RESOLUTION NO. 97-1

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY, FIXING THE ATTORNEY'S COMPENSATION AND DUTIES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Town of Cherokee Village West, a newly incorporated Town, needs the services or a qualified, regularly licensed attorney; and,

WHEREAS, no resident attorney has been elected as Municipal Attorney, and the Mayor and Town Council are empowered by State law to appoint a municipal attorney and fix the attorney's duties, in addition to those prescribed by law and determine the attorney's compensation.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby RESOLVED by the Town Council with concurrence of the Mayor:

1. That Mark R. Johnson, a regularly licensed attorney, residing on Harmon Road in Sharp County, Arkansas, and who maintains an office at Rt. 2, Box 183D should be and he is hereby appointed Municipal Attorney, to serve at the pleasure of the Town of Cherokee Village West, Arkansas.

2. In addition to the duties imposed by law, he shall advise and consult with Town officials on all Town business and shall assist in the drafting of resolutions, ordinances and other legal documents and papers. He shall attend Town Council meetings upon request.

3. Compensation shall be at the rate of \$75.00 per hour for consultation, advice, drafting and other administrative work. Minimum \$400.00 per month.

4. He shall be reimbursed for any necessary out-of-pocket expenses incurred, which have been approved by the Mayor, prior to incurring same.

5. Because of the urgency in completing the organization of the Town and commencing all operations required by law and The Adoption of all necessary resolutions, ordinances, codes and in order to have the benefit of legal advice and guidance an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and NOW THEEFORE this resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

DATED: <u>December</u> 15, 1997 ATTEST

Susan Maynard, Recorder

Mariorie Rogers, Mayor