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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO GREENJACKET INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC SUBSTATION INSULATORS FOR THE GALLOWAY SUBSTATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Ark. Code Ann. § 14-58-303 requires City purchases exceeding the amount of \$20,000 to follow statutory procedures of local advertisement and opening of sealed bids which may only be waived in exceptional situations where bidding is deemed not feasible or practical; and

WHEREAS, the Galloway 1 Substation, which is owned by the City of North Little Rock (the "City"), serves multiple commercial and industrial customers, including Ben E. Keith and L'Oreal USA; and

WHEREAS, the Galloway 1 Substation has been affected by birds entering into the substation resulting in an unacceptable number of outages and creating a risk of damage to the facilities and equipment located within the substation; and

WHEREAS, it is a priority of the City to protect its facilities and equipment, as transformers located within the substations can cost up to \$1,000,000.00, and damage to a transformer could take months to repair and would force the City to draw electricity from other substations to provide power for the Galloway area during maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Greenjacket, Inc., 27151 Burbank Street, Foothill Ranch, California 92610, manufactures specialized insulators created to prevent outages caused by wildlife at electric substations; and

WHEREAS, Greenjacket, Inc.'s insulators are weather and UV resistant, durable, removable and reusable, and are specially manufactured to precisely fit each piece of equipment to better reduce and mitigate outages caused by wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Greenjacket, Inc. is the sole source of the specialized insulators that the North Little Rock Electric Department has identified as being the best solution for the ongoing issues created by birds flying into Galloway 1 Substation; and

WHEREAS, Greenjacket, Inc. has quoted a price of \$175,250.00, which includes the following:

Covers for all of Galloway 1 Substation's insulators, connectors, and critical jumpers	\$162,150.00
Freight	\$ 4,100.00
First day of onsite technical support for installation	\$ 3,000.00
Second day of onsite technical support for installation	\$ 1,500.00
First day of onsite post installation review	\$ 3,000.00
<u>Second day of onsite post installation review</u>	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>
Total cost	\$175,250.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That formal bidding is hereby waived in connection with the purchase of insulators and other outage prevention equipment for the North Little Rock Electric Department, and payment to Greenjacket, Inc. is hereby authorized in the amount of \$175,250.00, plus tax.

SECTION 2: That the cost to purchase the insulators for the Galloway 1 Substation in the sum of One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$175,250.00), plus tax, shall be paid from the Electric Department budget.

SECTION 3: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 4: That the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

SECTION 5: That it is hereby found and determined that it is in the best interest of the City of North Little Rock to waive formal bidding and to pay Greenjacket, Inc. for the purchase of insulators and other outage prevention equipment for the North Little Rock Electric Department, and is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare; THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Joe A. Smith

SPONSOR:

ATTEST:



Mayor Joe A. Smith

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/cf

FILED 10:53 A.M. _____ P.M.

By A. Fields, City Atty

DATE 9-17-19

**Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector
North Little Rock, Arkansas**

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