

RESOLUTION NO. 2018 - 32

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF SEARCY
TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM.**

WHEREAS, Searcy, Arkansas, seeks to improve its recreation facilities and wishes to seek grant funding assistance; and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain funds necessary to develop and/or improve the site for such a recreation area, it is necessary to obtain a 50/50 Matching Grant from the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism's Outdoor Recreation Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the plans for such recreation areas have been prepared and the price, therefore, has been established; and

WHEREAS, this governing body understands the grantee and grantor will enter into a binding agreement which obligates both parties to policies and procedures contained in the *Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants Manual* including, but not limited to, the following: The park area defined by the project boundary map, submitted in the application, must remain in outdoor recreation use in perpetuity, regardless if the property is bought or developed with matching grant funds; all present and future overhead utility lines within the project boundary must be routed away or placed underground; the project area must remain open and available for use by the public at all reasonable times of the day and year; facilities can be reserved for special events, league play, etc., but cannot be reserved, leased, or assigned for exclusive use, and the project area must be kept clean, maintained and operated in a safe and healthful manner.

The Searcy City Council is well aware and apprised of the above-mentioned project and will provide the local portion of the development cost of the entire project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Searcy, Arkansas, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to make application to the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism for assistance to develop recreational facilities at **Riverside Park, 160 Riverside Park Road** and at the **Event Center on Higginson Street** for the city; therefore, such application to be submitted as expediently as possible.

PASSED this 27th day of August, 2018.

APPROVED:

/s/ David Morris
Mayor of Searcy

ATTEST

/s/ Jerry Morris
City Clerk