AGENDA ITEM HISTORY SHEET

ITEM TITLE	**AGENDA NO.** 2024-
ARPA Fund Resolution	**AGENDA DATE:** Sept 24, 2024

FUNDING CERTIFICATION (Finance Director) (Signature, if applicable) 9/12/24

MANAGEMENT STAFF REVIEW (Signature)

MAYOR (Signature)

ITEM HISTORY (Previous Council reviews, action related to this item, and other pertinent history)

Resolution for the City of Bryant to use $867,000.00 available of ARPA funds along with the remaining available balance of $721,553.00 in the Stormwater Infrastructure account 515-0140-5816 for construction of Phase I, II, & III of Stillman Loop Drainage Improvements. All ARPA funds must be applied and contracts completed by 12/31/2024.

ITEM COMMENTARY (Background discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.) Please identify any or all impacts this proposed action would have on the City budget, personnel resources, and/or residents.

(This section to be completed by the Mayor)

ACTION PROPOSED (Motion for Consideration)

Proposed action is for council to approve the resolution to expedite the process for the use of ARPA funds and to start bid, contracts and construction.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-___

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF BRYANT TO UTILIZE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF STILLMAN PHASE I, II, AND III.

WHEREAS, the City of Bryant is aware of the following in Stillman Loop Phase I, II, and III, portions of the phases are in dire condition and is in immediate danger of failure, 11 homes flood or receive repetitive loss, 16 homes receive extensive yard flooding and multiple roads become impassable due to high water. The City has completed Construction Engineering Drawings and will obtain Public Bids immediately to complete the replacement and upsizing of necessary infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the City of Bryant has already received 4.3 million dollars in American Rescue Plan Act funds to be used for eligible projects as part of the first and second tranches; and can obligate any remaining unobligated ARPA balances;

WHEREAS, the City of Bryant will use $867,000.00 available of ARPA funds along with the remaining available balance of $721,553.00 in the Stormwater Infrastructure account 515-0140-5816. All three phases combined will have an approximate not to exceed cost of $1.6 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bryant understands the final ruling of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) eligible projects are to include Stormwater Projects in regards to "Culvert repair, resizing, and removal, replacement of stormwater sewer systems and additional types of stormwater infrastructure"; and

WHEREAS, the 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 THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRYANT, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. *City of Bryant* certifies that the ARPA funds will be used for the Reconstruction of Stillman Loop Phase I, II, and III.

SECTION 2. *City of Bryant* will participate in accordance with its designated responsibility, including the maintenance of this project.

SECTION 3. *Mayor Chris Treat* is hereby authorized and directed to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary by December 31, 2024 to expedite the construction of the stated project within this resolution and to meet ARPA funding deadlines.

SECTION 4. *Bryant City Council* pledges its full support and hereby authorizes the Public Works Department to commence action in the implementation of this project.

SECTION 5. **Emergency Clause**. This is an exceptional situation Public Health & Safety and failure of existing infrastructure is imminent. The City of Bryant has a strict deadline to obligate and use remaining ARPA Funds. It is in the best interest of the personnel of the City of Bryant and the Citizens of the City of Bryant, Saline County, Arkansas, that an Emergency is Declared: and this Resolution shall be effective from and after the date of passage.

This Resolution adopted this ____ day of September , 2024.

ATTEST: **APPROVED:**

Mark Smith, City Clerk **Chris Treat, Mayor**