

CITY OF WARD
RESOLUTION R-2026-19

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR REMOVAL OF A TREE DAMAGED BY A WATER MAIN BREAK AND REPAIR; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, ON MARCH 18, 2026, a six-inch water main broke under a 65' Pin Oak tree¹ in front of the Ward United Methodist Church; and,

WHEREAS, during the repairs, the tree's roots were damaged to the point that the city was advised by a Certified Arborist that the tree was in danger of falling in high winds, would not survive regardless and needed to be taken down immediately; and,

WHEREAS an Emergency was declared by the Mayor and three (3) estimates were obtained to remove the tree (attached).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF WARD, ARKANSAS, HEREBY DECLARES THAT:

SECTION 1 – EMERGENCY DECLARED: The Council concurs with the Mayor declaring an emergency.

SECTION 2 – WORK AUTHORIZED: Due to the emergency, it was necessary for the Mayor to authorize the removal of the tree prior to obtaining council approval for the low bidder.

SECTION 3 – PAYMENT AUTHORIZED: Payment is authorized – after the fact – due to the emergency.

SECTION 4 – FUNDING SOURCE: The use of Water Funds is authorized and the budget amended thereto.

SAID RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON 4-21-2026

Voice Vote: YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0 OR;

Roll Call Vote: YEAS: _____ NAYS: _____ Mayor (if needed) _____

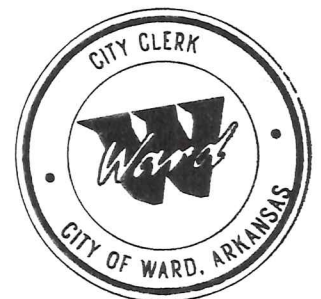
Brooke _____, Chapman _____, Hall _____, Hefner _____, McMinn _____, Ruble _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:


Charles Gastineau, Mayor


Krystal Rummel, City Clerk



¹ The tree had a 173" circumference and a 99' canopy spread to the east/west and a 116' canopy spread to the north/south and was estimated to be between 60-65 years old.