AGENDA ITEM HISTORY SHEET

ITEM TITLE
ARPA Resolution: Water

AGENDA NO. 14

AGENDA DATE: 10/29/24

FUNDING CERTIFICATION (Finance Director) (Signature, if applicable)

MANAGEMENT STAFF REVIEW (Signature)

MAYOR (Signature)

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

In November of 2022, $2,000,000 was allocated to the Water Meter Project from the ARPA funds that the City received. Since then, the water meter project received funding, and the ARPA money need to be reallocated to new projects before December of 2024 and spent by December of 2026.

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.

If approved, $900,000 of the ARPA funds will be allocated towards the completion of the South Pressure Plain Project. We have published an RFP, and two firms tied for the top score. We are having both firms present at a special meeting on October 22nd at 5pm, and we are asking WSAC to make a recommendation to Council on which firm to proceed with. We know the cost of the entire project is well over $900,000, and we know it will be spent by December of 2026. The South Pressure Plain project is the top priority for the City's water system, and it is listed as the top project, along with the water line that will be included in the project, in the Water Master Plan that was recently adopted by Council as the City's long term planning blue print for our water system.

(This section to be completed by the Mayor)

ACTION PROPOSED (Motion for Consideration)

We are asking for a motion to adopt the resolution allowing us to re-allocate $900,000 of the $2,000,000 in ARPA that was previously allocated to the Meter Project in Ordinance 2022-34

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**