

MINUTES

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

JULY 18, 2018

CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

ATTENDEES: Mayor Randy Horton, City Attorney Trey Smith, City Clerk Pat Taylor, Finance officer Jerry McKanaugh, Community Development Department Head Brian Holstein, Kenneth Duvall of the Street Department. Council Members, Phyllis Carruth, Larry Brown, Phil Sims, Robert Wiley, Mark Tripp, Eric Westcott, and Bill Strait. The meeting was called by Eric Westcott and Phyllis Carruth. Welcome and Call to order: Mayor Horton. Item 1. Discussion of the New Public Works Building. Mr. Westcott let the Council know that he went out to see the EWI building and noticed that the basement (that he had not seen before) had a good deal of water in it and also some mold. He stated that his purpose was so that the Council could decide what to do about the problem. He had several questions about whether the previous owner was aware of this and who did the inspection. Mr. Strait stated that the owner marked the buyer's disclosure, "No Mold," and that he had known and trusted Mr. Pruitt for 30 years, and couldn't imagine he would ever be dishonest, also when Mr. Strait checked over the property in the beginning of the transaction, there was no mold. Also that there had been a leak from an air-conditioner. There were several suggestions as to how to deal with the problem and a discussion about how long it had been there, and what caused it. Mr. Westcott made it clear that the seller must deal with this problem and that the City should not be responsible. Brian Holstein said that the City should have a professional company test and deal with the mold so there would be no liabilities.

The Mayor stated that he knew there was a basement and when he looked in it, it was full of file cabinets.

Mr. Brown said that the council should fix the problem first and then decide who would pay for the solution.

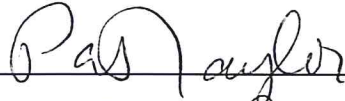
Mr. Sims suggested Arkansas Restoration had the expertise to deal with the problem and a State-wide certification to do so. Mr. Tripp suggested that the buyer for the City's present Public Works building should be asked for more time so as to give the City time to deal with the problem at the EWI building. He also insisted that the Council should pause the moving-in process until this is dealt with but it was decided that some of the moving-in tasks could still be carried out during that process. Item 2: Discussion of the price list for moving into the EWI building. This was finalized during the City Council meeting on the next day.

Mayor Randy Horton



ATTEST:

Pat Taylor:



Date approved by Council:

August 16, 2018

