RESOLUTION NO. 677

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF EUREKA SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR AND, IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A GRANT FROM USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the expected life span of the Fire Department's self-contained breathing apparatus bottles shall expire in three years; and,

WHEREAS, the Department's self-contained breathing apparatus have shown increasing maintenance costs due to their advanced age; and,

WHEREAS, the Department is unable to provide all of its members with current firefighting personal protective gear.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, that the Chief of the Fire Department is hereby authorized to apply for and, if awarded, accept a grant from the USDA Rural Development which is funded through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), with the City's matching portion of twenty-five percent (25%) in the amount of $16,250, for a total amount not to exceed $65,000, for the purpose of purchasing personal protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus.

The grant will require a match of twenty five percent (25%) by the City, which will be sought in the FY2016 Budget.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, THIS 14th DAY OF MARCH, 2016

APPROVED:

Robert "Butch" Berry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ann Armstrong

Ann Armstrong, Clerk Treasurer

All present voted "Aye" – Bob Thomas, Joyce Zeller, David Mitchell, Terry McClung, James DeVito and Mickey Schneider