A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF CONWAY TO PARTNER WITH THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:

DAVE WARD DRIVE - I-40 TO EAST GERMAN LANE

Whereas, the City of Conway (the City) and the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (the Department) have identified a need for improvements to the Interchange of Interstate 40 and Highway 65B and to Highway 286 from Interstate 40 to East German Lane and a study has shown that this is a viable project; and

Whereas, the Department is willing to handle all phases of the project; and

Whereas, the City will be responsible for relocating city owned utilities, and for providing $2.0 million of project costs for matching funds for this project and the Oak Street project as described in Minute Orders 2014-080 and 2014-081 contingent upon the successful rededication of the city’s sales tax and outstanding bond issue on September 9, 2014; and

Whereas, on Amity Road, the existing roadway will be removed from the State Highway System and the City will be responsible for maintenance of this roadway; and

Whereas, it is recognized that significant changes in project construction cost or project design may necessitate adjustments to the project termini or to the funds committed to complete the projects as originally proposed, and indeed the city’s primary interest on Dave Ward Drive improvements at this time is from I-40 to Thomas G. Wilson Drive; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS, THAT:

SECTION I: The City will participate in accordance with its designated responsibilities in this project contingent upon the city’s successful sales tax rededication and bond issue and also agreeing to cover the Department’s engineering and design expenses on the Dave Ward Drive project incurred prior to the September 9, 2014 vote in the advent of an unsuccessful rededication.

SECTION II: The Mayor or his designated representative is hereby authorized and directed to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to expedite the construction of this project.

SECTION III: The City pledges its full support and hereby requests that the Department initiate action to implement this project.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 22nd day of July, 2014.

Approved:

Attest:

Mayor Tab Townsell

Michael O. Garrett
City Clerk/Treasurer