CITY OF MULBERRY, ARKANSAS

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – March 10, 2025

The special called meeting of the Mulberry City Council convened on Monday, March 10, 2025, at precisely 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the City Council Center, located at 606 Church Avenue, Mulberry.

Gary D. Baxter, Mayor

Carla Dickerson, Recorder-Treasurer

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Seth Fisher, Ward 1 Position 1	Ronnie Adams, Ward 1 Position 2
Bobby Tweedy, Ward 2 Position 1	Kimberly Bruce, Ward 2 Position 2
Damien Sadat Rice, Ward 3 Position 1	Jeff Marvin, Ward 3 Position 2

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Hurley, Assistant to the Mayor	Kay Baxter
Shannon Gregory, Police Chief	Beth Rice
Alex Walker, Public Works Director	Claude Kirby
Mandy Oestreich	Beth Rice
Scott Oestreich	Claude Kirby

Call to Order

Mayor Baxter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., leading the gathering in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Steve Hurley, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, called the roll:

- Present: Ronnie Adams, Kimberly Bruce, Seth Fisher, Jeff Marvin, Sadat Rice, Bobby Tweedy
- Absent: None
- A quorum was declared.

Agenda Item: Resolution 2025-08 – Authorization to Apply for a Grant from the Arkansas Rural Community Grant Program

Mayor Baxter stated that the purpose of the special meeting was to consider Resolution 2025-08, which would authorize the Mayor to apply for a $15,000 grant from the Arkansas Rural Community Grant Program for the purchase of ground-penetrating radar (GPR) equipment. The equipment would assist the Public Works Department in locating underground utilities and minimizing excavation errors.

Public Works Director Alex Walker presented three different GPR equipment options and detailed the benefits of Ground Penetrating Radar.

Council members discussed the features, funding availability, subscription fees, and the long-term benefits of the equipment. After discussion it was decided that the Council wished to move forward with the Quantum Imager with Complete Software, which includes GPS mapping functionality. The total cost for the selected equipment is $31,811.04, with the City's matching contribution being $16,811.04.

Steve Hurley read Resolution No. 2025-08.

Motion & Vote

Motion: Bobby Tweedy moved to approve Resolution 2025-08 as presented.
Second: Ronnie Adams seconded the motion.

A roll-call vote was conducted:

- **Ronnie Adams** – Yes
- **Kimberly Bruce** – Yes
- **Seth Fisher** – No
- **Jeff Marvin** – No
- **Sadat Rice** – No
- **Bobby Tweedy** – Yes

With the vote tied at 3-3, Mayor Baxter cast the deciding vote in favor of the resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Jeff Marvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seth Fisher seconded the motion. All present members voted yes.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next regular scheduled City Council meeting will be on March 18, 2025.

Minutes written by: Steve Hurley

APPROVED: _____
Gary D. Baxter, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Carla Dickerson, Recorder-Treasurer