

COUNCIL MEETING
August 13, 2018

The Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 13, 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 Charles Long.

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

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

Councilmember Branch moved minutes from previous council meeting of July 23, 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	- Councilmember Branch stated the committee met at 5:45 this evening with Parks Director Pat Austin to discuss a grant application to upgrade the Rotary tennis courts at 1505 West Court Street.
Police	- None
Public Health and Ordinances	- None
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- None
Street/Cemetery	-None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE, EXECUTE CLOSING DOCUMENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

Mayor Gaskill explained to the council that this is property previously discussed (located north of the Community Center). The seller does not want to sell the property until the end of the year but by passing this resolution it will let him know that the city does want to purchase it and the money can be placed in the 2019 budget.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Gibson; seconded by Councilmember Branch.

Roll Call: Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, abstain; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; and Agee, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-37)

ITEM #2

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM'S OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT PROGRAM

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

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

Councilmember Branch stated the Parks and Recreation committee met with Parks Director Pat Austin at 5:45 this evening to discuss applying for a Arkansas Parks and Tourism Outdoor Grant to repair the tennis courts located at 1505 West Court Street. Since the administration building and football field has been built at Paragould School District the height of the tennis courts needs to be raised and drainage added along with repairs to the surface of the courts. The approximate cost of the repair would be \$220,000. This grant would be a 50/50 match grant. Councilmember Branch stated the committee voted unanimously to bring this resolution to the council.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Gibson.

Roll Call: Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; and Agee, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-38)

ITEM #3

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: 1308 RECTOR ROAD

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

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

Roll Call: Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; and Agee, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-39)

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: 819 NORTH VANCE

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

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

Roll Call: Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; and Agee, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-40)

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: 816 NORTH VANCE**

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

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

Roll Call: Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; and Agee, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-41)

ITEM #6

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF PARAGOULD, 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 Agee; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

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

Roll Call: Biggs, yes; Branch, yes; Gibson, yes; Long, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Aden, yes; and Agee, yes. Motion carried eight to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2018-42)

ITEM #7

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of July, 2018 the fire department responded to 70 incidents, issued 185 burn permits, made 75 business inspections, completed 796.8 training hours and made 3 public education visits.

ITEM #8

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Mayor Gaskill told the council that for the month of July, 2018 the police department took 1444 incident reports, made 383 misdemeanor arrests, 36 felony arrests, opened 59 felony cases, issued 436 traffic tickets, worked 44 accidents, and 6 DWI arrests.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gaskill told the council that there was a Hepatitis A clinic at the Community Center last week and over 5000 people were vaccinated. There will be another clinic at the Community Center this Wednesday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and at Eastside Baptist Church, 529 West Court Street, on Thursday and Friday.

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 6:20 p.m.

Mike Gaskill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk