ORDINANCE NO. 21-24

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT WITH VORTEX SERVICES, LLC FOR THE EMERGENCY SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT, P002-2210, P002-2130, PROJECT 23-20-C1

WHEREAS, a segment of approximately 350 linear feet of 10-inch sanitary sewer main between North I Street and North J. Street ("subject sewer main") is required to be replaced to remediate a collapsed sewer line which has caused a sinkhole and is causing a sanitary sewer overflow;

WHEREAS, as a result of the collapse of the subject sewer main noted above, the City is currently using bypass pumping to maintain active sewer flow;

WHEREAS, the soil conditions and the depth of subject sewer main prevent the City Utility Department Sanitary Sewer Line Maintenance crews from being able to replace the subject sewer main;

WHEREAS, because of the described exceptional situation in which competitive bidding is not feasible, the City declares the necessity to enter into an emergency contract with Vortex Services, LLC to repair the subject sewer main.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 22-9-201(c), in order to address an unforeseen and unavoidable emergency in which human life, health, or public property is in jeopardy, an emergency contract to repair the subject sewer main is necessary and authorized.

Section 2: The bid of Vortex Services, LLC, for the Emergency Sanitary Sewer Replacement, P002-2210_P002-2130, Project No. 23-20-C1 is hereby approved.

Section 3: The Mayor, his signature being attested by the City Clerk, is hereby authorized to execute an Emergency Contract with Vortex Services, LLC in the amount of \$990,102.56.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 20 DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.

ATTEST:

Sherri Gard, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Seorge M**∉**Gill, Mayor

Approved as to form:

City Attorney