RESOLUTION NO. 71 OF 2026

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF HAPPY PLAYGROUNDS FOR THE HOLLAND PARK ADULT SOFTBALL PLAYGROUND PROJECT, BASE SCOPE AND ALL ADD-ON ITEMS, AND AWARDING A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF $92,711.00; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City of Benton, Arkansas, is a city of the first class and owns and operates the adult softball complex at Bernard Holland Park; and

WHEREAS, the City issued Request for Proposals No. 2026-13, "Adult Softball New Playground," and received and publicly opened proposals on Friday, September 25, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, Request for Proposals No. 2026-13 solicited pricing on a base scope consisting of the furnishing and installation of a commercial playground structure for children ages 2 through 12 within an approximately 1,000 square foot area surface-mounted to the existing concrete slab, and separate additional pricing on Add-On No. 1 (shock pad and synthetic turf safety surfacing), Add-On No. 2 (perimeter fencing and gate), and Add-On No. 3 (engineered shade canopy); and

WHEREAS, the Official RFP Price Sheet reserved to the City the right to accept any or all parts of proposals, to reject any or all proposals, and to award to the proposal deemed in the best interest of the City; and

WHEREAS, four (4) proposals were received, and the base-scope prices recorded on the bid tabulation were: Cunningham Recreation, $90,324.08; Swift Recreation, $103,941.60 (Option 1) and $90,851.28 (Option 2); Davis Playground, $117,993.77; and Happy Playgrounds, $92,711.00; and

WHEREAS, the complete proposal submitted by Happy Playgrounds, consisting of the base scope together with Add-On No. 1, Add-On No. 2, and Add-On No. 3, totals Ninety-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven Dollars ($92,711.00); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered each proposal as to the complete scope of work and finds that the complete proposal submitted by Happy Playgrounds represents the best value to the City by reason of the following: aesthetic consistency with existing playgrounds, baseball-themed design, competitively priced add-on features, and overall mid-range cost, and that Happy Playgrounds is a responsible proposer; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate cost of the project exceeds Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00), and the City Council finds that notice of the City's intent to receive proposals was published in the Saline Courier, a newspaper of general circulation in Saline County, Arkansas, on September 15, 2026, and September 22, 2026, in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 22-9-203(a)(2); and

and shall waive no immunity available to the City under Ark. Code Ann. § 21-9-301. The contract shall further require that the playground and its surfacing, fencing, and shade structure comply with the current ASTM and Consumer Product Safety Commission standards for public playground equipment and with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and that the contractor field-verify the condition and load-bearing adequacy of the existing slab before installation.

SECTION 4. Authorization to Execute Contract.

The Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City of Benton, a written contract with Happy Playgrounds for the Holland Park Adult Softball Playground Project in a form approved by the City Attorney, and to execute any other documents necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

SECTION 5. Appropriation.

Payment under the contract is subject to the availability and appropriation of funds, and nothing in this Resolution or in the contract shall be construed to obligate the City in excess of the revenues for the fiscal year in which the obligation is incurred, consistent with Ark. Const. art. 12, § 4. The Mayor is authorized to approve payment to Happy Playgrounds in an amount not to exceed Ninety-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven Dollars ($92,711.00).

SECTION 6. Severability.

If any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, that holding shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26th day of October, 2026.

Tom Farmer

Tom Farmer, Mayor

Cindy Stracener

Cindy Stracener, City Clerk

BID TABULATION - RFP 2026-13 Adult Softball New Playground

City of Benton, AR - Parks & Recreation | Buyer: Mandy Spicer, CFO | Opened: Fri 9/25/2026 11:30 AM

	Swift Recreation Option 1	Swift Recreation Option 2	Davis Playgrounds & Recreation	Cunningham Rec. / GameTime	Happy Playgrounds
Base Bid (w/o add-ons)	$48,669.70	$35,579.38	$49,999.24	$39,345.42	**$47,470.00**
Add-On #1 - Shock Pad & Turf	$19,902.62	$19,902.62	$24,075.84	$19,400.00	**$21,214.00**
Add-On #2 - Perimeter Fencing	$5,232.61	$5,232.61	$14,877.32	$10,350.00	**$8,192.00**
Add-On #3 - Shade Canopy	$30,136.67	$30,136.67	$29,041.37	$21,228.66	**$15,835.00**
Base + All Three Add-Ons	**$103,941.60**	**$90,851.28**	**$117,993.77**	**$90,324.08**	**$92,711.00**









CITY OF BENTON
410 River Street
Benton, AR 72018
(501) 776-5900

Bid Number: RFP 2026-13

Commodity: Adult Softball New Playground

Department: Benton Parks & Recreation Department

Bid Opening Date/ Time: Friday, September 25, 2026 @ 11:30 am

Company	Representative	Amount
Cunningham Recreation	Scott Cunningham	$39,345.42
Swift Recreation	Christina Swift	$35,579.38 option 1, $48,669.70 option 2
Davis Playground	Spencer Davis	$49,999.24
Happy Playgrounds	Kelli Collins	$47,470.00

Witnesses
Pamela Maxwell