Crossett City Council met in special session August 11, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the Crossett Administration Building.

Present: Mayor Crystal Marshall, Clerk/Treasurer Clark Terrell,

 City Attorney Tyler Mills

Council: Dan Pevy, Kerstin Mondragon, James Knight, Sheila Phillips, CT Foster

Absent: Councilman Chris Gill

Also present was bond counsel representative Bill Spivey and Crist Engineers representative Brian Wintle.

Mayor Marshall stated that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the East Crossett Wastewater Project bond ordinance and bid contracts.

Mayor Marshall introduced Mr. Bill Spivey. Mr. Spivey explained to the council the procedures needed for the sale of $7,000,000 in bonds to the Arkansas Development Finance Authority at a rate of 1.25% per annum. The bond purchase agreement is between the City of Crossett and the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC). Proceeds from this bond will be for the construction and improvements to the Crossett Sewer System. A ½% city sales tax is in place for the repayment of these bonds. Mr. Spivey presented a proposed ordinance for the issuance of these bonds.

Motion by Councilwoman Mondragon, seconded by Councilwoman Phillips to have Mr. Spivey read the proposed ordinance for the first public reading in its entirety. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed and Mr. Spivey read Proposed Ordinance 2023-5. During reading a correction was noted. The sentence referring to a trustee was to be omitted. Motion by Councilwoman Mondragon, seconded by Councilman Foster to suspend the 3-day reading rule and read proposed Ordinance 2023-5 for the second public reading by title only. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed and Mr. Spivey read the proposal for the second time by title only. Motion by Councilwoman Mondragon, seconded by Councilwoman Phillips to further suspend the 3-day reading rule and read the proposed ordinance for the third and final reading by title only. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed and Mr. Spivey read by title only. Motion by Councilwoman Mondragon, seconded by Councilwoman Phillips to amend the ordinance as noted. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed. Motion by Councilwoman Mondragon, seconded by Councilwoman Phillips to adopt Ordinance 2023-5. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed and Ordinance 2023-5 was adopted. Motion by Councilwoman Mondragon, seconded by Councilwoman Phillips to adopt the emergency clause attached to the ordinance. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed and emergency clause was adopted.

Mayor Marshall introduced Mr. Brian Wintle of Crist Engineers. Mr. Wintle explained that the funding for this project will be coming from two separate sources, bonds through ANRC and a grant from Economic Development Association which will be administer through SEAED. Mr. Wintle presented bid breakdowns of both phases for council’s review. Construction bids have also been broken down into two phases. Contract 1 low bidder was Belt Construction out of Texarkana, Arkansas. The bid for that job was $6,100,661. Contract 2 bid was won by Pioneer Civil Construction out of Crossett with a bid of $1,778,803.63. To proceed with this work, a notice of award letter would need to be presented by Mayor Marshall.

Motion by Councilwoman Mondragon, seconded by Councilwoman Phillips to give Mayor Marshall authority to sign notice of award letter and execute the contract with Belt Construction for Contract 1 of project. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Councilman Knight, seconded by Councilman Foster to give Mayor Marshall authority to sign notice of award letter and execute contract with Pioneer Civil Construction for Contract 2 of the project. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned.

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Clark Terrell, Clerk/Treasurer Crystal Marshall, Mayor