ORDINANCE 2007-_01_

AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE PURCHASING AUTHORITY OF THE MAYOR OR HIS DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE CITY OF ATKINS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the purchasing authority for the Mayor of Atkins is currently $10,000.00 without the necessity of taking bids; and,

WHEREAS, in the day to day operations of the City, it is frequently necessary to make purchases quickly which exceed the sum of $10,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Atkins, as follows:

Section 1: Section 3.04.01 is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 3.04.01 $20,000.00 and under. The Mayor, or his authorized representative, shall have the exclusive power and responsibility to make purchases of all supplies, apparatus, equipment, materials and other things requisite for public purposes for the City of Atkins, Arkansas, and to make all necessary contracts for work or labor to be done, or material or other necessary things to be furnished for the benefits of the city, or in carrying out any work or undertaking of a public nature therein, where the amount of the expenditure for any purpose or contract does not exceed the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.00).

Section 2: Section 3.04.02 of the Atkins Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 3.04.02 $20,000.00 and over. Where the amount of expenditure for any purchase or contract exceeds the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.00), the Mayor or his duly authorized representative shall invite competitive bids thereon by legal

advertisement in any local newspaper. Bids received pursuant to said advertisement shall be opened and read on the date set for opening said bids, in the presence of the Mayor or his duly authorized representative, together with any others that may be named by the Mayor or governing body for this purpose. The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder; provided, however, that the Mayor or his duly authorized representative, together with any others designated to receive bids may reject any or all bids received; and providing further, that the governing body, by ordinance, may waive the requirements of competitive bidding in exceptional situations where such procedure is deemed not feasible or practical.

Section 3: This ordinance being necessary for the public peace, health and safety of the citizens of Atkins, an emergency is declared and this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

DATED this 9th day of January 2007.

JERRY DON BARRETT, MAYOR

BRENDA GRAVES, CITY CLERK