

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 26, 2018**

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 26, 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 Farrell Gibson.

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

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

Councilmember Branch moved minutes from previous council meeting of March 12, 2018 be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Williams. All in favor.

**REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Public Service	- None
Finance	- Councilmember Rowland stated the committee met at 5:00 this evening in conjunction with the Sanitation Committee.
Parks and Recreation	- None
Police	- None
Public Health and Ordinances	- Councilmember Biggs stated the committee met at 5:30 this evening to discuss an Advertising and Promotion (A&P) Tax. The committee will bring an ordinance back to the full council in April.
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- Councilmember Aden stated the committee met at 5:00 this evening with the Finance Committee to discuss purchasing one of the sanitation trucks that we have leased when the lease expires.

Councilmember Rowland stated that we have the option to purchase the trucks that we are currently leasing. Terry McAbee, Public Works Director, has requested to purchase one of the trucks to use on smaller streets, cul-de-sacs, as a back-up and to pick up overflow holidays. The cost to purchase the truck will be \$130,500.00.

Councilmember Rowland stated the finance committee recommends purchasing the leased sanitation truck for \$130,500.00

Motion made by Councilmember Gibson to accept the recommendation of the finance committee and purchase the sanitation truck for \$140,500.00; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

Roll call: Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Aden, yes. Motion carried eight to zero.

Street/Cemetery

- None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ITEM #1**

**KALPESH (JUNIOR) DAS AND DHARMESH (DAN) DAS APPEALING A VARIANCE DECISION OF THE PARAGOULD PLANNING COMMISSION**

Attorney Bobby Gibson, of Waddle, Cole and Jones, was present representing Kalpesh Das and Dharmesh Das. The Das' are appealing a variance decision of the Paragould Planning Commission. The Planning Commission met January 4, 2018 and voted to not approve the variance 4-0.

The Das' are requesting a variance from a 30' easement to a 20' easement to property located on Highway 412 between Quality Suites and Pizza Inn. Attorney Gibson stated the Das' are wanting to build climate controlled self-storage units on this property and they have met with Fire Chief Lang and City Inspector Dennis Dunn to work out the issues that the Planning Commission had with this variance.

Fire Chief Lang was present and stated that due to the distance to highway access a 20' easement is acceptable and according to the site plan presented to him it looks as if a 20' easement will be appropriate.

Attorney Gibson stated the Das' are requesting the variance subject to the following stipulations: 1) the plans submitted with the building application will comport to the site plan; 2) use of the property is limited to climate controlled self-storage units; 3) the building permit will have to have fire department approval; and 4) builder must install a fire hydrant and a fire suppression system.

Motion made by Councilmember Branch to approve the variance with the following stipulations: 1) the plans submitted with the building application will comport to the site plan; 2) use of the property is limited to climate controlled self-storage units; 3) the building permit will have to have fire department approval; and 4) builder must install a fire hydrant and a fire suppression system; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

Roll call: Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, no; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Aden, yes. Motion carried seven to one. Variance granted.

## **ITEM #2**

### **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS – APPLICATION OF JOEL AND ELIZABETH GRIMES AND GRIMES AUTO, LLC.**

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

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

Attorney Roger Colbert was present representing Joel and Elizabeth Grimes and Grimes Auto, LLC. Attorney Colbert stated the property is located on Highway 49 North, the site of the former Paragould Auto Auction. The Grimes' are requesting the property be rezoned from AG to C-3. This rezone was presented to the planning commission on March 20 via telephone. Four members were present and all four voted in favor of this rezone. No opposition appeared.

Motion made to place the ordinance on the first reading by Councilmember Gibson; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

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

Motion made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Long.

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

Motion made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the third and final reading by Councilmember Gibson; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

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

Motion made that the ordinance be adopted by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Long.

Roll call: Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Aden, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2018-03)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Gaskill reminded the council that the April 9, 2018 meeting has been cancelled so that Councilmembers may attend the Chamber of Commerce Banquet since Governor Hutchison will be the guest speaker. The next meeting will be April 23, 2018.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the council, Councilmember Branch moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilmember Williams. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Andrea Williams, City Clerk