

CITY OF MULBERRY, ARKANSAS

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – August 8, 2022

A Special meeting of the Mulberry City Council was held Monday August 8th, at 12:00 p.m. in the City Council Center at 606 Church Avenue. Mayor Gary D. Baxter presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jimmy Moore	Wilma Peevy
Bobby Tweedy	Sheila Trent
Kimberly Bruce	
Gary Baxter	

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stacy Muntz, Carla Dickerson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bob W. Harris
Harlene Jackson

Mayor Gary D. Baxter called the Council Meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., led the prayer, and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. Steve Hurley took roll. A quorum was established.

Mayor Baxter stated that the meeting was for clarification on the contract with AMC Rehab for Kirksey Hospital. Mayor Baxter stated that Councilman Jimmy Moore had some questions arise in reference to the removal and replacement of the exterior siding and rotted wood at Kirksey Hospital. Jimmy Moore had requested this special meeting to make sure that the Council members were on the same page in reference to the scope of work that was being done at Kirksey Hospital, because there was some confusion in reference to the work being done compared to the contract that the Council had approved. Councilman Moore said he had asked Contractor Bob Harris what he was planning to do, and Mr. Harris showed him that they were replacing the rotten wood on the corners and some of the dormers. Councilman Moore told Bob Harris that he did not think that was what the Council had approved. At this point he called the Mayor who came to the jobsite with a copy of the contract. The very first line on that contract says, "We are removing and replacing all exterior siding." He continued to say, that is what the Council noticed and had discussed. Sheila Trent agreed that was what was discussed. When this was brought to Mr. Harris' attention, he said, "No, that would take months and would be hundreds of thousands of dollars." Councilman Moore noted that at some point there was a breakdown in communication. In the conversation Mr. Harris had told Councilman Moore that he was to replace the rotted wood and scrape, power wash and paint the building. The paint being used, in Councilman Moore's opinion, will only hold up a couple of years on that old wood. At this point Councilman Moore summarized that he wanted to bring the Council up to date because he thought the Council was under the belief that all the wood was going to be replaced. Sheila Trent agreed. Mayor Baxter read for the record the proposal that was approved

by City Council in April 2022's meeting. Bob Harris was then asked to speak about the discrepancy.

Bob Harris said that when he spoke with Mayor Baxter and Monica Freeland, it was stated three times that it was to replace the bad wood in the dormers, the wood by the air conditioner in the southeast corner, and in the end corner inside corner of the northeast end, along with some bad boards around the windows. Bob Harris stated he has never seen the original contract, it was emailed. Bob Harris stated that to do the work that the Council is requesting without the cost of equipment, and all the paint he has already purchased, would be around \$130,000. The bid he sent was not for a full replacement of all the wood. Bob Harris offered to get a new bid to replace everything, but it could not be based on the current bid.

Mayor Baxter explained that at the beginning the City was just looking for a painter to repaint the hospital, but couldn't find anyone to come and paint so then started looking for a contractor to find out what needed to be done. Gary Crawford is the contractor we spoke with because he had done some historic building work in the area. Mayor Baxter also explained how the misunderstanding came about. The original bid was for the siding that needed to be replaced, but Mayor Baxter understood the original bid to be all the siding.

Discussion ensued

Kim Bruce made a motion to continue with the estimate along with what Bob Harris has suggested, as in fixing the structural integrity and continue with the original estimate, then we can see where we are.

Shelia Trent Seconded the motion

Discussion ensued

All present Council members voted yes.

With no further business to discuss Kimberly Bruce made a motion to adjourn, Jimmy Moore seconded the motion. All present members voted yes.

This meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

These minutes were taken by Riley Walker

APPROVED: 
Gary D. Baxter, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Carla Dickerson, Recorder-Treasurer