ORDINANCE NO. <u>16-740</u>

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MAIN STREET GENTRY ASSOCIATION; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Gentry is in need of special services relating to economic development and community relations; and

WHEREAS, The Main Street Gentry Association possesses the expertise and personnel to provide such special services; and

WHEREAS, it is neither feasible nor practical to procure such services through the use of competitive bidding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GENTRY, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Director of Finance to execute a contract with The Main Street Gentry Association to provide certain services on behalf of the City as set forth in such contract, for a cost of \$30,000.00.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of Gentry, Arkansas finds the existence of exceptional circumstances which deem in neither feasible nor practical to obtain the described services through the use of competitive bidding. Accordingly, the City Council of the City of Gentry, Arkansas deems it infeasible and unpractical to submit this matter for competitive bidding and finds that it is in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the City of Gentry, Arkansas to forego such competitive bidding procedures in connection with such services contract.

Section 3. Emergency. In for the City to continue to receive the contemplated services without interruption, an immediate contract is required. Accordingly, the Counsel finds that this Ordinance being necessary for the immediate protection of the public peace, health and safety of

the citizens of Gentry, it shall take effect immediately on its passage and approval.

PASSED and APPROVED this 1st day of February, 2016.

Attest:

Kevin Johnston, Mayor

Director of Finance