

RESOLUTION No. R-2022-20

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WARD TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RPI EV, LLC, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FIRST ELECTRIC CO-OP, TO ESTABLISH AND ELECTRICAL VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING STATION AT THE WARD MUNICIPAL COMPLEX¹, TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF PUBLIC LAND FOR SAME, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, according to an April 2022 J.D. Power article², “with the number of EVs in the U.S. projected to rise from just under two million in 2020 to more than 26 million in 2030, charging infrastructure will need to expand at a proportionate rate. This means public and workplace charging will need to grow from approximately 216,000 chargers in 2020 to 2.5 million chargers by 2030”; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan, Arkansas is expected to receive \$54 million to install EV charging stations along the interstate highway system³; and,

WHEREAS, with the ever-growing number of EVs, strategically placed EV charging stations within the City of Ward is necessary and invariable; and,

WHEREAS, RPI EV, LLC, in partnership with First Electric Co-Op has proposed to initially install two (2) Level 2 EV charging stations at the Ward City Hall.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARD THAT;

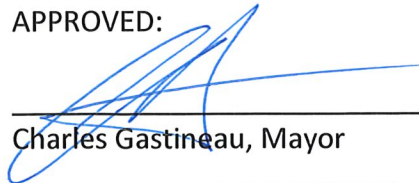
SECTION 1: The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a contract (attached) with RPI EV, LLC to install, at no cost to the city, two (2) Level 2 EV Charging Station at City Hall, within the leased area prescribed in the contract.

SECTION 2: RPI EV, LLC is hereby granted authority per the contract to use public space/land.


SAID RESOLUTION has been properly introduced and the vote was:

PASSED YEAS 4 NAYS 0

DATE: August 15, 2022

APPROVED: 

Charles Gastineau, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Krystal Rummel, City Clerk

¹ Ward City Hall, 405 Hickory St, Ward, AR 72176
² <https://www.jdpower.com/cars/shopping-guides/the-future-of-evs>
³ <https://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2022/jun/27/state-to-get-54m-for-ev-chargers/#:~:text=The%20plan%20is%20Arkansas%20part,%2C%20high%2Dspeed%20chargers%20each.>