVERSIDE PARK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

RESOLUTION NO. 25 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HARRISON ENERGY PARTNERS FOR PROVIDING HVAC PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AT RIVER CENTER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

RESOLUTION NO. 26 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MCCAULEY SERVICES FOR PROVIDING PEST CONTROL SERVICES TO RIVERSIDE PARK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

RESOLUTION NO. 27 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY FOR PROVIDING ELEVATOR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE RIVER CENTER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

RESOLUTION NO. 28 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE SALINE COUNTY TRAILHEAD AGREEMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

**3. COMMUNITY SERVICE/
ANIMAL CONTROL**

Council Member Reed

ORDINANCE NO. 7 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE TO REFER TO THE VOTERS OF BENTON, THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO ELECT CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR FOUR (4) YEAR STAGGERED TERMS PURSUANT TO ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 14-43-312; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

RESOLUTION NO. 29 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH (GES) GENERATED ENERGY SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR PROVIDING EMERGENCY GENERATOR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES TO THE CITY AT 114 S. EAST STREET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

RESOLUTION NO. 30 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION TO CONDEMN THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 405 W WALNUT STREET, FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT TO RAZE SAID PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARKANSAS STATE LAW AND CITY ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

RESOLUTION NO. 31 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION TO CONDEMN THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 503 PALM STREET, FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT TO RAZE SAID PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARKANSAS STATE LAW AND CITY ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

RESOLUTION NO. 32 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION TO CONDEMN THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 924 REED STREET, FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT TO RAZE SAID PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARKANSAS STATE LAW AND CITY ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

RESOLUTION NO. 33 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION TO CONDEMN THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 6821 GRAYSON DRIVE, FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT TO RAZE SAID PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARKANSAS STATE LAW AND CITY ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

RESOLUTION NO. 34 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 BUDGET TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION AMOUNT IN LEGAL FOR SPECIAL LEGAL SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

RESOLUTION NO. 35 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING WANDA POSEY TO THE CITY OF BENTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

RESOLUTION NO. 36 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ANDY WARFORD AS COMMISSIONER TO THE CITY OF BENTON PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

RESOLUTION NO. 37 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF BENTON TO ENTER INTO A LEASE WITH THE ROYAL PLAYERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

RESOLUTION NO. 38 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF BENTON TO ENTER INTO A LEASE WITH PROJECT PROM/BEKKA WILKERSON; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

- 4. STREET & DRAINAGE COMMITTEE Council Member Hamm**

RESOLUTION NO. 39 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOWEST ACCEPTABLE BID FOR EAST SEVIER STREET MILL AND OVERLAY PROJECT FROM REDSTONE CONSTRUCTION GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$179,789; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

- 5. PERSONNEL/HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE Council Member Donnor**

ORDINANCE NO. 8 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS FOR A PERMIT TECHNICIAN, BENEFITS SPECIALIST, FINANCE SPECIALST, CITY CLERK ASSISTANT, RECREATION PROGRAMMERS, AND SPORTS FIELD FOREMAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

ORDINANCE NO. 9 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE PAY STRUCTURE FOR ALL GENERAL FUND, STREET, ANIMAL CONTROL, AND PARKS DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

ORDINANCE NO. 10 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 63 OF 2016 SETTING THE SALARY OF THE CITY ATTORNEY; AMENDING ORDINANCE 7 OF 2005; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

- 6. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION Council Member Lee**

ORDINANCE NO. 11 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE PURCHASE ALL NECESSARY EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR BENTON UTILITIES WATER PLANT TO REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF SEDIMENT MATERIALS, DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF CONVEYING EQUIPMENT AND DRIVE MOTORS ON BENTON SEDIMENT TANK; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND, FOR OTHER PURPOSES

- 7. P&Z COMMISSION Council Member Freeman**

VIII. Old Business

IX. Public Comments

X. Adjourn

MINUTES OF THE BENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session
January 24, 2022
Benton Municipal Complex

The Benton City Council was called to order at 5:43 p.m.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Tamra Gore.

Council Member Reed led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll was called.

The following persons were in attendance:

**Council Member Frank Baptist
Council Member Evelyn Reed
Council Member Jeff Morrow
Council Member Shane Knight
Baxter Drennon, City Attorney
Tom Farmer, Mayor**

**Council Member Steve Brown
Council Member Bill Donnor
Council Member Judd Hart
Council Member Jeff Hamm
Cindy Stracener, City Clerk**

When roll was called eight (8) council members were present. Council Member Freeman and Council Member Lee were absent. A quorum was declared.

Council Member Hamm made a motion to approve the December 20, 2021 council meeting minutes. Seconded by Council Member Brown. The Mayor called for a voice vote. All council members present voted in the affirmative. The minutes were approved with 8 affirmative votes and 2 absent.

Council Member Knight made a motion to read and adopt Resolution 1 of 2022 – A Resolution Establishing the Time of the Council Meetings, Setting Its Meeting Agenda, and Establishing Rules for Conducting Council and Committee Meetings; and For Other Purposes by title only. Seconded by Council Member Reed. The resolution was read by title only. The Mayor asked for any comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Freeman absent, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Knight yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. Resolution 1 of 2022 was adopted with 8 affirmative and 2 absent votes.

The Mayor read the statement that Resolution 1 of 2022 states should be read before council and committee meetings. As representatives of the citizens of Benton, we need to always be aware of our responsibility and our mannerism as we fulfill our obligations to the citizens. During this meeting each of us are to conduct ourselves in a professional manner that allows every person to be treated with respect and dignity. As representatives, we will never berate, harass, intimidate, or admonish any individual that comes before us.

The next item on the agenda was committee reports and motions. Council Member Morrow was recognized for a report from the Finance Committee. Council Member Morrow made a motion to read in its entirety and adopt Resolution 2 of 2022 – A Resolution Authorizing the

City to Enter into a Contract with Black, Corley, Owens & Hughes PA for Providing Architectural and Engineering Services to the City; and For Other Purposes. Seconded by Council Member Reed. The resolution was read. The Mayor asked for any comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Freeman absent, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Knight yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. Resolution 2 of 2022 was adopted with 8 affirmative and 2 absent votes.

Council Member Morrow made a motion to read in its entirety and adopt Resolution 3 of 2022 – A Resolution Authorizing the Benton District Court to Destroy Certain Records Prior to 2011; and For Other Purposes. Seconded by Council Member Brown. The resolution was read. The Mayor asked for any comments or questions. None. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Freeman absent, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Knight yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. Resolution 3 of 2022 was adopted with 8 affirmative votes and 2 absent.

Council Member Morrow made a motion to read in its entirety and adopt Resolution 4 of 2022 – A Resolution Declaring Certain Police Department Property as Surplus; and Authorizing the Sale of the Surplus Property at Auction. Seconded by Council Member Reed. The resolution was read. The Mayor asked for any questions or comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Freeman absent, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Knight yes, Council Member Lee absent and Council Member Hamm yes. Resolution 4 of 2022 was adopted with 8 affirmative and 2 absent votes.

Council Member Morrow made a motion to read in its entirety and adopt Resolution 5 of 2022 – A Resolution Authorizing the City to Enter into a Contract with the Saline County Career Technical Campus for the Placement of One School Resource Officer Within the District for a Four-Year Period, Beginning with the 2022-2023 School Year; and For Other Purposes. Seconded by Council Member Reed. The resolution was read. The Mayor asked for any questions or comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Freeman absent, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Knight yes, Council Member Lee absent and Council Member Hamm yes. Resolution 5 of 2022 was adopted with 8 affirmative and 2 absent votes.

Council Member Morrow made a motion to read in its entirety and adopt Resolution 6 of 2022 – A Resolution Recognizing the Services of Lieutenant Lisa Stuart to the Citizens of Benton and Awarding Her Badge and Duty Weapon in Recognition of Those Services; and For Other Purposes. Seconded by Council Member Reed. The resolution was read. The Mayor asked for any questions or comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Freeman absent, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Knight yes, Council Member Lee absent and Council Member Hamm yes. Resolution 6 of 2022 was adopted with 8 affirmative and 2 absent votes.

Council Member Morrow made a motion to read in its entirety and adopt Resolution 7 of 2022 – A Resolution Recognizing the Services of Detective Michael Teague to the Citizens of Benton and Awarding Him His Badge and Duty Weapon in Recognition of Those Services; and For Other Purposes. Seconded by Council Member Brown. The resolution was read. The Mayor asked for any questions or comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Freeman absent, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Knight yes, Council Member Lee absent and Council Member Hamm yes. Resolution 7 of 2022 was adopted with 8 affirmative and 2 absent votes.

Council Member Morrow made a motion to read in its entirety and adopt Resolution 8 of 2022 – A Resolution Declaring Certain Parks & Recreation and Streets & Drainage Department Property as Surplus; and Authorizing the Sale of the Surplus Property at Auction. Seconded by Council Member Baptist. The resolution was read. The Mayor asked for any questions or comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Freeman absent, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Knight yes, Council Member Lee absent and Council Member Hamm yes. Resolution 8 of 2022 was adopted with 8 affirmative and 2 absent votes.

Council Member Hart was recognized for a report from the Parks Committee. Council Member Hart made a motion to adopt Resolution 9 of 2022 – A Resolution Authorizing the City to Enter into a Contract with MVP Sports Photography for Providing Photography Services to the City of Benton Parks and Recreation Department; and For Other Purposes. Seconded by Council Member Morrow. The resolution was read by title only. The Mayor asked for any comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Freeman absent, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Knight yes, Council Member Lee absent and Council Member Hamm yes. Resolution 9 of 2022 was adopted with 8 affirmative and 2 absent votes.

Council Member Hart made a motion to read in its entirety and adopt Resolution 10 of 2022 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute an Agreement with NUOC Development for the Construction of a Park in Severns Landing at Hurricane Lake; and for Other Purposes. Seconded by Council Member Morrow. The resolution was read. The Mayor asked for any comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Freeman absent, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Knight yes, Council Member Lee absent and Council Member Hamm yes. Resolution 10 of 2022 was adopted with 8 affirmative and 2 absent votes.

Council Member Hart made a motion to amend the agenda and change Resolution 11 of 2022 to Ordinance 5 of 2022 with an emergency clause. It should have been an ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Morrow. Roll was called on the motion to amend which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Freeman absent, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Knight yes, Council Member Lee absent and Council Member Hamm yes. Motion was adopted with 8 affirmative and 2 absent votes.

Council Member Hart made a motion to read and adopt Ordinance 5 of 2022 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute and Agreement with Parks and Recreation Foundation of Arkansas for the Development of a Mountain Bike Trail in the City of Benton; Waiving Competitive Bidding; and Declaring an Emergency; and For Other Purposes. Seconded by Council Member Knight. The ordinance was read. The Mayor asked for any comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Freeman absent, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Knight yes, Council Member Lee absent and Council Member Hamm yes. Ordinance 5 of 2022 was adopted with 8 affirmative and 2 absent votes. Council Member Hart made a motion to adopt the emergency clause. Seconded by Council Member Knight. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Freeman absent, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Knight yes, Council Member Lee absent and Council Member Hamm yes. The emergency clause was adopted with 8 affirmative and 2 absent votes.

Council Member Reed was recognized for a report from the Community Services/Animal Control Committee. Council Member Reed made a motion to read in its entirety and adopt Ordinance 1 of 2022 – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 84 of 2019; Establishing a Permanent/Lifetime Animal License for Dogs or Cats Living in the City of Benton and For Other Purposes. Seconded by Council Member Knight. The ordinance was read. The Mayor asked for any questions or comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Freeman absent, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Knight yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. Ordinance 1 of 2022 was adopted with 8 affirmative votes and 2 absent.

Council Member Reed made a motion to adopt Resolution 12 of 2022 – A Resolution to Request the Saline County Tax Collector Place a Certified Lien Against Real Property Located at 513 West Ashley Street as a Result of Incurred Expenses by the City of Benton in Accordance with State Law and City Ordinance; and For Other Purposes. Seconded by Council Member Brown. The resolution was read by title only. The Mayor asked for any comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Freeman absent, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Knight yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. Resolution 12 of 2022 was adopted with 8 affirmative votes and 2 absent.

Council Member Reed made a motion to adopt Resolution 13 of 2022 – A Resolution to Request the Saline County Tax Collector Place a Certified Lien Against Real Property Located at 305 South Main Street as a Result of Incurred Expenses by the City of Benton in Accordance with State Law and City Ordinance; and For Other Purposes. Seconded by Council Member Brown. The resolution was read by title only. The Mayor asked for any comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Freeman absent, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council

Member Knight yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. Resolution 13 of 2022 was adopted with 8 affirmative votes and 2 absent.

Council Member Reed made a motion to adopt Resolution 14 of 2022 – A Resolution to Request the Saline County Tax Collector Place a Certified Lien Against Real Property Located at 823 Ryan Street as a Result of Incurred Expenses by the City of Benton in Accordance with State Law and City Ordinance; and For Other Purposes. Seconded by Council Member Donnor. The resolution was read by title only. The Mayor asked for any comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Freeman absent, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Knight yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. Resolution 14 of 2022 was adopted with 8 affirmative votes and 2 absent.

Council Member Reed made a motion to adopt Resolution 15 of 2022 – A Resolution to Request the Saline County Tax Collector Place a Certified Lien Against Real Property Located at 3319 Silicia Heights Road as a Result of Incurred Expenses by the City of Benton in Accordance with State Law and City Ordinance; and For Other Purposes. Seconded by Council Member Knight. The resolution was read by title only. The Mayor asked for any comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Freeman absent, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Knight yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. Resolution 15 of 2022 was adopted with 8 affirmative votes and 2 absent.

Council Member Reed made a motion to adopt Resolution 16 of 2022 – A Resolution to Condemn the Structure Located at 6521 Grayson Drive and for Code Enforcement to Raze Said Property in Accordance with Arkansas State Law and City Ordinance; and For Other Purposes. Seconded by Council Member Brown. The resolution was read by title only. The Mayor asked for any comments. Sammy High, attorney for Midfirst Mortgage asked for more time and stated that they do understand the state of the property. They would like more time to be able to review the property to determine if it can be restored. If not, we will continue to work with the city on this. Bruce Thomas, Code Enforcement Supervisor stated that this has been on the city's radar for over a year. The mortgage company has not had possession of the property for that length of time. They have been involved for three or four months. I recommend we go ahead and condemn the property and the city will continue to work with the mortgage company. The Mayor asked that the roll be called. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Freeman absent, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Knight yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. Resolution 16 of 2022 was adopted with 8 affirmative votes and 2 absent.

Council Member Reed made a motion to read and adopt Ordinance 2 of 2022 – An Ordinance to Establish and Lay Off Benton Municipal Property Owners' Multipurpose Improvement District No. 131 (Severn Landing at Hurricane Lake); and For Other Purposes. Seconded by Council Member Baptist. The ordinance was read. The Mayor asked for any comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Freeman absent, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor

yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Knight yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. Ordinance 2 of 2022 was adopted with 8 affirmative votes and 2 absent.

Council Member Hamm was recognized for a report from the Street and Drainage Committee. He stated he had nothing to report.

Council Member Donnor was recognized for a report from the Personnel/Health & Safety Committee. He stated that he had nothing to report.

Council Member Knight was recognized for a report from the Public Utility Commission. Council Member Knight made a motion to adopt Ordinance 3 of 2022 – An Ordinance Waiving Competitive Bidding and Authorizing and Ratifying the Purchase of All Necessary Equipment Needed for Benton Utilities Water Plant to Remove, Replace or Repair Deteriorated Piping and Elbows on #10, #11, and #12 Effluent Piping Located in the West Wing of the Building and Remove, Replace or Repair Deteriorated Backwash 90's Throughout East Filter Building(Filters 1-6) and Filters 7-9 in the West Filter Building; Declaring an Emergency and For Other Purposes by title only. Seconded by Council Member Hart. Roll was called to read by title only. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Freeman absent, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Knight yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. Motion to read by title only was approved with 8 affirmative and 2 absent votes. The ordinance was read by title only. The Mayor asked for any questions or comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Freeman absent, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Knight yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. Ordinance 3 of 2022 was adopted with 8 affirmative votes and 2 absent. Council Member Knight made a motion to approve the emergency clause. Seconded by Council Member Morrow. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Freeman absent, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Knight yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. The emergency clause was approved with 8 affirmative votes and 2 absent.

Council Member Knight made a motion to adopt Ordinance 4 of 2022 – An Ordinance Waiving Competitive Bidding and Authorizing and Ratifying the Purchase of Electric Transformers for the Benton Utilities Electric Department; Declaring an Emergency; and For Other Purposes by title only. Seconded by Council Member Donnor. Roll was called to read by title only. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Freeman absent, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Knight yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. Motion to read by title only was approved with 8 affirmative and 2 absent votes. The ordinance was read by title only. The Mayor asked for any comments, none. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Freeman absent, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council

Member Hart yes, Council Member Knight yes, Council Member Lee absent and Council Member Hamm yes. Ordinance 4 of 2022 was approved with 8 affirmative votes and 2 absent. Council Member Knight made a motion to adopt the emergency clause. Seconded by Council Member Reed. Roll was called which resulted in Council Member Baptist yes, Council Member Brown yes, Council Member Freeman absent, Council Member Reed yes, Council Member Donnor yes, Council Member Morrow yes, Council Member Hart yes, Council Member Knight yes, Council Member Lee absent, and Council Member Hamm yes. The emergency clause was approved with 8 affirmative and 2 absent votes.

There was not a report from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The Mayor asked for any old business or public comments. None.

The Mayor recognized Baxter Drennon, City Attorney for 1 year of service with the city. Council Member Freeman and Council Member Knight were recognized for one year of service. Council Member Hamm was recognized for five years of service and Council Member Donnor was recognized for fifteen years of service.

The Mayor stated that Saturday January 22nd is the Day of Tears in Arkansas to mourn the 61 million innocent babies who have lost their lives.

The Mayor gave his state of city address. See attached.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Cindy Stracener, City Clerk

Tom Farmer, Mayor

2021 State of the City Items –

During the past year Benton has been awarded the **following awards:**

- Reader's Choice Best Business of 2021 Festival Events with Third Thursday
- Saline County voted as Favorite Festival-Downtown Benton Third Thursday
- Saline county Voted as Fresh Produce---Farmer's Market
- Street Department received the Asphalt Paving Award
- **Tyndall Park voted as Favorite Park in Saline County**
- River Center Pool was awarded Arkansas Recreation and Parks Association program of the year for their Swimming without limits program
- Money Magazine voted Benton as the 33rd best place to live in the United States.

Animal Control

- Met their adoption goal at Pet Smart which resulted in funds for animal control
- Held very successful adoption events Leaving most with no pets
- All ACO's nationally certified
- Reached over 555,179 people on social media
- Hired a full-time adoption coordinator.
- Laptops were placed in ACO's vehicles to allow them to function completely in the field
- Body Cameras purchased for ACOs

Community Development

- Building Permits up by 144 from previous year
- Electrical Permits up by 154
- Plumbing permits up by 59
- HVAC permits up by 143
- Total permits issued was up by 24% over the previous year
- Building inspections were up by 15% over the previous year

Fire Department

- Were able to maintain staffing through highest point of Covid
- No injuries during on scene emergency operations other than a cut on the hand
- Certified 5 personnel to Tech 1 level SCBA repair
- No damages to apparatus during 2021
- Department reported 23,800 hours of safety training
- Responded to 4160 calls of service for citizens
- The Fire Department replaced radios totaling \$64,801.45
- Began construction on Fire Station 6
- Ordered Fire Truck for Fire Station 6 to be delivered late February or first of March

Street Department

- Completed 90 drainage projects
- Laid over 1,100 tons of asphalt in street cuts and potholes
- Overlaid 20 lane miles of city streets
- Averaged 65 debris pickups weekly
- Completed 30 concrete projects which included sidewalks, curbs, and streets
 - In 2021, \$46,908.81 was spent updating sidewalks within Benton to bring them up to ADA code.
- Awarded 1 million dollars of grant money for southwest trail
- Awarded 1 million dollars to aid in the construction the Congo/Shenandoah roundabout
- Awarded 3 grants for drainage that totaled \$450,000
(Westbrook Creek, Sagecrest Creek & Oak Creek) projects valued at \$150,000 apiece.
Street Improvement and Stormwater funds were used for the three projects.
- Completed the Shenandoah Bridge Project
- Saw the East Lakeview Street project to 90% Completion
- Created over 6 miles of shared bike lanes on Benton Streets
- Street Improvement fund
 - Princeton/ Montclair began work in 2018, in subsequent year money was added to the project and in 2021 was finally completed.

Administrative Services

- The fiscal year 2021 was another boom year for sales tax growth. The total 2.5% sales tax received by the City of Benton for 2021 was \$23,647,718.46 compared to 2020 \$21,229,933.01; that is an increase of \$2,417,785.45 or 11.39% increase year over year.
- General Fund operated in the black every month.
- Annual raises were given to each employee: Police and Fire received annual step increases and non-uniformed employees received the budgeted increases on 8/1/2021.
- Also, in August, all current employees received a one-time stipend to offset the cost of inflation, without increasing the budget or taxes.

General fund

- In 2021, several large accomplishments were seen in General Fund: a brand new,
 - a. state of the art Financial and HR software began installation.
 - b. The finance portion was planned and succeeded in going live 01/01/2022
 - c. while the HR portion plans to go live 04/01/2022.
- The Benton 911 Communications successfully consolidated with Saline County to provide a coordinated effort to better serve the citizens of Saline County.

Parks

- Spent \$2.2 million on park improvements and projects
Tyndall Park continued with renovations to the inclusive playground, fields, parking lots, basketball and tennis courts, etc
- Had 2370 River Center Active Members
- Issued 25,583 day passes
- Had over 4000 participants in youth/adult sports
- Had 705 Adult Memberships
- Posted over 906 hours of volunteer in the community
- Conducted 89 special events
- Certified 42 lifeguards
- Had 200 Benton Shark Swimmers
- Improvements for Lyle Park began in 2021 and will carry over into 2022 for completion.

Police

- Responded to 39,408 calls for service
- Attended 36 events throughout the city
- Taught 110 classes in our schools
- Served 1,943 warrants
- Staff had a total of 14,612 training hours
- Working with other police agencies within the county there were 135 officers trained in active shooter training
- \$674,563.49 worth of police vehicles were added to the fleet. and the Police Department added JPX pepper guns to their arsenal at a price of \$34,995.
- The body camera system contract was renewed for the Police Department as well.

ORDINANCE NO. 6 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF 5 CHEVROLET TAHOES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Benton Police Department has the need to purchase five Chevrolet Tahoes that are above the State bid price by \$3,989.15 each. After diligent search, it has been determined that there are no other comparable, suitable vehicles available for purchase;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Benton, Arkansas, have determined that it is in the best interest of the City to allow the purchase of the vehicles without competitive bidding in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, the City Council the wishes to authorize and approve the transaction described below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: It is in the best interest of the City to allow the purchase of these five Tahoes;

SECTION 2: The requirement of competitive bidding for the purchase hereby authorized is deemed not feasible or practical due to the lack of product available to purchase.

SECTION 3: The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute documents needed to purchase said vehicles.

SECTION 4: An emergency exists to purchase these Tahoes and to acquire them based on the quoted upon price. Therefore, an emergency exists, and this ordinance is necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety. It shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of February 2022.

Tom Farmer, Mayor

Cindy Stracener, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 17 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION FOR AMENDING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE ENTIRE CITY AS ADOPTED IN RESOLUTION 96 OF 2020; REVISING THE BUDGET TO REFLECT THE ACTUAL EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the 2021 City of Benton Budget in Resolution 96 of 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council needs to amend the 2021 General Fund budget in order to reflect the actual expenditures of the City as set forth in Exhibit 1 to this Resolution

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: Pursuant to the authority granted in Ark. Code §§ 14-58-202 and 14-58-203 the City Council does hereby amend the FY2021 City of Benton Budget as adopted in Resolution 96 of 2020. The revised expenditures for the operations of the city are attached hereto as Exhibit 1 to this Resolution and are more fully described therein. The adoption of this amendment shall be deemed as an appropriation of city funds.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of February, 2022.

Tom Farmer, Mayor

Cindy Stracener, City Clerk

City of Benton - 2021 True-Up Resolution

**Mayor & Elected Officials**

700.01.11.01 Exempt	\$1,500.00
720.21.11.01 Taxes	\$700.00
740.43.11.01 Misc Equip	\$50.00
820.22.11.01 Advertising	\$665.00
820.31.11.01 Insurance	\$16,700.00
850.40.11.01 Facilities	\$460.00
850.90.11.01 Non-Deprec Assets	\$18,000.00
810.18.11.01 Cell Phones	(\$125.00)
820.21.11.01 Professional Services	(\$6,100.00)
820.34.11.01 Elections	(\$20,000.00)
840.43.11.01 Dues & Subscriptions	(11,850.00)
Total Mayor & Elected Officials	\$0.00

City Clerk

700.02.11.02 Non-Exempt	\$610.00
720.21.11.02 Taxes	\$130.00
700.03.11.02 Part-time	(\$740.00)
820.22.11.02 Advertising	\$3,200.00
820.24.11.02 Computer Services	(\$3,200.00)
Total City Clerk	\$0.00

Administrative Services

700.01.11.03 Exempt	\$27,500.00
700.02.11.03 Non-Exempt	(\$27,500.00)
700.03.11.03 Part-Time	(\$8,625.00)
720.21.11.03 Taxes	\$8,625.00
750.51.11.03 Office Supplies	\$1,985.00
750.58.11.03 Computer Supplies	\$2,400.00
750.67.11.03 Safety	\$2,700.00
770.70.11.03 Bank Fees	\$120.00
810.13.11.03 Telephone	\$12,815.00
820.22.11.03 Advertising	\$235.00
840.41.11.03 Public Relations	\$735.00
850.90.11.03 Non-Depreciable Assets	\$7,520.00
820.24.11.03 Computer Services	(\$28,510.00)
Total Administrative Services	\$0.00

Legal

720.23.12.00 Retirement	\$865.00
820.29.12.00 Other	(\$865.00)
Total Legal	\$0.00

Communications

700.01.13.15 Exempt	(\$16,800.00)
810.13.13.15 Telephone	\$10,850.00
820.24.13.15 Computer Services	\$5,445.00
820.31.13.15 Insurance	\$505.00
Total Communications	\$0.00

Police

700.01.13.17 Exempt	\$10,500.00
700.02.13.17 Non-Exempt	(\$74,031.00)
700.04.13.17 Temporary	\$126.00
700.05.13.17 Overtime	\$16,500.00
700.20.13.17 COVID	\$250.00
720.24.13.17 Clothing	\$6,340.00
750.59.13.17 Educational Supplies	\$2,120.00
750.67.13.17 Safety Supplies	\$3,000.00
750.68.13.17 Firearms Supplies	\$460.00
770.72.13.17 Small Tools	\$1,000.00
810.13.13.17 Telephone	\$650.00
820.31.13.17 Insurance	\$31,000.00
840.43.13.17 Dues & Subscriptions	\$685.00
850.90.13.17 Non-Depreciable	\$1,400.00
Total Police	\$0.00

Fire

700.02.13.19 Non-Exempt	(\$190,145.00)
700.06.13.19 Sick Leave	\$34,250.00
720.21.13.19 Taxes	\$40,000.00
720.23.13.19 Retirement	\$106,100.00
750.51.13.19 Office Supplies	\$35.00
750.58.13.19 Computer Supplies	\$1,250.00
750.61.13.19 First Aid Supplies	\$500.00
750.67.13.19 Safety Supplies	(\$18,000.00)
820.21.13.19 Professional Services	(\$9,500.00)
820.31.13.19 Insurance	\$30,000.00
850.90.13.19 Non-Depreciable	5,510.00
Total Fire	\$0.00

Community Development

700.01.14.24 Exempt	\$5,150.00
700.02.14.24 Non-Exempt	(\$17,390.00)
700.06.14.24 Sick	\$18,000.00
740.41.14.24 Facility Maintenance	(\$14,890.00)
750.51.14.24 Office Supplies	\$680.00
750.53.14.24 Janitorial Supplies	\$4,000.00
750.54.14.24 Rugs, Rags, Towels	\$400.00
750.67.14.24 Safety Supplies	\$250.00
810.13.14.24 Telephone	\$600.00
810.14.14.24 Trash Collection	\$350.00
820.31.14.24 Insurance	\$1,300.00
820.66.14.24 Educational Promo	\$1,550.00
Total Community Development	\$0.00

Marketing

820.21.14.30 Professional Services	(\$500.00)
850.90.14.30 Non-Depreciable	\$500.00
Total Marketing	\$0.00

Operating Transfers

880.62 Transfers to Stormwater	\$2,050.00
880.77 Transfers to Special Revenue	\$2,815.00
880.84 Transfers to Parks Fund	\$24,500.00
880.85 Transfers to Street Fund	\$15,300.00
Total Operating Transfers	\$44,665.00

Street

700.01.20.00 Exempt	\$6,500.00
700.05.20.00 Overtime	\$2,600.00
700.25.20.00 On-call	\$1,100.00
720.21.20.00 Taxes (FICA, WC)	\$7,100.00
720.22.20.00 Health Insurance	(\$10,000.00)
720.31.20.00 Fuel	\$2,200.00
720.32.20.00 Vehicle R&M	\$10,600.00
740.43.20.00 Misc Equipment R&M	\$1,200.00
750.64.20.00 Traffic Supplies	\$1,200.00
800.01.20.00 Paving-Asphalt	\$116,500.00
800.07.20.00 Lighting-First Electric	\$4,120.00
810.13.20.00 Telephone	\$125.00
820.21.22.00 Professional Services	(\$190,445.00)
820.24.20.00 Computer Services	\$6,400.00
820.31.20.00 Insurance	\$36,000.00
850.30.20.00 Miscellaneous Equipment	\$4,800.00
Total Street	\$0.00

Stormwater

720.21.22.00 Taxes (FICA, WC)	\$1,500.00
720.22.22.00 Health Insurance	\$50.00
750.52.22.00 Postage	(\$2,460.00)
820.31.22.00 Property & Casualty insurance	\$910.00
Total Stormwater	\$0.00

Public Safety

850.20.30.17 Vehicles-Police	(\$425.00)
850.90.30.17 Non-Depreciable-Police	\$425.00
Total Public Safety	\$0.00

Animal Control

700.01.33.00 Exempt	\$1,500.00
700.05.33.00 Over-Time	\$2,500.00
700.25.33.00 On-Call	\$830.00
750.62.33.00 Veterinary Supplies	(\$10,121.00)
750.54.33.00 Rugs, Rags, Towels	\$35.00
750.55.33.00 Chemicals	\$405.00
750.58.33.00 Computer Supplies	\$206.00
810.13.33.00 Telephone	\$275.00
820.31.33.00 Insurance	\$1,840.00
820.62.33.00 Veterinary Services	\$405.00
840.42.33.00 Travel & Meetings	\$1,125.00
850.90.33.00 Non-Depreciable Assets	\$1,000.00
Total Animal Control	\$0.00

Parks General Operating

700.01.35.00 Exempt	\$86,000.00
700.02.35.00 Non-Exempt	(\$86,750.00)
720.22.35.00 Insurance	(\$49,750.00)
770.70.35.00 Bank Fees	\$50,500.00
Total Parks General Operating	\$0.00

Parks Operations & Maintenance

740.41.35.25 Facilities R&M	\$6,300.00
750.53.35.25 Janitorial Supplies	\$315.00
750.66.35.25 Recreational Supplies	\$3,600.00
810.14.35.25 Trash Collection	\$500.00
820.21.35.25 Professional Services	\$66,000.00
820.31.35.25 Insurance	\$146,000.00
850.40.35.25 Facilities	(222,715.00)
Total Parks O&M	\$0.00

Parks Sales Tax

750.67.35.50 Safety Supplies	\$650.00
810.19.35.50 Utilities-TV Service	\$860.00
820.22.35.50 Advertising	\$2,305.00
820.29.35.50 Special Events	\$14,700.00
820.21.35.25 Professional Services	(\$18,515.00)
Total Parks O&M	\$0.00

Special Revenue Fund

785.54 Rescue Fund	\$35.00
785.43 Franchise Taxes-First Security	\$4,000.00
785.26 Administration of Justice	\$368,000.00
<u>Total Special Revenue Funds</u>	<u>\$372,035.00</u>

RESOLUTION NO. 18 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AUDIT CONTRACT WITH ALEXANDER, THOMPSON, ARNOLD, PLLC for \$7,000 AND THE USE OF RESTRICTED FUNDS SET ASIDE IN 2020 FOR AUDIT PURPOSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City wishes to engage in an agreement for audit services with Alexander, Thompson, Arnold, PLLC for the 2021 compliance audit with the maximum amount to be spent of \$7,000 to be spent out of the restricted Financial Audit account that was set aside in 2020 for audit purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: The agreement with Alexander, Thompson, Arnold, PLLC is approved along with a cost not to exceed \$7,000 for the purchase of the 2021 compliance audit along with the use of restricted funds set aside in 2020 for audit purposes.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of February 2022.

Tom Farmer, Mayor

Cindy Stracener, City Clerk



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February 10, 2022

Mandy Spicer
Chief Financial Officer
City of Benton, Arkansas
114 S.E. Street-Top Floor
Benton, Arkansas 72015

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide the City of Benton, Arkansas (the City). We will audit the schedule of expenditures of federal awards (schedule) of the City's major program(s) for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Audit Objectives

The objective of our audit is the expression of an opinion about whether the schedule is fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The objective also includes reporting on internal control over compliance related to the major federal program(s) and an opinion (or disclaimer of opinion) on compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards that could have a direct and material effect on the program in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance).

The report on internal control over compliance will include a paragraph that states that the purpose of the report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. The paragraph will also state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Our audit will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996; and the provisions of the Uniform Guidance, and will include tests of the accounting records of the program and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express an opinion. We will issue written reports upon completion of our audit. Our reports will be addressed to management of governance of the County. We cannot provide assurance that unmodified opinions will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinions or add emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraphs. If our opinion on the schedule or our opinion on compliance is other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed an opinion, we may decline to express an opinion or issue reports, or we may withdraw from this engagement.

Audit Procedures—General

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the schedule; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the schedule. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the schedule is free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the Organization or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the Organization. Because the determination of waste and abuse is subjective, *Government Auditing Standards* do not expect auditors to perform specific procedures to detect waste or abuse in financial audits nor do they expect auditors to provide reasonable assurance of detecting waste or abuse.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, an unavoidable risk exists that some material misstatements or noncompliance may exist and not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the schedule or on the program. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, any fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that comes to our attention. We will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential. We will include such matters in the reports required for a program-specific audit. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, and may include direct confirmation of receivables and certain other assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, funding sources, creditors, and financial institutions. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about your responsibilities for the schedule of expenditures of federal awards; federal award programs; compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; and other responsibilities required by U.S. generally accepted auditing standards.

Audit Procedures—Internal Control

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the Organization and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the schedule and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. As required by the Uniform Guidance, we will perform tests of controls over compliance to evaluate the effectiveness of the design and operation of controls that we consider relevant to preventing or detecting material noncompliance with compliance requirements applicable to the federal award program. However, our tests will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on those controls and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to the Uniform Guidance.

An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Accordingly, we will express no such opinion. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance.

Audit Procedures—Compliance

The Uniform Guidance requires that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the auditee has complied with applicable federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards. Our procedures will consist of tests of transactions and other applicable procedures described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* for the types of compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the federal program. For federal programs that are included in the Compliance Supplement, our compliance and internal control procedures will relate to the compliance requirements that the Compliance Supplement identifies as being subject to audit. The purpose of these procedures will be to express an opinion on the County's compliance with requirements applicable to the program in our report on compliance issued pursuant to the Uniform Guidance.

Other Services

We will also assist in preparing the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and related notes of the major federal program(s) in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and the Uniform Guidance based on information provided by you. These nonaudit services do not constitute an audit under *Government Auditing Standards* and such services will not be conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. We will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards. The other services are limited to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes of the major federal programs services previously defined. We, in our sole professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

Management Responsibilities

Management is responsible for (1) designing, implementing, establishing, and maintaining effective internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, including internal controls over federal awards, and for evaluating and monitoring ongoing activities to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; (2) following laws and regulations; (3) ensuring that there is reasonable assurance that government programs are administered in compliance with

compliance requirements; and (4) ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported. Management is also responsible for implementing systems designed to achieve compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. You are also responsible for the selection and application of accounting principles; for the preparation and fair presentation of the schedule of the financial activities of [Name of Federal Program] in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; and for compliance with applicable laws and regulations (including federal statutes) and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements (including award agreements). Your responsibilities also include identifying significant contractor relationships in which the contractor has responsibility for program compliance and for the accuracy and completeness of that information.

Management is also responsible for making all program financial records and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information. You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the schedule, including identification of all related parties and all related-party relationships and transactions, (2) access to personnel, accounts, books, records, supporting documentation, and other information as needed to perform an audit under the Uniform Guidance, (3) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit, and (4) unrestricted access to persons within the Organization from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the schedule to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the schedule as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the Organization involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the schedule. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Organization received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the Organization complies with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants. Management is also responsible for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud and noncompliance with provision of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements that we report. Additionally, as required by the Uniform Guidance, it is management's responsibility to evaluate and monitor noncompliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards; take prompt action when instances of noncompliance are identified including noncompliance identified in audit findings; promptly follow up and take corrective action on reported audit findings; and prepare a summary schedule of prior audit findings and a separate corrective action plan. The summary schedule of prior audit findings should be available for our review on April 1, 2022.

You are responsible for identifying all federal awards received and understanding and complying with the compliance requirements and for the preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards (including notes and noncash assistance received, and COVID-19-related concepts, such as lost revenues, if applicable) in conformity with the Uniform Guidance. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the written representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in accordance with the Uniform Guidance; (2) you believe the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, including its form and content, is stated fairly in accordance with the Uniform Guidance; (3) the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a process for tracking the status of audit findings and recommendations. Management is also responsible for identifying and providing report copies of previous financial audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies related to the objectives discussed in the Audit Objectives section of this letter. This responsibility includes relaying to us corrective actions taken to address significant findings and recommendations resulting from those audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or studies. You are also responsible for providing management's views on our current findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as your planned corrective actions for the report, and for the timing and format for providing that information.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities relating to the schedule and related notes and any other nonaudit services we provide. You will be required to acknowledge in the management representation letter our assistance with preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and related notes and that you have reviewed and approved the schedule and related notes prior to their issuance and have accepted responsibility for them. Further, you agree to oversee the nonaudit services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of those services; and accept responsibility for them.

Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other

We may from time to time, and depending on the circumstances, use third-party service providers in serving your account. We may share confidential information about you with these service providers, but remain committed to maintaining the confidentiality and security of your information. Accordingly, we maintain internal policies, procedures, and safeguards to protect the confidentiality of your personal information. In addition, we will secure confidentiality agreements with all service providers to maintain the confidentiality of your information and we will take reasonable precautions to determine that they have appropriate procedures in place to prevent the unauthorized release of your confidential information to others. In the event that we are unable to secure an appropriate confidentiality agreement, you will be asked to provide your consent prior to the sharing of your confidential information with the third-party service provider. Furthermore, we will remain responsible for the work provided by any such third-party service providers.

We understand that your employees will prepare all cash or other confirmations we request and will locate any documents selected by us for testing.

At the conclusion of the engagement, we will complete the appropriate sections of the Data Collection Form that summarizes our audit findings. It is management's responsibility to electronically submit the reporting package (including financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, summary schedule of prior audit findings, auditor's reports, and corrective action plan) along with the Data Collection Form to the federal audit clearinghouse. We will coordinate with you the electronic submission and certification. The Data Collection Form and the reporting package must be submitted within the earlier of 30 calendar days after receipt of the auditor's reports or nine months after the end of the audit period.

We will provide copies of our reports to you; however, management is responsible for distribution of the reports and the schedule. Unless restricted by law or regulation, or containing privileged and confidential information, copies of our reports are to be made available for public inspection.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Alexander Thompson Arnold PLLC and constitutes confidential information. However, subject to applicable laws and regulations, audit documentation and appropriate individuals will be made available upon request and in a timely manner to a cognizant or oversight agency or its designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Alexander Thompson Arnold PLLC personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

The audit documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of five years after the report release date or for any additional period requested by the cognizant or oversight agency. If we are aware that a federal awarding agency, pass-through entity, or auditee is contesting an audit finding, we will contact the party(ies) contesting the audit finding for guidance prior to destroying the audit documentation.

Courtney W. Moore is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the reports or authorizing another individual to sign them.

Our fees for these services be \$7,000. The fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional costs.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,

Alexander Thompson Arnold PLLC

Alexander Thompson Arnold PLLC

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of The City of Benton, Arkansas

Governance signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 19 OF 2022

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 BUDGET TO
APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR INCREASES ASSOCIATED
WITH A REVISED WAGE SCALE REALIGNMENT; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Benton, Arkansas, has approved a new Salary and Wage Scale for the employees of the City of Benton;

WHEREAS, the City Council needs to amend the 2022 City of Benton budget in order to appropriate expenses associated with the increase in the wage scale and associated salary revisions for employees;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS:**

SECTION 1: Pursuant to the authority granted in Ark. Code §§ 14-58-202 and 14-58-203 the City Council does hereby amend the FY2022 City of Benton Budget as adopted in Resolution 104 of 2021. The budget revisions are attached hereto as Exhibit 1 to this Resolution and are more fully described therein.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of February, 2022.

Tom Farmer, Mayor

Cindy Stracener, City Clerk

**City of Benton - 2022
Salary Budget Amendment Resolution**

	2022 Appropriated Budget	Proposed Salary increases with appropriated 3% raise 08/1/22	Difference
Mayor & Elected Officials			
5001.01 Full Time-Exempt	\$159,200.05	\$166,795.24	\$7,595.19
5002.00 Council Member	\$105,000.00	\$105,000.00	\$0.00
5006.00 FICA Employer Match	\$13,540.73	\$14,121.69	\$580.96
5007.00 Retirement Matching-Pension	\$18,172.01	\$19,007.48	\$835.47
Total Mayor & Elected Officials			\$9,011.62
Elected Officials not calculated to received raises at of 08/01/22			
City Clerk			
5001.02 Full Time-Non-Exempt	\$16,542.92	\$35,282.20	\$18,739.28
5002.00 City Clerk	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
5006.00 FICA Employer Match	\$1,940.40	\$3,645.68	\$1,705.28
5007.00 Retirement Matching-Pension	\$5,119.72	\$7,181.04	\$2,061.32
5009.00 Health Insurance Matching	\$0.00	\$10,280.40	\$10,280.40
Total City Clerk			\$32,786.28
1 new position added			
Elected Officials not calculated to received raises at of 08/01/22			
Administrative Services			
5001.01 Full Time-Exempt	\$319,085.07	\$341,870.64	\$22,785.57
5001.02 Full Time-Non-Exempt	\$108,774.28	\$178,814.62	\$70,040.34
5006.00 FICA Employer Match	\$31,491.94	\$38,593.12	\$7,101.18
5007.00 Retirement Matching-Pension	\$47,064.53	\$57,275.38	\$10,210.85
5009.00 Health Insurance Matching	\$64,621.44	\$76,371.36	\$11,749.92
Total Administrative Services			\$121,887.86
2 new positions added			
Legal			
5001.01 Full Time-Exempt	\$70,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$15,000.00
5006.00 FICA Employer Match	\$5,355.00	\$6,502.50	\$1,147.50
5007.00 Retirement Matching-Pension	\$7,700.00	\$9,350.00	\$1,650.00
Total Legal			\$17,797.50
Elected Officials not calculated to received raises at of 08/01/22			
Police			
5001.01 Full Time-Exempt	\$433,851.03	\$448,138.41	\$14,287.38
5001.02 Full Time-Non-Exempt	\$4,072,168.73	\$4,114,979.03	\$42,810.30
5005.01 Overtime	\$181,327.02	\$181,336.89	\$9.87
5005.02 Overtime-Grants	\$100,580.25	\$100,645.00	\$64.75
5006.00 FICA Employer Match	\$383,233.01	\$390,096.77	\$6,863.76
5007.00 Retirement Matching-Pension	\$41,497.72	\$41,996.86	\$499.14
5008.00 Retirement LOPFI	\$831,887.41	\$850,162.49	\$18,275.08
Total Police			\$82,810.28
Fire			
5001.01 Full Time-Exempt	\$384,206.21	\$394,898.77	\$10,692.56
Total Fire			\$10,692.56
Community Development			
5001.01 Full Time-Exempt	\$226,595.62	\$233,501.35	\$6,905.73
5006.00 FICA Employer Match	\$40,105.43	\$40,158.34	\$52.91
5007.00 Retirement Matching-Pension	\$58,782.67	\$59,011.96	\$229.29
Total Community Development			\$7,187.93
1 new position added			
Total General Fund			\$249,387.75

	2022 Appropriated Budget	Proposed Salary increases with appropriated 3% raise 08/1/22	Difference
Street			
5001.01 Full Time-Exempt	\$123,250.88	\$131,706.15	\$8,455.27
5001.02 Full Time-Non-Exempt	\$535,482.90	\$570,163.57	\$34,680.67
5005.01 Overtime	\$11,423.41	\$12,188.62	\$765.21
5005.10 On-Call	\$36,506.35	\$38,941.87	\$2,435.52
5006.00 FICA Employer Match	\$52,715.83	\$56,942.07	\$4,226.24
5007.00 Retirement Matching-Pension	\$77,732.99	\$83,809.94	\$6,076.95
Total Street			\$56,639.86
Stormwater			
5001.02 Full Time-Non-Exempt	\$80,014.77	\$80,014.77	\$0.00
5005.01 Overtime	\$3,173.66	\$3,173.66	\$0.00
5005.10 On-Call	\$10,001.85	\$10,001.85	\$0.00
5006.00 FICA Employer Match	\$6,715.96	\$6,715.96	\$0.00
5007.00 Retirement Matching-Pension	\$10,250.93	\$10,250.93	\$0.00
Total Stormwater			\$0.00
Animal Control			
5001.01 Full Time-Exempt	\$69,403.20	\$72,873.36	\$3,470.16
5001.02 Full Time-Non-Exempt	\$246,959.63	\$259,683.91	\$12,724.28
5005.01 Overtime	\$5,775.04	\$6,090.02	\$314.98
5005.10 On-Call	\$4,211.04	\$4,430.13	\$219.09
5006.00 FICA Employer Match	\$24,190.45	\$25,470.18	\$1,279.73
5007.00 Retirement Matching-Pension	\$35,898.38	\$37,738.52	\$1,840.14
Total Animal Control			\$19,848.38
Parks General Operating			
5001.01 Full Time-Exempt	\$480,538.25	\$616,768.87	\$136,230.62
5001.02 Full Time-Non-Exempt	\$707,199.27	\$844,757.84	\$137,558.57
5002.00 Part-Time	\$385,652.77	\$498,957.40	\$113,304.63
5005.01 Overtime	\$105,916.15	\$127,715.02	\$21,798.87
5007.00 Retirement Matching-Pension	\$142,301.90	\$174,816.59	\$32,514.69
5009.00 Health Insurance Matching	\$223,242.24	\$245,272.56	\$22,030.32
Total Parks General Operating			\$463,437.70
3 new positions added			

RESOLUTION NO. 20 OF 2022

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOWEST ACCEPTABLE BID
FOR PROVIDING LAWN CARE SERVICES FROM ABSHURE
LAWN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,440.00; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, after having advertised for bids for lawn care services, the City Council of the City of Benton, Arkansas, has determined that the bid submitted by Abshure Lawn is the lowest acceptable bid for this construction project and that the City should award the contract to this lowest acceptable bidder.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF BENTON, ARKANSAS:**

SECTION 1: The bid by Abshure Lawn in the amount of \$58,440.00 is the lowest acceptable bid and said bid should be accepted and awarded to Abshure Lawn for lawn care services. The bids are attached hereto as Exhibit 1 to this Resolution.

SECTION 2: On behalf of the City, the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract for lawn care services with the successful bidder and to execute such other documents as may be necessary and convenient to accomplish this purpose. The Mayor is likewise authorized on behalf of the City to pay Abshure Lawn those sums that become due and payable over the course of contract term.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of February, 2022.

Tom Farmer, Mayor

Cindy Stracener, City Clerk



Abshure Lawn Care

330 Ronnie Ln, Austin AR 72007 | (501) 259-5905 | jabshure76@gmail.com

February 7, 2022

City of Benton, Arkansas
2022 Bid for Mowing Parks and Rec
Benton, AR 72015

Dear City of Benton, Arkansas:

This bid is from Abshure Lawn Care. It is based on our knowledge of the properties involved. All requirements for care of these properties as stated in the bid is included in the price. It takes into account the care of the properties including mowing, weed-eating sidewalk and around buildings, and the blowing of sidewalks and walkways. This price also includes the applicable state sales tax of 6.5%. Thank you for your consideration in using our services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeremy Abshure".

Jeremy Abshure

Abshure Lawn Care

330 Ronnie Ln, Austin AR 72007 | (501) 259-5905 | jabshure76@gmail.com

Abshure Lawn Care

Jeremy Abshure, Owner/Operator

Abshure Lawn Care Proposal for City of Benton

Task: Mow each park as required to maintain grass at an aesthetically pleasing height (2-3"), frequency is once a week, but may vary with weather conditions.

Task: Weed-eating to maintain grass around curbs, buildings, pond levy, etc.

Task: Paved areas blown off

Abshure Lawn Care employs 6 people. We own 6 John Deere zero turn commercial mowers; multiple weed eaters, and blowers, as well as various equipment for trimming and clearing properties as needed.

Total Price: Tyndall Park: \$915.00 per mowing (\$27,450.00 annually)

Ralph Bunche Park: \$235.00 per mowing (\$7,050.00 annually)

Sunset Lake: \$798.00 per mowing (\$23,940.00 annually)

Commercial References: Cabot School District

Debbie Carr

103 Commerce Park Dr.

Cabot, AR 72023

(501) 743 - 3528

Debbie.carr@cps.k12.ar.us



Office of Administrative Services
114 S. East Street
Benton, AR 72015

Request for Proposals

Bid Number: RFP 2022-01	Buyer: Cynthia Nesbitt, Purchasing Coordinator
Commodity: Lawn Care Services	Bid Opening Date: Thursday, February 3, 2022
Department: Parks Department	Bid Opening Time: 11:00 a.m.
Date Issued: Thursday, January 20, 2022	

All proposals will be accepted until **Thursday, February 3, 2022**. All proposals must be placed in a sealed package clearly marked on the outside "**City of Benton Parks Department Lawn Care Services RFP.**" The envelope should be properly addressed to the City of Benton with the Proposer's name and address indicated outside on the sealed package. An unsigned proposal will be considered non-responsive.

Mailing Address:	Bid Opening Location:
PO Box 607	114 S. East Street
Benton, AR 72018	Benton, AR 72015

Abshure Lawn Care
Printed Name of Company

330 Bonnie Ln Austin AR 72007
Company Address

(501) 259-7177
Telephone Number

Fax Number

jabshure76@gmail.com
E-Mail Address

Jeremy Abshure
Printed Name of Authorized Signature

2/7/22
Date

[Signature]
Authorized Signature

2/7/22
Date



Office of Administrative Services
114 S. East Street
Benton, AR 72015

Official RFP Price Sheet

All applicants must fill out the form below, along with the appropriate authorized signatures.

	Price per Services	Price Annually
913 E Sevier Street (Tyndall Park)	\$ 915 ⁰⁰	\$27,450 ⁰⁰
1300 S East Street (Ralph Bunche Park)	\$ 235 ⁰⁰	\$ 7,050 ⁰⁰
Fairfield Road (Sunset Lake)	\$ 798 ⁰⁰	\$23,940 ⁰⁰

Upon signing this form, the applicant is acknowledging that all information provided in this RFP is true and will provide documentation requested.

Price given above is the final to the City of Benton and includes all taxes, overhead and profit to the bidder. The City of Benton reserves the right to accept any or all part of bids, to reject any or all bids and to award to the bid deemed in the best interest to the City.

Abshure Lawn Care

Printed Name of Company

330 Ronnie Ln. Austin AR 72007

Company Address

(501) 259-7177

Telephone Number

Fax Number

jabshure76@gmail.com

E-Mail Address

Jeremy Abshure

Printed Name of Authorized Signature

2/7/22

Date

[Signature]

Authorized Signature

2/7/22

Date

RESOLUTION NO. 21 OF 2022

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOWEST ACCEPTABLE BID
FOR RENOVATIONS AT LYLE PARK FROM CLINE
CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City of Benton, Arkansas, after having advertised for bids for the renovation at Lyle Park, the City Council has determined that the bid submitted by Cline Construction Group, LLC is the lowest acceptable bid for this construction project and that the City should award the contract to this lowest acceptable bidder.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF BENTON,
ARKANSAS:**

SECTION 1: The bid of Cline Construction Group, LLC in the amount of \$696,552.00 is the lowest acceptable bid and said bid should be accepted and awarded to Cline Construction, LLC for the renovations at Lyle Park.

SECTION 2: The Mayor is authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Benton, a contract for renovations at Lyle Park with the successful bidder and to execute such other documents as may be necessary and convenient to accomplish this purpose. The Mayor is likewise authorized on behalf of the City to pay Cline Construction Group, LLC, those sums which become due and payable over the course of the contract term.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the ____ day of February, 2022.

Tom Farmer, Mayor

Cindy Stracener, City Clerk

BID FORM



NOTE TO BIDDER: Please use BLACK ink for completing this Bid form.

To. City of Benton

Address: River Center at 1800 Citizens Drive
Benton, AR 72015

Project Title: LYLE PARK

Engineer's
Project No.: 19-5850

Date: January 18, 2022 Arkansas Contractor's
License No.: 0206020422

Bidder: Cline Construction Group LLC

Address: PO Box 1539, Little Rock, AR 72203

Bidder's person to contact for additional information on this Bid:

Name: Logan Holmes

Telephone: 501.663.0265

ADDENDA

The Bidder hereby acknowledges that he/she has received Addenda Numbers:

No1 dated 01.17.2022

No 2 dated 01.17.2022 to these Specifications.

(Bidder insert number of each addendum received.)

INSURANCE AND BONDING REQUIREMENTS

The Bidder hereby acknowledges that he/she has read and understands the performance bond, payment bond, and insurance requirements for this project as specified in the General Conditions. If awarded a construction contract, the Bidder agrees to furnish the required bonds and insurance certificates within fifteen (15) days of the date the award is made.

Signature [Signature]

Title President

MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

The Bidder hereby acknowledges that he/she has read and understands Section 01025 - Measurement and Payment completely prior to completing this Bid Form.

Signature [Signature]

Title President

BIDDER'S DECLARATION AND UNDERSTANDING

The undersigned, hereinafter called the Bidder, declares that the only persons or parties interested in this Bid are those named herein, that this Bid is, in all respects, fair and without fraud, that it is made without collusion with any official of the Owner, and that the Bid is made without any connection or collusion with any person submitting another Bid on this Contract.

The Bidder further declares that he has carefully examined the Contract Documents for the construction of the project, that he has personally inspected the site, that he has satisfied himself as to the quantities involved, including materials and equipment, and conditions of work involved, including the fact that the description of the quantities of work and materials, as included herein, is brief and is intended only to indicate the general nature of the work and to identify the said quantities with the detailed requirements of the Contract Documents, and that this Bid is made according to the provisions and under the terms of the Contract Documents, which Documents are hereby made a part of this Bid.

The Bidder further agrees that he has exercised his own judgment and has utilized all data which he believes pertinent from the Engineer, Owner, and other sources in arriving at his own conclusions.

The Bidder states that he has experience in and is qualified to perform the work herein specified and, if he does not have craftsmen experienced and qualified in any phase of the work for which this Bid is offered, that he will subcontract the work under said phase to a contractor who does have the necessary experience and qualifications.

CONTRACT EXECUTION AND BONDS

The Bidder agrees that if this Bid is accepted, he will, within 15 days after notice of award, sign the Contract in the form annexed hereto, and will at that time, deliver to the Owner the Performance Bond and Payment Bond required herein, and will, to the extent of his Bid, furnish all machinery, tools, apparatus, and other means of construction and do the work and furnish all the materials necessary to complete all work as specified or indicated in the Contract Documents.

CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE, PAYMENT BOND, AND PERFORMANCE BOND

The Bidder further agrees to furnish the Owner, before executing the Contract, the certificates of insurance, Payment Bond, and Performance Bond as specified in these Documents.

START OF CONSTRUCTION, CONTRACT COMPLETION TIME, AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

Start of Construction, Contract Completion Time, and Liquidated Damages are stated in Document 00500 - Contract.

SALES AND USE TAXES

The Bidder agrees that all federal, state, and local sales and use taxes are included in the stated bid prices for the work.

UNIT PRICE BASE BID

Any Bid may be rejected which contains material omissions, or irregularities, or in which any of the unit prices are obviously unbalanced in the opinion of the Owner. Also, a bid may be rejected if, in any

manner it shall fail to conform to the conditions of the published Bidding Requirements and Contract Documents.

The bidder agrees to accept as full payment for the work proposed herein the amount computed under the provisions of the Contract Documents and based on the following unit price amounts, it being expressly understood that the unit prices are independent of the exact quantities involved. The bidder agrees that the unit prices represent a true measure of the labor and materials required to perform the work, including all allowances for overhead and profit for each type and unit of work called for in the Contract Documents.

Item No.	Item Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
1	Site Preparation & Erosion Control	LS	1	\$ 76,270	\$ 76,270.00
2	Earthwork	LS	1	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 26,500.00
3	Concrete Pavement (4" Depth)	SF	23,823	\$ 4.50	\$ 107,203.50
4	Class 7 Aggregate Base Course (6" Depth) for Parking Lot	TON	894	\$ 24.00	\$ 21,456.00
5	Concrete Sidewalk (4" Depth)	SF	3,555	\$ 6.00	\$ 21,330.00
6	Class 7 Aggregate Base Course (4" Depth) for Sidewalk	TON	87	\$ 26.00	\$ 2,262.00
7	Class 7 Aggregate Base Course (4" Depth) for Bio Swales and Gravel Picnic Area	TON	43	\$ 26.00	\$ 1,118.00
8	Concrete Turndown Wall	SY	12	\$ 340.00	\$ 4,080.00
9	Reinforced Stamped Concrete Dock	SF	440	\$ 28.00	\$ 12,320.00
10	Concrete Dock Turndown Wall	SY	13	\$ 1500.00	\$ 19,500.00
11	Dock Bumpers	LF	59	\$ 250.00	\$ 14,750.00
12	Dock Cleats	EA	6	\$ 100.00	\$ 600.00
13	Kayak Launch	EA	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
14	Install Type "A" Concrete Curb & Gutter	LF	704	\$ 23.00	\$ 16,192.00
15	Install Concrete Ribbon Curb	LF	271	\$ 30.00	\$ 8,130.00
16	Thickened Concrete Edge (8" Depth)	SY	52	\$ 80.00	\$ 4,160.00
17	Install Retaining Walls (1' Thick)	SF	670	\$ 68.00	\$ 45,560.00
18	Install Retaining Walls (1.5' Thick)	SF	360	\$ 90.00	\$ 32,400.00
19	Install Wall-Mounted Handrail	LF	30	\$ 100.00	\$ 3,000.00
20	Install Freestanding Handrail	LF	166	\$ 107.00	\$ 17,762.00
21	Install Guardrail	LF	106	\$ 260.00	\$ 27,560.00
22	Install Riprap	SY	48	\$ 55.00	\$ 2,640.00
23	Install Grouted Riprap	SY	48	\$ 255.00	\$ 12,240.00

Item No.	Item Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
24	Install Trench Drains (12" Wide)	LF	110	\$ 132.00	\$ 14,520.00
25	Install 6" HDPE Storm Drain Piping	LF	39	\$ 18.00	\$ 702.00
26	Headwall for 6" HDPE Storm Pipe	EA	3	\$ 1800.00	\$ 5400.00
27	Install 12" Beehive Grate Inlet	EA	1	\$ 3800.00	\$ 3800.00
28	Install Concrete Swale	SY	37	\$ 210.00	\$ 7,770.00
29	Install Concrete Stairs and Guardrail (23' Long, 14' Tall)	LS	1	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
30	Concrete Wheel Stops	EA	22	\$ 75.00	\$ 1650.00
31	Install Truncated Domes	SF	30	\$ 350.00	\$ 10,500.00
32	Parking Lot Striping	LS	1	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
33	Install New Light Pole & Fixtures	EA	2	\$ 4500.00	\$ 9,000.00
34	Install New Light Fixtures	EA	2	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,500.00
35	Install Electric Conduit	LF	268	\$ 34.00	\$ 9,112.00
36	Picnic Table	EA	4	\$ 2240.00	\$ 8,960.00
37	ADA Parking Signage and Post	EA	2	\$ 550.00	\$ 1100.00
38	ADA Parking Symbol	EA	2	\$ 550.00	\$ 1100.00
39	Signage	LS	1	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
40	Landscaping: Shrubs & Groundcovers	LS	1	\$ 16,664.00	\$ 16,664.00
41	Seeding and Mulching	LS	1	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
42	Arkansas Code Ann. §22-9-212, Trench and Excavation Safety System	LS	1	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
43	Miscellaneous (Mobilization, Demobilization, Traffic Control, Bonds, Insurance, As-Built Record Drawings, and Any Items not Covered Elsewhere to Complete the Project per the Drawings and Specifications)	LS	1	\$ 72,390.50	\$ 72,390.50

TOTAL AMOUNT BID \$ 696,552.00

Six Hundred ninety Six Thousand Five Hundred
Words
Fifty Two Dollars

BASIS OF AWARD

The Bidder understands that the Contract will be awarded to the most qualified bidder with the lowest Total Base Bid that the Owner may choose that makes the Project cost acceptable to the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities, reject bids, choose the most qualified bidder for the

Project, and to postpone award of the Contract for a period of time which shall not exceed beyond 90 days from the bid opening date.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

A detailed payment schedule for each structure or unit shall be submitted by the successful low Bidder. The successful low Bidder shall meet with the Engineer and Owner in Little Rock, Arkansas, to review the format and details of the payment schedule. This meeting shall be held within 5 days of notification that the Contractor is the low Bidder. The purpose of the meeting shall be to establish an acceptable format for the payment schedule. The construction detailed payment schedule shall be completed by the Contractor 14 days after the meeting and submitted to the Engineer and Owner for review and approval. Failure of the Contractor to submit the payment schedule as required may result in the Owner's rejection of the Bid or delay in processing the Contractor's request for a progress payment.

SUBCONTRACTORS

The Bidder further certifies that proposals from the following subcontractors were used in the preparation of this Bid; and if awarded a contract, Bidder agrees to not enter into Contracts with others for these divisions of the Work without written approval from the Owner and Engineer.

<u>Precise Electric</u>	<u>Barker Excavation</u>
Subcontractor	Subcontractor
<u>0222630522</u>	<u>0191130322</u>
Arkansas Contractor License #	Arkansas Contractor License #
<u>3250 Harrison St. Barksdale AR 72501</u>	<u>10085 Congo Rd, Benton AR 72019</u>
Street Address, City, State, Zip Code	Street Address, City, State, Zip Code
<u>Marking Systems Inc</u>	
Subcontractor	Subcontractor
<u>N/A</u>	
Arkansas Contractor License #	Arkansas Contractor License #
<u>P.O. Box 26078, Little Rock AR</u>	
Street Address, City, State, Zip Code <u>72221</u>	Street Address, City, State, Zip Code

The Bidder shall list the suppliers/vendors where material for this Project will be purchased from and successful Bidder shall updated suppliers/vendors during construction of the Project.

PERFORMANCE OF WORK BY CONTRACTOR

Erosion control, concrete work, dock bumpers & cleats install, kayak launch, handrail install, install retaining walls, wheel stops, truncated domes, parking lot striping, signage, ADA signage and landscaping.

Four Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$ 470,000⁰⁰)
(Words)

EXPERIENCE OF BIDDER

The Bidder states that he is an experienced Contractor and has completed similar and successful projects within the last 5 years. (List similar projects, with types, names of clients, construction costs, and references with telephone numbers. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

Construct boat ramp and facilities for Greenhead Properties

Completed 2021 - \$160,000

Greenhead Properties Office 501.912.2602

SURETY

If the Bidder is awarded a construction Contract on this Bid, the Surety who provides the Performance and Payment Bond will be:

Sterling Seacrest Pritchard _____ whose address is:

PO Box 16445, Little Rock, AR 72231

Street, City, State Zip Code

BIDDER

The name of the Bidder submitting this Bid is:

Cline Construction Group LLC _____ doing business

at:

2200 Brookwood Drive, Suite 105, Little Rock, AR 72202

Street, City, State, Zip Code

which is the address to which all communications concerned with this Bid and with the Contract shall be sent.

The names of the principal officers of the corporation submitting this Bid, or of the partnership, or of all persons interested in this Bid as principals are as follows:

Ernie Cline, President

If Sole Proprietor or Partnership

IN WITNESS hereto the undersigned has set his (its) hand this 18th day of January, 2022.



Signature of Bidder

President

Title

If Corporation

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned corporation has caused this instrument to be executed
and its seal affixed by its duly authorized officers this ____ day of _____, 20__.

(SEAL)

Name of Corporation

By _____

Title _____

Attest _____

Secretary

DOCUMENT 00350

BID BOND

STATE OF ARKANSAS

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we:

Cline Construction Group, LLC

Principal and Contractor, and Granite Re, Inc.

hereinafter called Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the **City of Benton, Arkansas** and represented by its Mayor and City Council, hereinafter called Owner, in the sum of

Five Percent of Bid Amount---- DOLLARS (\$ 5% of bid)

lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, by these presents.

WHEREAS, the Principal contemplates submitting or has submitted a bid to the Owner for the furnishing of all labor, materials (except those to be specifically furnished by the Owner), equipment, machinery, tools, apparatus, means of transportation for, and the performance of the work covered in the Bid and the detailed Drawings and Specifications, entitled:

LYLE PARK – 19-5850

Benton, Arkansas

WHEREAS, it was a condition precedent to the submission of said bid that a cashier's check, certified check, or bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the base bid be submitted with said bid as a guarantee that the Bidder would, if awarded the Contract, enter into a written Contract with the Owner for the performance of said Contract within 15 consecutive calendar days after written notice having been given of the award of the Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, the conditions of this obligation are such that if the Principal within 15 consecutive calendar days after written notice of such acceptance enters into a written Contract with the Owner and furnishes a Contract Surety Bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the base bid, satisfactory to the Owner, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise the sum herein stated shall be due and payable to the Owner and the Surety herein agrees to pay said sum immediately upon demand of the Owner in good and lawful money of the United States of America, as liquidated damages for failure thereof of said Principal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Cline Construction Group, LLC, as Principal herein, has caused these presents to be signed in its name by its _____ and attested by its _____ under its corporate seal, and the said Granite Re, Inc. as Surety herein, has caused these presents to be signed in its name by its Attorney-in-Fact and Agent _____ under its corporate seal, this 18th day of January A.D., 2022.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:

Cline Construction Group, LLC
Principal-Contractor

By [Signature]
President
Title

[Signature]
As to Principal

Surety

Granite Re, Inc.

[Signature]
As to Surety

Pamela K Hays
Attorney-in-Fact Pamela K. Hays
(Power-of-Attorney to be Attached)
By Pamela K Hays
Agent Pamela K. Hays

GRANITE RE, INC.
GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all Men by these Presents:

That GRANITE RE, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of MINNESOTA and having its principal office at the City of OKLAHOMA CITY in the State of OKLAHOMA does hereby constitute and appoint:

WILLIAM H. GRIFFIN; CYNTHIA L. TRICKEY; NICK W. PETERS; JAMES R. RAMSAY; PAMELA K. HAYS its true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact(s) for the following purposes, to wit:

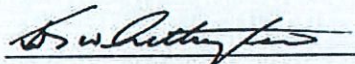
To sign its name as surety to, and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, and to respectively do and perform any and all acts and things set forth in the resolution of the Board of Directors of the said GRANITE RE, INC. a certified copy of which is hereto annexed and made a part of this Power of Attorney; and the said GRANITE RE, INC. through us, its Board of Directors, hereby ratifies and confirms all and whatsoever the said:

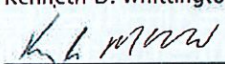
WILLIAM H. GRIFFIN; CYNTHIA L. TRICKEY; NICK W. PETERS; JAMES R. RAMSAY; PAMELA K. HAYS may lawfully do in the premises by virtue of these presents.

In Witness Whereof, the said GRANITE RE, INC. has caused this instrument to be sealed with its corporate seal, duly attested by the signatures of its President and Assistant Secretary, this 3rd day of January, 2020.



STATE OF OKLAHOMA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA)



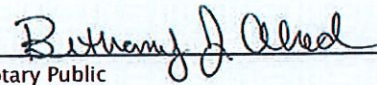
Kenneth D. Whittington, President


Kyle P. McDonald, Assistant Secretary

On this 3rd day of January, 2020, before me personally came Kenneth D. Whittington, President of the GRANITE RE, INC. Company and Kyle P. McDonald, Assistant Secretary of said Company, with both of whom I am personally acquainted, who being by me severally duly sworn, said, that they, the said Kenneth D. Whittington and Kyle P. McDonald were respectively the President and the Assistant Secretary of GRANITE RE, INC., the corporation described in and which executed the foregoing Power of Attorney; that they each knew the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said Power of Attorney was such corporate seal, that it was so fixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation, and that they signed their name thereto by like order as President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the Company.

My Commission Expires:
April 21, 2023
Commission #: 11003620





Notary Public

GRANITE RE, INC.
Certificate

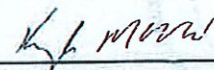
THE UNDERSIGNED, being the duly elected and acting Assistant Secretary of Granite Re, Inc., a Minnesota Corporation, HEREBY CERTIFIES that the following resolution is a true and correct excerpt from the July 15, 1987, minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of Granite Re, Inc. and that said Power of Attorney has not been revoked and is now in full force and effect.

"RESOLVED, that the President, any Vice President, the Assistant Secretary, and any Assistant Vice President shall each have authority to appoint individuals as attorneys-in-fact or under other appropriate titles with authority to execute on behalf of the company fidelity and surety bonds and other documents of similar character issued by the Company in the course of its business. On any instrument making or evidencing such appointment, the signatures may be affixed by facsimile. On any instrument conferring such authority or, on any bond or undertaking of the Company, the seal, or a facsimile thereof, may be impressed or affixed or in any other manner reproduced; provided, however, that the seal shall not be necessary to the validity of any such instrument or undertaking."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has subscribed this Certificate and affixed the corporate seal of the Corporation this

18th day of January, 2022





Kyle P. McDonald, Assistant Secretary

CERTIFIED BID TAB

PROJECT: 19-S850 Benton Lyle Park
BID LOCATION: The River Center, 1800 Citizens Drive, Benton, Arkansas 72015
BID TIME AND DATE: 2:00 PM, Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Certified by: 
 Brett Buddifson, P.L.A. License No. #9450

		CONTRACTORS NAME		CONTRACTORS LICENSE NO.		Cline Construction Group, LLC.		Township Builders, Inc.		Redstone Construction Group, Inc.	
						0206020422		003964022		0007700222	
Item No.	Item Description	Units	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1	Site Preparation & Erosion Control	LS	1	\$76,270.00	\$76,270.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$34,000.00	\$34,000.00		
2	Earthwork	LS	1	\$26,500.00	\$26,500.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$140,000.00	\$140,000.00		
3	Concrete Pavement (4" Depth)	SF	23,823	\$4.50	\$107,203.50	\$6.00	\$142,938.00	\$5.75	\$136,982.25		
4	Class 7 Aggregate Base Course (6" Depth) for Parking Lot	TON	894	\$24.00	\$21,456.00	\$36.00	\$32,184.00	\$34.00	\$30,396.00		
5	Concrete Sidewalk (4" Depth)	SF	3,555	\$6.00	\$21,330.00	\$5.00	\$17,775.00	\$10.50	\$37,327.50		
6	Class 7 Aggregate Base Course (4" Depth) for Sidewalk	TON	87	\$26.00	\$2,262.00	\$45.00	\$3,915.00	\$115.00	\$10,005.00		
7	Class 7 Aggregate Base Course (4" Depth) for Bio Swales and Gravel Picnic Area	TON	43	\$26.00	\$1,118.00	\$45.00	\$1,935.00	\$125.00	\$5,325.00		
8	Concrete Turndown Wall	SY	12	\$340.00	\$4,080.00	\$150.00	\$1,800.00	\$435.00	\$5,220.00		
9	Reinforced Stamped Concrete Dock	SF	440	\$28.00	\$12,320.00	\$15.00	\$6,600.00	\$43.75	\$19,250.00		
10	Concrete Dock Turndown Wall	SY	13	\$1,500.00	\$19,500.00	\$150.00	\$1,950.00	\$550.00	\$7,150.00		
11	Dock Bumpers	LF	59	\$250.00	\$14,750.00	\$100.00	\$5,900.00	\$75.00	\$4,425.00		
12	Dock Cleats	EA	6	\$100.00	\$600.00	\$250.00	\$1,500.00	\$145.00	\$870.00		
13	Kayak Launch	EA	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$25,600.00	\$25,600.00		
14	Install Type "A" Concrete Curb & Gutter	LF	704	\$23.00	\$16,192.00	\$40.00	\$28,160.00	\$27.50	\$19,360.00		
15	Install Concrete Ribbon Curb	LF	271	\$30.00	\$8,130.00	\$45.00	\$12,195.00	\$23.00	\$6,233.00		
16	Thickened Concrete Edge (8" Depth)	SY	52	\$80.00	\$4,160.00	\$110.00	\$5,720.00	\$99.50	\$5,174.00		
17	Install Retaining Walls (1' Thick)	SF	670	\$68.00	\$45,560.00	\$125.00	\$83,750.00	\$147.00	\$98,490.00		
18	Install Retaining Walls (1.5' Thick)	SF	360	\$90.00	\$32,400.00	\$155.00	\$55,800.00	\$148.00	\$53,280.00		
19	Install Wall-Mounted Handrail	LF	30	\$100.00	\$3,000.00	\$200.00	\$6,000.00	\$190.00	\$5,700.00		
20	Install Freestanding Handrail	LF	166	\$107.00	\$17,762.00	\$210.00	\$34,860.00	\$190.00	\$31,540.00		
21	Install Guardrail	LF	106	\$260.00	\$27,560.00	\$240.00	\$25,440.00	\$190.00	\$20,140.00		
22	Install Riprap	SY	48	\$55.00	\$2,640.00	\$50.00	\$2,400.00	\$80.00	\$3,840.00		
23	Install Grouted Riprap	SY	48	\$255.00	\$12,240.00	\$75.00	\$3,600.00	\$160.00	\$7,680.00		
24	Install Trench Drains (12" Wide)	LF	110	\$132.00	\$14,520.00	\$380.00	\$41,800.00	\$475.00	\$52,250.00		
25	Install 6" HDPE Storm Drain Piping	LF	39	\$18.00	\$702.00	\$50.00	\$1,950.00	\$70.00	\$2,730.00		
26	Headwall for 6" HDPE Storm Pipe	EA	3	\$1,800.00	\$5,400.00	\$800.00	\$2,400.00	\$1,050.00	\$3,150.00		
27	Install 12" Beehive Grate Inlet	EA	1	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,150.00	\$4,150.00		
28	Install Concrete Swale	SY	37	\$210.00	\$7,770.00	\$140.00	\$5,180.00	\$138.00	\$5,106.00		
29	Install Concrete Stairs and Guardrail (23' Long, 14' Tall)	LS	1	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$72,500.00	\$72,500.00		
30	Concrete Wheel Stops	EA	22	\$75.00	\$1,650.00	\$100.00	\$2,200.00	\$85.00	\$1,870.00		
31	Install Truncated Domes	SF	30	\$350.00	\$10,500.00	\$15.00	\$450.00	\$26.00	\$780.00		
32	Parking Lot Striping	LS	1	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$575.00	\$575.00		
33	Install New Light Pole & Fixtures	EA	2	\$4,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,500.00	\$19,000.00	\$6,500.00	\$13,000.00		
34	Install New Light Fixtures	EA	2	\$750.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,375.00	\$2,750.00		
35	Install Electric Conduit	LF	268	\$34.00	\$9,112.00	\$25.00	\$6,700.00	\$31.30	\$8,388.40		
36	Picnic Table	EA	4	\$2,240.00	\$8,960.00	\$3,600.00	\$14,400.00	\$1,750.00	\$7,000.00		
37	ADA Parking Signage and Post	EA	2	\$550.00	\$1,100.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$275.00	\$550.00		
38	ADA Parking Symbol	EA	2	\$550.00	\$1,100.00	\$400.00	\$800.00	\$55.00	\$110.00		
39	Signage	LS	1	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00		
40	Landscaping: Shrubs & Groundcovers	LS	1	\$16,664.00	\$16,664.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00		
41	Seeding and Mulching	LS	1	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00		
42	Arkansas Code Ann. §22-9-212, Trench and Excavation Safety System	LS	1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1.00	\$1.00		
43	Miscellaneous (Mobilization, Demobilization, Traffic Control, Bonds, Insurance, As-Built Record Drawings, and Any Items not Covered Elsewhere to Complete the Project per the Drawings and Specifications)	LS	1	\$72,390.50	\$72,390.50	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$138,000.00	\$138,000.00		
TOTAL AMOUNT BID					\$696,552.00		\$747,802.00		* \$1,033,898.15		

*Correction Due to Math Error

February 17, 2022

Benton Parks and Recreation
City of Benton, Arkansas
1800 Citizens Drive
Benton, Arkansas 72015
ATTN: Stephanie Jones – Director of Parks and Recreation

RE: LYLE PARK TRAILHEAD

Reference Contacts

Dear Stephanie,
McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc. (MCE) reached out to the project references that Cline Construction Group (CCG) provided. The following notes are from these discussions that took place by phone on 2/17/22:

CYPRESS PROPERTIES:

Will Collins: (501)-907-9070

Relevant Experience: Mostly retail, but have worked with Cline Construction Group on numerous projects in Central Arkansas. CCG constructed a fairly large retail shopping center (8000 square feet) approximately 2 1/2 years and did a fantastic job. Lot of other smaller jobs, tenant improvement and remodel jobs, demolition experience, prepared sites for other jobs, erosions control. No issues cutting corners, and the entire team is extremely responsive, and will get someone out to the site quickly. Will has worked with Ernie Cline and Logan Holmes, Paul Spear. Andy Chang, and has had a great experience with each. Trusts their cost numbers when they provided

WHITE PROPERTIES:

Terry White: (501)-680-4263

Relevant Experience: Worked with (CCG) Cline Construction Group on a large shopping center in Hot Springs and they did a good job. Constantly someone on site and moving the progress forward, almost always finish on time, and their team has been known to go 24/7 in order to hit the deadline, event on extremely fast paced projects (under 90 days) When issues come up, they typically provide options and decent alternates forward. CCG constructed several retail establishments for White Properties: Numerous Newks, and other retail and eateries across the state. They have parking lot experience. Developer is not aware of them ever cutting corners.

Bryan Day: (501)-490-1468

Two calls have been put in with no response yet.