

COUNCIL MEETING
May 14, 2018

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall with Mayor Gaskill presiding.

The meeting was called to order with prayer led by Councilmember Josh Agee.

Those present were Jackie Branch, Farrell Gibson, Charles Long, Mark Rowland, Randy Aden, Josh Agee and Jeremy Biggs. Susan Williams was absent

City Attorney Allen Warmath and City Clerk Andrea Williams were present.

Councilmember Branch moved minutes from previous council meeting of April 23, 2018 be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Biggs. All in favor.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

Public Service - None

Finance - None

Parks and Recreation - None

Police - None

Public Health and Ordinances - Councilmember Biggs called a committee meeting May 29, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Fire - Councilmember Long stated the committee met at 5:30 to discuss purchasing an additional parcel of land to build a new number one fire station. The council had approved the purchase of 1.87 acres of land on Highway 49 North last year. This parcel contains 12.03 acres for \$105,000.00 and is adjacent to the property that was approved last year.

Councilmember Long stated the committee recommends purchasing this property for \$105,000.00.

Motion made by Councilmember Rowland to approve the purchase of 12.03 acres on Highway 49 North to build a

new number one fire station; seconded by Councilmember Branch.

Roll Call: Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; and Biggs, yes. Motion carried seven to zero.

Sanitation - None

Street/Cemetery - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS – APPLICATION OF RAMONA THRELKELD REVOCABLE TRUST AND THRELKELD FARMS, LLC.

Motion made that the ordinance be offered by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Long.

Roll call: Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; and Biggs, yes.

Attorney Brad Broadaway was present to represent Ramona Threlkeld Revocable Trust and Threlkeld Farms, LLC. Mr. Broadaway stated they are requesting the property be rezoned from AG to R-1. The property contains 44 acres and is located on off of Pruetts Chapel Road. This rezone was presented to the planning commission on May 3, 2018. Five members of the commission were present and all five voted in favor of this rezone. No opposition appeared.

Motion made to place the ordinance on the first reading by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Agee.

Roll call: Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; and Biggs, yes.

Motion made that the rules be suspended and the ordinance placed on the second reading by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Biggs.

Roll call: Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; and Biggs, yes.

Motion made that the rules be suspended and the ordinance placed on the third and final reading by Councilmember Aden; seconded by Councilmember Long.

Roll call: Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; and Biggs, yes.

Motion to adopt made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Biggs.

Roll call: Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; and Biggs, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2018-06)

ITEM #2

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A BUILDING AND/OR STRUCTURE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS A NUISANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5900 WEST KINGSHIGHWAY

Motion made that the resolution be offered by title, legal description and owner by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Long.

Roll call: Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; and Biggs, yes.

Code Enforcement Officer J.D. Stephenson was present to answer any questions the council might have. Officer Stephenson presented the council with documentation and photos of the property.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

Roll call: Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Aden, yes; Agee, yes; and Biggs, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-19)

ITEM #3

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of April, 2018 the fire department responded to 81 incidents, issued 399 burn permits, made 97 business inspections, and completed 1413 training hours.

ITEM #4

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of April, 2018 the police department took 1022 incident reports, made 330 arrests (269 misdemeanor, 45 felony and 16 DWI arrests), issued 401 traffic tickets, worked 67 accidents and opened 81 felony cases.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gaskill reminded the council that the next scheduled meeting falls on May 28, 2018 which is Memorial Day. The council will meet on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 6 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the council, Councilmember Branch moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilmember Biggs. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.


Paragould City Council

Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk