

February 10th 2026

Public Hearing/ Meeting for Grant

Mayor Randy Jones called the meeting to order

Roll Call: TJ Duncan, Ken Collins, Allan Adelman, and Debra Rice were all present

Allan motioned to approve JEO Consulting Inc. to complete a Preliminary Engineering Report of the City of Mulberry's water system, TJ 2nd, all voted yes, motion carried.

The Mayor explained that the city was requesting \$30,000 from USDA Rural Development's Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH) grant program to conduct the Mulberry Water System Preliminary Engineering Report (PER). Preparation of a PER is the required first step in pursuing state and or federal assistance (grants, loans, and loan forgiveness) to make large -scale capital improvements to the water system, while keeping rates affordable for the average Mulberry customer. The SEARCH grant does not require a local match.

The Mayor read the Resolution 2026-02, and announced that the public hearing related to the Resolution was now open.

Resident Eddie Beard asked if it was 100%, and no cost to the city. Randy said it was 100%, no match is required. Eddie stated that they should get it then. Randy asked if anyone else present wanted to speak, there was no one. The Mayor stated the public hearing is now closed.

Allan made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-02, Debra 2nd, all voted yes, motion carried.

Ken motioned to apply for a SEARCH grant to fund the PER, Allan 2nd, all voted yes, motion carried.