

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03

AN ORDINANCE SPECIFICALLY PERMITTING THE EMPLOYMENT OF A SPOUSE OF A PLEASANT PLAINS ELECTED OFFICIAL AND PRESCRIBING THE EXTENT OF SUCH EMPLOYMENT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Pleasant Plains, Arkansas, has a very limited workforce, and

WHEREAS, Due to Covid-19 hitting our office hard, and long term hospitalizations someone is needed to fill in and help out with the day to day operations and perform Administrative assistant duties.

WHEREAS, Paula Burns, the spouse of the mayor of the city has voluntarily worked from time to time to help out in the office in the absence of the recorder/treasurer.

WHEREAS, City council approved the hiring of Paula Burns in December, 2020 at a rate of \$11.00 per hour (current minimum wage) for 22 hours a week.

WHEREAS, at the time of her hiring it was unknown to the mayor that an ordinance was needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PLEASANT PLAINS, ARKANSAS THAT:

SECTION 1: In order to comply with Arkansas Code Ann. 14-42-107 (1987), the City Council of Pleasant Plains, Arkansas specifically authorizes to hire Paula Burns as administrative assistant retroactive back to December, 2020.

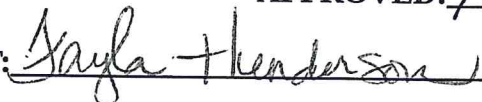
SECTION 2: If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not effect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be sever able.

Emergency Clause. The City Council of Pleasant Plains, Arkansas, recognizes that the hiring of Paula Burns is necessary for the continued operation of the City and this Ordinance authorizing hiring is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, comfort, convenience, moral, safety and welfare of the City of Pleasant Plains, Arkansas; therefore an emergency is declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PLEASANT PLAINS, ARKANSAS

DATED 5-12-2022

APPROVED:  MAYOR

ATTEST:  ,RECORDER/TREASURER