

**RESOLUTION No. R-2024-09**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY CLERK TO EXTEND THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN PARAMEDIC SERVICE, INC AND ENTER INTO A THREE-YEAR EXTENSION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS, THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS ("CITY") AND SOUTHERN PARAMEDIC SERVICES, INC ("SMS")** entered into a one-year extension (Attachment 1) of a previously executed exclusive contract to provide Emergency Medical Services ("EMS") to the City of Ward and the Ward Fire Department District on March 8, 2023; and,

**WHEREAS,** the current contract extension expires on March 16, 2024 and both the City and SPS desire to extend such agreement for an additional three (3) years as shown in the Attachment 2.

**WHEREAS,** this agreement has furthered the governmental objective of the City of Ward to provide high quality Paramedic-Level EMS to its citizens and those in its Fire District.

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

**SECTION 1.** The Agreement, in substantially the form presented at the meeting at which this Resolution is addressed, and attached hereto as Attachment 2", is hereby approved, and the Mayor and/or City Clerk of the City of Ward, Arkansas, is authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Ward, Arkansas, with such changes as may be approved by the Mayor consistent with the Agreement presented and the terms of this Resolution. Upon the expiration of the three-year (3) year term, the City Council authorizes a month-to-month extension until a formal extension is approved by both parties.

**SECTION 2.**

- (a) The Mayor and/or Clerk of the City of Ward, Arkansas, is authorized to execute such writings and take such actions as may be appropriate to carry out the terms of this Resolution.
- (b) Action heretofore taken by the Mayor and the Clerk and consistent with the purposes of this Resolution, including execution of the agreement, is hereby ratified.

**SECTION 3.** It has been found that the Agreement is plainly in the interest of the city of Ward, Arkansas, and that its execution is essential. Therefore, this Resolution, being necessary for the preservation of the public health and safety, shall be in effect upon its adoption.

**SAID RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON** 2/20/24.

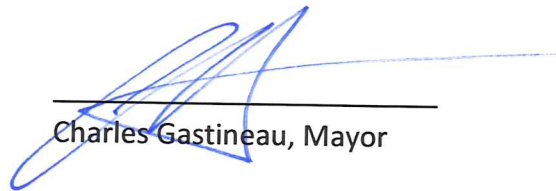
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Mayor (if needed) \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

  
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Charles Gastineau, Mayor

  
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Krystal Rummel, City Clerk

