

RESOLUTION NO. 2026- 37

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR
THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD BAY, ARKANSAS,
APPROVING HIRING OF NEW POLICE OFFICER;
AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2026;
APPROPRIATING FUNDS;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, The City Council has had on-going review of the City's anticipated expenditures during the current fiscal year, including compliance with the City's 2026 Budget Ordinances (as amended from time to time); and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and the Chief of Police request that the Council authorize them to hire an additional Police Officer, for the current fiscal year ending December 31, 2026, to supplement the Police Department while it may find itself short-handed due to officers taking leave; and

WHEREAS, The Police Department has advertised a position available, pursuant to City Council's informal approval, and has begun interviewing applicants (through at least August 22, 2026);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD BAY, ARKANSAS:

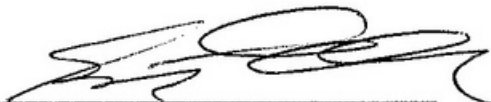
1. That the City Council **AUTHORIZES AND APPROVES** the hiring of, and payment of salary and benefits for, one additional full-time police officer at the staffing level approved by the Chief of Police, for the calendar year ending December 31, 2026.
2. The City Council hereby **APPROPRIATES ADDITIONAL FUNDS** for the Police Department, for the calendar year ending December 31, 2026, accordingly, in an amount not to exceed \$18,500.00, for the salary and benefits at the staffing level approved by the Chief of Police. The Recorder-Treasurer is authorized to use unappropriated general funds revenue, and unappropriated reserves in the Franchise Tax Account, for the calendar year ending December 31, 2026. The 2026 City Budget Ordinances will be amended as part of the annual closing process.
3. The City Council takes this action at the Mayor's and the Police Chief's request to provide necessary resources to the Chief of Police to assist him in maintaining

appropriate staffing levels in his Department, as previously informally approved by the City Council.

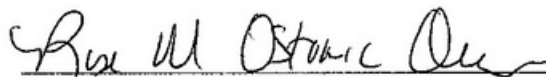
4. The Mayor, the Chief of Police, and the Recorder-Treasurer shall take any and all steps necessary to put this Resolution into effect. Funding and payment of the expenditures for any new hire shall take place upon authorization by the Chief of Police in the exercise of his discretion. **This Resolution is immediately effective on and after the date of its enactment.** Posting and publication in the newspaper will take place according to the Recorder-Treasurer's normal schedule.

SO BE IT RESOLVED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD BAY, ARKANSAS on this 10th day of August, 2026, at the regular meeting of the City Council.

APPROVED: _____


Honorable Seth J. Connell
Mayor

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:


Honorable Rose M. Ostronic Owen
Recorder-Treasurer

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