

**CITY OF WARD
RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-26**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WARD AND THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, ARKANSAS FOR REPAYMENT OF FUNDS EXPENDED BY THE CITY OF WARD FOR ALETA TRAINING FOR CHRISTOPHER CURTIS

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF WARD hired Mr. Christopher Curtis in January 2022 as a Non-Certified Police Officer on January 31, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, FROM MAY 1, 2022 TO JULY 29, 2022 Mr. Curtis attended the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy (ALETA) to become a Certified Police Officer with all expenses paid for by the City of Ward; and,

WHEREAS, upon graduation from the ALETA, Mr. Curtis worked for the City of Ward as a full-time Patrol Officer until he resigned on April 10, 2023 to begin employment with the City of Rockport, Arkansas Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED (A.C.A.) 12-9-209a(3)(c) states: "If the law enforcement officer is employed more than six (6) months but not more than ten (10) months after completion of the training, the employing agency shall reimburse sixty percent (60%) of the costs or expenses of training"; and,

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF ROCKPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT was put on notice of this requirement in May and September of this year; and,

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF ROCKPORT on October 30, 2023 acknowledged the debt owed to the City of Ward and proposed a payment plan to pay off the debt over time (see attached) as they are unable to pay the debt in full at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF WARD, ARKANSAS, THAT;

SECTION 1: The City of Rockport, Arkansas is hereby authorized to pay the City of Ward \$307.00 per month until the amount of debt (\$7,352.54) is paid in full.

SECTION 2: Said payments shall be due and payable the first day of each month beginning January 1, 2024 and will be considered late if not received by the 15th of each month.

SECTION 3: Should the City of Rockport fail to pay the monthly payment for two (2) consecutive months, the Mayor and/or City Clerk is hereby authorized to terminate this payment plan and seek reimbursement pursuant to A.C.A. 12-9-209(b)

SAID RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON 11/13/23.

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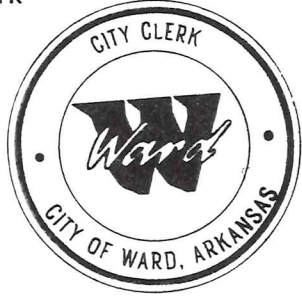
APPROVED:

[Signature]
Charles Gastineau, Mayor

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Krystal Rummel, City Clerk

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Oct. 30th, 2023

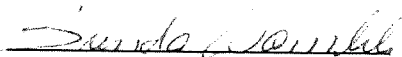
TO: Mr. Charles Gastineau
Mayor, City of Ward

Mr. Gastineau, this letter is in reference to our conversation concerning Mr. Chris Curtis. I appreciate your kindness and time with this matter and willingness to help us. I have calculated the amount that your department said we owed and was wanting to see if we can do payments arrangements of \$307.00 per month for 24 months.

As per our conversation, you seem to understand our situation. We so appreciate your kindness and offer to work with us.

Please let me know if this is agreeable to you, and if so, please email me the address where a check maybe sent and a contact person for this. The phone # here is 501-332-8700.

Sincerely,



Brenda Womble
Asst. Mayor