RESOLUTION NO. 2024-___

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF BRYANT TO UTILIZE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FOR THE SOUTH PRESSURE PLAIN WATER PROJECT .

WHEREAS, the City of Bryant is aware that the South Pressure Plain Water Project was noted in the Water Master Plan adopted by City Council and is crucial to ensure continued safety and compliance throughout the City's water system;

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 $900,000 available of ARPA funds to start the project design and will actively continuing exploring funding sources for the remainder of the project balance and;

WHEREAS, the City of Bryant understands the final ruling of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) eligible projects include building or upgrading facilities and transmission, distribution, and storage systems; supporting the consolidation or establishment of drinking water systems; and replacing lead service lines.

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 towards the completion of the South Pressure Plain Water Project.

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 October , 2024.

ATTEST: **APPROVED:**

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