



MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2023

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council
THRU: Susan Norton, Chief of Staff
FROM: Peter Nierengarten, Environmental Director
DATE: December 15, 2022
SUBJECT: **OZARK REGIONAL TRANSIT SERVICE CONTRACT**

RECOMMENDATION:

A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE A ONE YEAR CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS AND OZARK REGIONAL TRANSIT, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$698,830.00 TO PROVIDE PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICES FOR FAYETTEVILLE RESIDENTS, WITH AUTOMATIC RENEWALS FOR UP TO FOUR ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR TERMS

BACKGROUND:

Ozark Regional Transit (ORT) is a regional transit system providing general public fixed route transit, on demand service, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit service in Northwest Arkansas (NWA). ORT serves Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington counties and has provided transit service within the City of Fayetteville since 1999. All agency related matters are overseen and administered by the ORT Board of Directors (Board) – Fayetteville currently holds three seats on the ORT Board.

DISCUSSION:

The current five-year contract for transit service with Ozark Regional Transit expires at the end of 2022 and the recommendation is for a new one-year contract with up to four one-year renewable terms. Subsequent renewals are subject to the amounts appropriate by the City Council for each budget year. Payments will be made at the beginning of each quarter.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

The 2023 contract amount is \$698,830. This amount has been appropriated in Fayetteville's 2023 budget.

Approval of a resolution to enter into an agreement with Ozark Regional Transit, Inc. (ORT) for a one-year contract, renewable for up to four additional one-year terms for transit service. City Council appropriations for 2023 include \$698,830 for this contract. Future contract renewals are subject to amounts appropriated by City Council for each budget year.

ATTACHMENTS: Staff Review Form, Contract for Services between the City of Fayetteville and Ozark

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