

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 23, 2018**

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 23, 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 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 July 9, 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	- None
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- None
Street/Cemetery	- Councilmember Gibson stated the committee met at 5:45 this evening to discuss the purchase of a flameless pot hole patcher truck. This truck will hold 6 ton of hot mix and keep it hot for three days which will allow the street department to repair streets more efficiently.

The state bid for this truck is \$187,338.00 from Tag Truck Center. If ordered now this truck will not arrive until approximately March of 2019, therefore would need to be

included in the 2019 budget. The street committee recommends purchasing this truck and allocating the money in the 2019 budget.

Motion made to accept the recommendation of the street committee to purchase a flameless pot hole patcher truck for \$187,338.00 from Tag Truck Center 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.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ITEM #1**

**VECTOR DISEASE CONTROL REPORT**

James Cofield, with VCDI, was present to address the council. He stated that for the month of June VCDI has utilized six light traps placed in residential and recreational areas throughout the city. The traps collected an average of 11 mosquitos per trap night. Fourteen areas were inspected for larval mosquito breeding and three of those sites had larval present and were treated. VCDI applied adulticide on 14 truck nights spraying a total of 349.4 miles (12314.1 acres) using a total of 99 gallons of adulticide. VCDI responded to 21 service request and adulticided all parks and any special events during the month of June.

**ITEM #2**

**AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX OF THREE PERCENT (3%) UPON THE GROSS RECEIPTS OF HOTELS AND MOTELS, PRESCRIBING THE USES THEREFORE; CREATING THE CITY OF PARAGOULD ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

This ordinance was on the agenda April 23, 2018 and was read twice. Mayor Gaskill sent the ordinance to Attorney Mark Hayes with the Arkansas Municipal League for review. There were only two changes made: Section 3, Part A, Number 1 was changed to state that the members of the Advertising and Promotion Commission would be appointed by the council instead of the Mayor; and Section 5 was added.

Motion made to amend the ordinance with the above corrections 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.

Motion made to place the ordinance on the third and final reading by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Agee.

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 Rowland; 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. Ordinance adopted. (Ordinance No. 2018-10)

### **ITEM #3**

#### **AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE CITY OF PARAGOULD ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

This resolution was on the April 23, 2018 agenda and was read twice. There have been no changes to this ordinance since those readings.

Motion made that the ordinance be placed on the third and final reading by Councilmember Agee; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

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 Rowland; 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. 2018-11)

### **ITEM #4**

#### **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, CHAPTER 10,**

**ARTICLE VIII. CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS SEC. 10-240 THROUGH 10-247.  
PROPERTY LOCATION: 639 WEST POPLAR STREET**

Motion made that the resolution be offered by title, owner, address and parcel only by Councilman Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Branch.

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

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, was present and provided the council with photos and documentation of the property.

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

Roll Call: Agee, yes; Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; and Aden, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-33)

**ITEM #5**

**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, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE VIII. CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS SEC. 10-240 THROUGH 10-247.  
PROPERTY LOCATION: 1021 SOUTH PORTER/100 EAST SCOTT STREET**

Motion made that the resolution be offered by title, owner, address and parcel only by Councilman Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Branch.

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

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, was present and provided the council with photos and documentation of the property.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Rowland; 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. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-34)

**ITEM #6**

**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, CHAPTER 10,**

**ARTICLE VIII. CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS SEC. 10-240 THROUGH 10-247.  
PROPERTY LOCATION: 812 NORTH 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET**

Motion made that the resolution be offered by title, owner, address and parcel only by Councilman Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Branch.

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

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, was present and provided the council with photos and documentation of the property.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Agee; 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. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-35)

**ITEM #5**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF PARGOULD, ARKANSAS TO ATTACH LIENS TO CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED AT THE ADDRESSES SPECIFIED IN THIS RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING MONIES WHICH ARE OWED THE CITY OF PARAGOULD FOR ENFORCEMENT OF CHAPTER 18 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES**

Motion made that the resolution be offered by owner, address, parcel number and amount only by Councilman Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Agee.

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

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, was present and provided the council with photos and documentation of the properties.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Biggs; 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. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-36)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Gaskill told the council that he was contacted by the Greene County Health Department regarding the Hepatitis A outbreak in Greene County. He stated that the Health Department is requesting all citizens' ages 20-60 get a Hepatitis A vaccine. A clinic will be held the Thursday and Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Greene County Health Department, 801 Goldsmith Road and at Eastside Baptist Church, 529 East Court Street.

**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 6:47 p.m.

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Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Andrea Williams, City Clerk