

RESOLUTION NO. RS-2015-29

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE APPLICATION OF AN OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE BASEBALL FIELD, KNOWN AS THE MIRACLE LEAGUE FIELD PROJECT; AND COMMITTING TO APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR SAID PROJECT IN THE 2016 OPERATING BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the City of Monticello, Arkansas seeks to improve the recreation facilities and wishes to seek grant funding assistance to construct a handicap accessible baseball field, to be known as the Miracle League Field, in the Monticello Sports Complex Park; and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain the funds necessary to develop and/or improve the site for such a recreation area, it is necessary to obtain a 50/50 Matching Grant from the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism's Outdoor Recreation Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the plans for such recreation areas have been prepared and the price therefore has been established; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Monticello, Arkansas understands the grantee and grantor will enter into a binding agreement which obligates both parties to policies and procedures contained in the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants Manual 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 and; all present and future overhead utility lines within the project boundary must be routed away or placed underground and; 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; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Monticello, Arkansas is well aware and apprised of the above-mentioned project, and will

provide the local portion of the development cost of the entire project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Monticello, Arkansas commits to the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism that it shall appropriate at-least \$300,000.00 towards the project in the City's 2016 Operating Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council Monticello, Arkansas that the Mayor is hereby authorized to make application to the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism for assistance to develop recreational facilities in the Monticello Sports Complex Park located at 1930 U.S. Highway 278 West for the City; therefore such application shall be submitted as expediently as possible

(END OF RESOLUTION)

ADOPTED on this 28 day of July, 2015.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk