RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City of Bryant, Arkansas (the "City"), is a defendant in the civil action styled *Patricia Joyner v. City of Bryant, Arkansas*, Saline County Circuit Court, Case No. 63CV-25-1430; and

WHEREAS, the City denies any and all liability and wrongdoing in connection with the claims asserted in said lawsuit; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has been advised by the City Attorney regarding the nature of the claims, the risks and expense of continued litigation, and the terms of a proposed settlement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it to be in the best interests of the City to resolve this matter without further litigation, while expressly admitting no liability; and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement provides for payment by the City in the total amount of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($12,500.00) in full and final settlement of all claims asserted or which could have been asserted in this action, subject to execution of a written settlement agreement and release.

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

1. **Approval of Settlement.**
   The City Council hereby approves the settlement of *Patricia Joyner v. City of Bryant, Arkansas*, Case No. 63CV-25-1430, in the total amount of $12,500.00, contingent upon execution of a mutually acceptable written settlement agreement and release.

2. **No Admission of Liability.**
   This settlement is a compromise of disputed claims and shall not be construed as, nor shall it constitute, an admission of liability, fault, or wrongdoing by the City of Bryant, all of which are expressly denied.

3. **Authorization to Execute Documents.**
   The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate this settlement, including the settlement agreement and release, upon approval as to form by the City Attorney.

4. **Appropriation of Funds.**
   The sum of $12,500.00 is hereby appropriated from the appropriate City fund(s) for the purpose of satisfying the settlement approved herein.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ___ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST: APPROVED:

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City Clerk Mark Smith Mayor Chris Treat