ORDINANCE NO. 23-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY AND RESCUE GRANT BUDGETS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLAIMING POLICE SALARIES AND EMPLOYER PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA," which was signed into law on March 11, 2021, provides fiscal relief funds to state and local governments and other program areas aimed at mitigating the continuing effects of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, ARPA is intended to provide support to local governments in responding to the impact of COVID-19 and in their efforts to contain COVID-19 and created several eligible uses of the funding include one to address lost revenue for cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Treasury (hereinafter Treasury), has issued guidance and a Final Rule (hereinafter FR) regarding the use of ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, the FR permits cities and towns to utilize lost revenue for government services up to a standard allowance of up to $10,000,000 or the total amount of a city's grant award, whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, the FR permits cities and towns to utilize lost revenue for government services and it expressly included "the provision of police, fire, and other public safety services" in a list of non-exclusive enumerated uses for revenue loss.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ATKINS, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. The City hereby appropriates from the City's portion of the American Rescue Plan Act Grant a total amount of $149,666.39 to claim police salaries and employer payroll contribution expenses from the date range of February 3, 2023 to May 26, 2023.

Section 2. The City Council directs the Mayor and/or the City Clerk to move the expenditures for the police salaries and the applicable employer contributions from the city budget to Rescue Grant and to pay the city general fund for the expenses from the Rescue Grant. The City's 2023 budget is hereby amended by decreasing the expenditures in the amount of

$149,666.39 and the 2023 grant budget is hereby amended by increasing the budget in the amount of $149,666.39 for the police expenses.

Section 3. On the mandatory Annual Reports, these police expenses shall be reported under the Expenditure Category (EC) number 6.1 entitled Revenue Replacement.

Section 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE: This ordinance being necessary for the effective operation of the City of Atkins and for the public peace, health, and safety of the citizens of Atkins, an emergency is hereby declared and this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

Passed this 10th day of October, 2023.

APPROVED:

Rowdy Sweet, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela Singleton, City Clerk/Treasurer

CITY OF ATKINS ★ SEAL ★ POPE COUNTY ARKANSAS

FILED
Angela Singleton, City Clerk
City of Atkins
Date: 10-10-23