

COUNCIL MEETING
March 12, 2018

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 12, 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 Mark Rowland.

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

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

Councilmember Branch moved minutes from previous council meeting of February 26, 2018 be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Williams. 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 stated the committee met at 5:30 this evening to discuss an Advertising and Promotion (A&P) Tax. The committee will meet again March 26, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- None
Street/Cemetery	- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR ACEDP GRANT FUNDS TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

Motion made that the resolution be offered by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Long.

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

Mission Outreach Executive Director Cheri Peters was present to address the council. Ms. Peters stated the grant will be used to renovate the Mission Outreach and install a sprinkler system. Council approval of this resolution is required to apply for this grant.

Motion to adopt the resolution made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Gibson.

Roll call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion passed eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-10)

ITEM #2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS, TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AN ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT WITH THE EAST ARKANSAS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, AND WILL BE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE AEDC BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT: MISSION OUTREACH RENOVATIONS

Motion made that the resolution be offered by Councilmember Gibson; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

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

Mayor Gaskill explained that the city will be the administrator for this grant and oversee the funds. He stated that this city has done this in the past for the Mission.

Motion made to adopt the resolution made by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Branch.

Roll call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, abstain; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-11)

ITEM #3

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSING AND USE OF CERTAIN STREETS FOR AN EVENT ENTITLED “ANGEL RUN FOR ARKANSAS CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL”

Motion made that the resolution be offered by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

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

Michael Walls (Rocko) was present representing the Saints and Sinners Motorcycle Club. He stated this event is to raise money for Arkansas Children’s Hospital. He stated that this event has been held in the past at the Saints and Sinners Clubhouse on Highway 49 South. They are wanting to bring this event to downtown Paragould to bring more awareness to the event.

Motion made to adopt the resolution by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Branch.

Roll call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion passed eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-12)

ITEM #4

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSING AND USE OF CERTAIN STREETS FOR AN EVENT ENTITLED “PARAGOULD FARMERS MARKET”

Motion made that the resolution be offered by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

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

Executive Director of Mail Street Paragould, Gina Jarrett, was present to address the council. Mrs. Jarrett stated the steering committee is wanting to move the Farmer’s Market from the front parking lot at the court house to the 100 block of West Emerson and the 100 block of South Pruett, if needed.

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

Roll call: Aden, yes; Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; and Williams, yes. Motion passed eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-13)

ITEM #5

MAIN STREET ANNUAL REPORT

Gina Jarrett, Executive Director of Main Street Paragould was present to give the council her annual report. Mrs. Jarrett stated there have been \$120,871 in façade renovations, \$779,683 in rehabilitations, \$712,000 in properties sold, and \$4,850.40 in public improvements for a total of \$1,617,404.40 in total investments.

There were 9 major events in Downtown Paragould including Art and Stroll, the Zombie Walk and the annual Christmas Parade.

There are 10 new businesses, 48 more jobs and a total of 940 volunteer hours spent downtown.

ITEM #6

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of February, 2018 the police department took 1,142 incident reports, made 346 arrests (298 misdemeanor and 48 felony), wrote 320 traffic tickets, worked 58 accidents and opened 65 felony cases.

ITEM #7

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of February, 2018 the fire department answered 23 fire calls, 15 motor vehicles, 8 citizen complaint calls, 10 public assist calls, issued 150 burn permits, made 78 business inspections, completed 679.15 training hours and made 2 educational visits.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

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 6:24 p.m.


Paragould City Council

Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk