RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM.

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WHEREAS, Cherokee Village, Arkansas, seeks to improve the recreation facilities at the city's Tohi Nature Trail and wishes to seek grant funding assistance; and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain 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, this governing body 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; all present and future overhead utility lines within the project boundary must be routed away or placed underground; 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.

The Cherokee Village City Council is well aware and apprised of the above-mentioned project and will provide the local portion of the development cost of the entire project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Cherokee Village, Arkansas, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to make application to the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism for assistance to develop recreational facilities at the Cherokee Village Tohi Nature Trail located at 142 and 144 Hospital Road; therefore, such application to be submitted as expediently as possible.

PASSED this 21 day of August, 2014.

APPROVED:

Clayal Hefley

City Clerk