RESOLUTION NO. 2022-_____

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF

City of Bryant, Arkansas

TO UTILIZE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS

FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CURRENT WATER/SEWER METERING SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the *City of Bryant* is aware that the current water and sewer metering system is rapidly failing and in need of an upgraded system that better suits the City, and the City has completed a pilot of four different metering systems in place of public bid, and it was determined the best metering system for the City was the Metron-Farnier meters with the installation done by Rural Water Services Inc. and the use of $2M in ARPA funds towards the total cost of $3,079,650.

WHEREAS, the *City of Bryant* has already received $4.2M in American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") funds to be used for eligible projects as part of the first tranche, and

WHEREAS, *City of Bryant* understands the final ruling of ARPA eligible projects are to include Drinking Water projects such as "Replacement of infrastructure to improve water pressure to sage levels or to prevent contamination caused by non-potable liquids entering the system through leaks or pipe breaks. E.g. meters" , and

WHEREAS, *City of Bryant* understands that ARPA Funds are available for this project requiring work to be accomplished and certified, and

WHEREAS, this project, using federal funding, will be open and available for use by the general public and maintained by the applicant for the life of the project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY *BRYANT CITY COUNCIL* THAT:

SECTION I: *City of Bryant* certifies that the ARPA funds will be used for the Purchase and Installation of the Metron-Farnier metering system.

SECTION II: *City of Bryant* will participate in accordance with its designated responsibility, including maintenance of this project.

SECTION III: *Mayor Allen E. Scott* is hereby authorized and directed to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to expedite the construction of the above stated project.

SECTION IV: *Bryant City Council* pledges its full support and hereby authorizes the Public Works Department to initiate action to implement this project.

SECTION V: Emergency Clause. This is an exceptional situation and failure of existing meters is imminent. It is in the best interest of the personnel of the City of Bryant and Citizens of the City of Bryant, Saline County, Arkansas, that an Emergency is Declared; and this Resolution shall be effective from and after its date of passage.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 15th day of November, 2022.

Signed: _____
Mayor Allen E. Scott

ATTEST: _____
(SEAL)