

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-19**

WHEREAS, the City Council of Elkins desires to obtain the services of an independent contractor to operate the City's large tractor with side-cutter in order to maintain roadsides and right-of-ways.

WHEREAS, special training and skills are required to safely operate this equipment and the City employees are currently unable to devote adequate time and attention to these maintenance items.

WHEREAS, Beckey Smith has the requisite training and experience to operate the City's equipment to accomplish this task and is willing to do so as an independent contractor for an hourly sum.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to complete these maintenance/mowing tasks as soon as possible to enhance the safety of drivers, pedestrians and others.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELKINS, ARKANSAS, That:

Section 1: The attached contract for the services of Beckey Smith as an independent contractor to operate the City's large tractor with side-cutter to mow the right-of-ways and roadsides in Elkins at the hourly rate set forth therein is hereby approved and ratified.

Section 2: The contract calls for an hourly rate since it is unknown how long the initial work will require and whether more than one mowing will be needed; additionally, since the independent contractor is using City equipment, the City will provide supplies and maintenance to such equipment with the independent contractor providing her own health/injury insurance coverage for any injuries or illness caused by performing the contract.

Section 3: That the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to take such steps as are necessary to execute the original of the contract as attached hereto on behalf of the City obtaining for

the citizens of Elkins the services of Beckey Smith regarding the mowing of right-of-ways and roadsides and to make payment as provided for therein from funds of the street department budget.

APPROVED this 18th day of August, 2011.

  
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L. BRUCE LEDFORD, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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JASON BATHON, City Clerk