

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 16

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

WHEREAS, the City of Searcy, Arkansas, seeks to develop recreation facilities on the newly acquired park site located on Highway 13 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 an Outdoor Recreation Matching Grant from the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism; and

WHEREAS, the plans for such recreation areas will be prepared and the price, therefore, will be 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 *Outdoor Recreation Matching Grant Application Guide* 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, Heritage and Tourism for assistance to develop recreational facilities.

PASSED this 12th day of May, 2020.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kyle Osborne
Mayor of Searcy

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
City Clerk