

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-595**

**CITY OF GENTRY, ARKANSAS**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GENTRY TO EXECUTE A SALES AGREEMENT WITH CONTINENTAL UTILITY SOLUTIONS, INC. TO PURCHASE A UTILITY SOFTWARE BILLING SYSTEM AND RELATED HARDWARE AND SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the City of Gentry that it is desirable to enter into a sales agreement with Continental Utility Solutions, Inc. ("CUSI") for the purchase of a new utility billing software package, together with certain associated hardware and services (the "Contract"), in accordance with the Quotation attached hereto;

WHEREAS, the City desires to agree to the Contract immediately so that the process of conversion and implementation, which will likely take four to five months, may begin now, hopefully enabling the system to be fully operational by January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, City employees have reviewed a number of different utility billing software options, and the specific feature configuration of the software package offered by CUSI appears to be the best fit for the City's unique needs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Gentry:

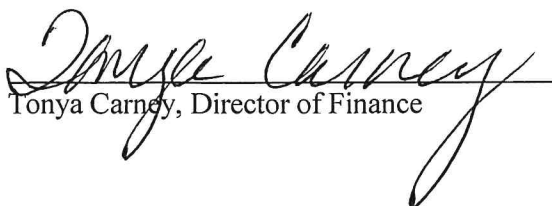
1. The City Council hereby authorizes the Finance Director of the City of Gentry to execute the Contract with CUSI for the purchase of a new utility billing software package, together with certain associated hardware and services, in accordance with the Quotation attached hereto and incorporated herein, and to otherwise execute such documents as may be reasonably required in order to complete the purchase of the said software package as provided in the Contract. The funds for said purchase are to be allocated in the 2020 City Budget.

2. The City Council of the City of Gentry, Arkansas finds that exceptional circumstances exist in connection with the proposed Contract, including the need to begin the process of migrating existing accounts immediately so as to be ready to implement the new system by January 1, 2020, and the unique feature set offered by CUSI, such that the competitive bidding procedure outlined by Ark. Code Ann. § 14-58-303 is deemed not feasible or practical, and it is in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the City of Gentry, Arkansas to forego competitive bidding procedures.

**PASSED and APPROVED in Regular Session this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.**

  
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Kevin D. Johnston, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Tonya Carney, Director of Finance