AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AN AGREEMENT AND WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE CONWAY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION SERVICES TO THE CITY OF CONWAY; REPEALING ANY ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Arkansas Code Annotated §14-58-303 allows waiving of competitive bidding in exceptional situations where such procedure is deemed not feasible or practical; and

WHEREAS, there are many items necessary for the City’s use where competitive bidding is deemed not feasible or practical; and

WHEREAS, the Conway Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Conway have entered into an agreement whereby the Area Chamber of Commerce agrees to provide economic development information and services for the City and the City agrees to provide funding for said services; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby found and determined that it would not be feasible or practical to conduct competitive bidding for such services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Conway previously approved said agreement by unanimous voice vote but inadvertently failed to adopt an ordinance waiving competitive bids, as required by A.C.A. 14-58-303(b)(2)(B); and

WHEREAS, the City of Conway desires to adopt, reaffirm and ratify its approval of the agreement with the Conway Area Chamber of Commerce, entered into on the 5th day of January, 1999.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS:
1. Competitive bidding is hereby waived for the employment of the Conway Area Chamber of Commerce to provide economic development information and services to the City of Conway. Competitive bidding is being waived for the reason that competitive bidding of these services would not be feasible or practical and the Conway Area Chamber of Commerce has unique knowledge and experience in providing such services.

2. The City of Conway hereby adopts, reaffirms and ratifies the waiving of bids for this service along with the agreement with the Conway Area Chamber of Commerce previously entered into on the 5th day of January, 1999.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of September, 1999.

APPROVED:

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MAYOR TAB TOWNSELL

ATTEST:

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MIKE GARRETT, CITY CLERK