CITY OF MULBERRY, ARKANSAS

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – August 1, 2024

A special meeting of the Mulberry City Council was held Thursday, August 1, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. in the City Council Center at 606 Church Avenue, Mulberry.

Gary D. Baxter, Mayor

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jimmy Moore, Ward 3 Position 2

Bobby Tweedy, Ward 2 Position 1

Wilma Peevy, Ward 3 Position 1

Kimberly Bruce, Ward 2 Position 2

Sheila Trent, Ward 1 Position 1

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Stacy Muntz, Ward 1 Position 2

Carla Dickerson, Recorder/Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Call to Order

Mayor Baxter called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., leading the gathering in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

The mayor's Assistant, Steve Hurley, conducted the roll call, confirming the presence of a quorum. Council members Stacy Muntz and Carla Dickerson were absent.

OLD BUSINESS

- **No Old Business**

NEW BUSINESS

- **RESOLUTION 2024-11 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE ARKANSAS RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MULBERRY, ARKANSAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING LIGHTS AND MESH NETTING AT THE PICKLEBALL COURTS IN MULBERRY CITY PARK.**

- **Purpose**: Authorize the Mayor to apply for a grant from the Arkansas Rural Community Grant Program for installing lights and mesh netting at the pickleball courts in Mulberry City Park.
- **Resolution Read by**: Steve Hurley
- Mayor Baxter explained the urgency of the resolution due to the deadline and the need to close out a previous grant for the Senior Center.
- The financial director, Melissa, confirmed sufficient funds ($463,572.21) in the capital improvements account to meet the required $9,453.71 local match for the grant.\
- **Key Points Discussed**:
- Solar LED lights and mesh netting are essential for the pickleball courts.
- The lighting system is solar-powered and automatic, reducing electricity expenses.
- Testimonies from council members highlighted the effectiveness and durability of the proposed lighting system.
- Jimmy Moore motioned to approve Resolution 2024-11, seconded by Wilma Peevy.
- All present Council members unanimously approved the resolution.

➢ **Public Comment**
- There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Kimberly Bruce made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheila Trent seconded the motion. All present members voted yes.

This meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m. The next scheduled City Council meeting will be on August 20, 2024.

Minutes written by: Steve Hurley

APPROVED: Gary D. Baxter
Gary D. Baxter, Mayor

ATTEST: Carla Dickerson

Carla Dickerson, Recorder-Treasurer