

RESOLUTION No. R-2022-27

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND APPROVING THE MAYOR OR CITY CLERK TO MAKE APPLICATION TO LONOKE COUNTY FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF RADIO-READ WATER METERS WITHIN THE WARD WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM

WHEREAS, ON MARCH 11, 2021, PRESIDENT BIDEN signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021. The American Rescue Plan provides \$350 billion in assistance to state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments through newly established Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF).

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF WARD has received its portion of the ARPA funds totally \$1,110,074.97 and has committed 100% of the funds to replace all (approx. 4,800) water meters in the Ward Water and Sewer System; and,

WHEREAS, in June 2022, a Request for Proposal was published requesting interested parties to submit proposals to replace all the Ward Water and Sewer System water meters with radio-read meters and supporting software; and,

WHEREAS, upon initial review of the submitted proposals it was determined that additional funds will be needed to fully purchase and install the meters as the proposals have ranged from \$1.2 mil¹ to \$2.8 mil²; and,

WHEREAS, LONOKE COUNTY has received approximately \$14 million in ARPA funds and is allocating a portion of the funds for water, sewer, broadband, and other infrastructure-like projects and has requested interested entities to submit an application through their ARPA administrator, CAPDD; and,

WHEREAS, APPROXIMATELY 43% of the meters in the Ward Water and Sewer System are located outside the city limit of Ward. As such, the use of county ARPA funds is appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARD THAT;

SECTION 1: The City Council of the City of Ward fully supports the submission of an application to Lonoke County for \$500,000.00 to help offset the costs of the Ward Water Meter Replacement Program.

SECTION 2: The Mayor or City Clerk is hereby authorized to apply to Lonoke County for ARPA funds in support of said project.

¹ Proposal did not contain all the requested items to be properly evaluated

² As of the passage of this Resolution, a complete evaluation of the proposals has not been completed


Said resolution has been properly introduced and the vote was:

PASSED

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DATE: September 19, 2022

APPROVED:



Charles Gastineau, Mayor

ATTEST:



Krystal Rummel, City Clerk

City Seal